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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Two out of the three great Masonic Charitable fêtes have been held, and there only now remains the Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which, as our readers are aware, has been arranged to take place at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 29th prox. Bro. the Right Honourable Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, will preside as Chairman, and the Board of Stewards which will support him will probably be about as numerous as that which supported the Duke of CONNAUGHT at the recent Festival of the Girls' School. Already there are some 250 brethren who have volunteered their services as Stewards, and as there is no longer any competition among the Secretaries of the three Institutions to obtain brethren to act for them in this capacity, we do not anticipate there will be any great difficulty during the four or five weeks which remain in increasing the Board to about 300. Unfortunately, as regards lodge and chapter representation in London, the list of Stewards is unusually weak. We imagine from what we have heard that only between 50 and 60 lodges and other Masonic bodies have appointed members to represent them, while, as we have again and again pointed out in reference to these Festival celebrations, the number ordinarily ranges from 100 to 120, about one-third of the lodges meeting within the Metropolitan area being reckoned, so far as our experience goes, a decidedly good average. On the other hand, there are some 40 Unattached Stewards from whom, as a rule, but little more is expected than their own personal donations. We fear, therefore, that the London section of the Board will be weaker than we have known it for some years, unless in the interval that remains a few among the 300 or 320 lodges as yet unrepresented see fit to commission some of their members to act in their behalf on this occasion. However, if London is weak, there are good grounds for believing that, numerically, the Provinces will make a fair show. The Chairman's Province of Gloucestershire, we know, has been reserving itself for next month. Its Deputy Provincial Grand Master and one or two of its members did duty as Stewards at the Benevolent Jubilee in February and at the Girls' Festival last week, but to judge from the lists they handed in, the amounts were confined to their personal gifts. Gloucestershire, therefore, may be expected to put forth its full strength, and remembering, as we do with pleasure, what it has done at the Festivals at which its Provincial Grand Master has presided, we are not without hope that it will show to equal, if not to greater, advantage on this occasion. There are likewise other Provinces from which, to judge from the number of their representatives, goodly contributions may be expected. But, speaking generally, the difficulty which Stewards will encounter in obtaining large lists of donations and subscriptions for this Festival will be even greater than they are known to have been at the recent Girls' School Festival; and if the Stewards for that occasion found the usual sources of supply well nigh exhausted, *à fortiori* are they likely to be confronted by the same difficulty in respect of a Festival which has yet to be celebrated. The £10,000 which was raised last week will still further diminish the resources that remained available after the clean sweep made by the Stewards at the Jubilee in February last, and we should have no great reason to be surprised if the total on the 29th ult. was less by some £2000 or £3000 than the total which Bro. Hedges announced on the 18th instant. But if we are not over-sanguine of the result that awaits us next month, we must avoid going to the other extreme and indulging in unpleasant forecasts. The School maintains and educates some 260 boys, and how well it fulfils its duties is shown by the successes achieved by the pupils at the Cambridge Local and other public examinations. The changes that have been made in the government of the Institution have had the effect of re-establishing confidence in the ability of the Executive, and we earnestly appeal to the brethren at large to support generously the Chairmanship of Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH. They supported the Earl of LATHOM last year, when it was a question of restoring the fortunes of the Institution, after the troubles which had befallen it two or three years previously. Let them now assist in maintaining it at its restored level of efficiency, by supplying the funds required for the year's expenditure. The Boys' Institution is still a long way behind the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution in the matter of invested capital, and as a consequence its permanent income is very small. We hope then that the proceeds of next month's celebration will be sufficient to enable the Executive to carry on the School without trenching upon the modest capital which has been accumulated, and thereby undoing much of the very admirable work which was accomplished last year.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

There was necessarily a considerable amount of excitement over the elections which were held in Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 20th inst., in respect of the two Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the first place, there was issued a larger number of votes than at any previous election, and it was difficult even for brethren experienced in these matters to hazard a reasonable conjecture as to the number of votes which would be required to secure a vacancy. In the next, there were probably many brethren who expected that in consequence of the unprecedented success of the Jubilee celebration in February an additional number of annuities on both Funds would be created in excess of those declared and created at the February meeting of the Committee of Management. This expectation, however, was not realised, and the numbers announced at that meeting were adhered to, the further vacancies competed for being such as had been caused by death or other cause in the interim. As regards the voting, it was especially heavy in the case of the Widows' Fund, while for the Male Fund, though high figures prevailed down to about the 30th or 32nd Successful candidate, there was a considerable falling off afterwards, and the remaining candidates who were elected are to be congratulated on their good fortune in securing places rather than on the multitude of votes they polled. There is, however, one particularly gratifying result of this election, the number of Unsuccessful candidates remaining on the list has been very appreciably reduced. For the Male Fund there are only 31 left to make trial of their luck at future elections, while as regards the Widows' Fund, the number standing over is 42 instead of 59. This reduction will have the effect of greatly improving the prospects of those who will be candidates in 1893.

Turning now to the

MALE FUND,

we note that there were 69 candidates, reduced by deaths to 67, competing for 33 immediate and 3 deferred annuities, 14 of the 67 being London and 53 Provincial brethren. In this case the London voters secured a great triumph, carrying no less than 11 out of their 14 candidates, while the Provincial voters won 25 places only. The latter, however, had the satisfaction of taking the first four vacancies, the Essex candidate heading the poll with 4912 votes, while one of two Suffolk brethren stood second with 3926 votes, the Berkshire brother third with 3885 votes, and one of four from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight fourth with 3874 votes. Three London candidates followed next in order, the one placed fifth scoring 3788 votes, No. 6, who brought forward 2220 votes, increasing it to 3781, and No. 7, a new candidate, polling 3687 votes. No. 8 hailed from Monmouthshire, and polled 3392 votes, and No. 9 from London, polling 3368 votes, of which 910 were brought forward from May, 1891. Another Hants and Isle of Wight brother was 10th with 3357 votes, and then came the Herts candidate, who was, however, in the first instance from North and East Yorkshire, and for whom 3340 votes were polled. No. 12, from London, brought forward 1672 votes from 1891, and increased his total to 3307, the brother from the Western Division of South Wales being next with 3238 votes. A London candidate whose name had been on the list for four years, and who at his previous trials had secured 2492, obtained 711 votes further, and was placed 14th with a total of 3203, while another candidate hailing likewise from London, who had 2388 votes already to his credit, increased his score to 3164 votes, and thereby secured the 15th place. No. 16 was one of three brethren from West Lancashire. He obtained four votes in 1891 and 3140 on Friday last, and his immediate successor, one of two candidates from East Lancashire, scored 3124 votes, of which 20 were already to his credit. No. 18 was one of two Cheshire brethren, and starting with two votes in hand, came in at the close of the poll with 3112 votes. No. 19, a new candidate from East Lancashire, was close up with 3086 votes, and then came another from West Lancashire with 3001 votes. The next in order was a Kentish brother, who polled 2960 votes; the next hailed from Oxfordshire, and had 2936 votes; and then there followed a second candidate from Kent, who won the 23rd place with 2907 votes. No. 24 was the only one of three Durham candidates who succeeded, and he obtained 2894 votes, of which 18 votes were the result of two previous ballots; No. 25, from Suffolk, scored 2799 votes; No. 26, a three-year old candidate from West Yorkshire, but with nothing in hand from his previous attempts, received 2633 votes; and No. 27, a new candidate from the same Province, 2598 votes. No. 28, hailing from Norfolk, brought forward 819 votes from last year, and received such further support as raised his total to 2435, while the second

Cheshire candidate with 2166 votes, and a Londoner, who had made four previous attempts, with 1999 votes, stood 29th and 30th respectively. No. 31, from West Yorkshire, polled 1865 votes; No. 32, from London, 1812 votes, of which 142 were already to his credit from last year; and then, after a considerable fall in numbers, a third Kentish brother, who won the 33rd and last immediate vacancy, with 1448 votes. No. 34 (London), No. 35, who hails from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and had been on the list for 11 years, and No. 36 (London) obtained 1374 votes, 1300 votes, and 1278 votes respectively, and will be placed on the establishment as vacancies arise. Of the Unsuccessful candidates, the highest polled 958 votes, and there were three others who have to their credit 755, 673, and 561 votes respectively, but the majority had less than 100 votes cast for them and some none at all. The votes brought forward from 1891 were 13,852, and the votes issued for this election were 100,018, making in all 113,870 available for this election, but of the new votes some 96,142 were passed by the Scrutineers, the number unused or spoiled being 3912.

For the

WIDOWS' FUND,

the number of votes brought forward from 1891 was 40,904, and the number issued 98,616, making 139,520 available for this election. But only 89,363 were passed by the Scrutineers, there being 9253 votes unused or spoilt. For this Fund there were 25 immediate and three deferred annuities to be competed for by 70 candidates, of whom 24 hailed from London and 46 from the Provinces, and here again London achieved a great, though a less overwhelming triumph by carrying 13 out of the 24, while of the 46 Provincial candidates only 15 secured places. The first group, consisting of five widows, polled upwards of 5000 votes, No. 1, a Londoner, with 1103 votes to her credit from May, 1891, obtaining further support to the extent of 4596, making in all 5699, while No. 2 was also a Londoner and increased her score of last year from 2905 to 5638 votes. The solitary Cheshire candidate, whose name has been on the list for four years and who brought forward 2166 votes, obtained the 3rd place with 5235 votes, and one of the eight Kent who had been as long a candidate as her Cheshire competitor and brought forward 2714 votes, took the 4th place with a total of 5221 votes; the remaining one of this group being the widow of a Norfolk brother, who started with 2220 votes and finished with 5177. The next group of eight polled upwards of 4000 but less than 5000, the one who obtained the 5th place hailing from Somersetshire, who had 9 votes to her credit from last year and polled altogether 4417. No. 7, from Sussex, increased her total from 364 in 1891, to 4366; No. 8, one of four East Lancashire candidates who made her first appearance last Friday, polled 4342 votes; and No. 9, of London, having obtained 1749 votes from three previous attempts, had the satisfaction of increasing her figures to 4331. The one Oxfordshire widow, who began her candidature in 1890 and had to her credit 2119 votes, polled 2095 more, and thereby obtained the 10th place with 4214 votes; the next in order, who hails from London and has been on the list for 10 years, having the good fortune to increase her poll to 4196 votes. The remaining two of this batch scored 4136 and 4077 votes respectively, the former being one of three Cornish candidates and starting with 2804 votes, while the latter hailed from London, and had already standing to her credit as the result of two attempts 1607 votes. There were 11 candidates who polled under 4000 but over 3000 votes, the highest, who stood 14th on the list, being a Kentish candidate of eight years' standing, who started with 2399 votes, and finished up with 3971 votes, the next (from Corfu) having 16 votes in hand from three attempts, scoring also 3971 votes. No. 16 (London) began her candidature in 1890, and starting on this occasion with 673 votes, made up her total to 3911. No. 17, of West Yorkshire, scored 3789, of which 11 were polled in 1891; No. 18, one of three Essex widows, and a candidate of three years' standing, polled 3731 votes, of which 1797 were brought forward; No. 19 (London) polled 2517 votes, of which 1082 were obtained in 1890 and 1891, and Nos. 20, 21, and 22, all London candidates, polled 3545, 3498, and 3493 votes respectively, No. 20 bringing forward 796 votes from seven previous ballots, and No. 21 1661 votes from last year. Nos. 23 and 24 polled 3424 and 3307 votes respectively, the former, hailing from East Lancashire, scoring all her votes but one on this occasion, and the latter from London having been a candidate for the first time in 1885 and bringing forward 1721 votes. No. 25, who was the last to receive an immediate vacancy, was a London candidate, who had had her name on the list for four years, and started on this occasion with 708 votes, her total at the close of the poll being 2741. The three who will be appointed to vacancies as they occur hailed from Essex, London, and Northumberland, the first being a new candidate and polling 2729, the next an applicant of last year with 604 votes to her credit, who increased her number to 2708, and the last an applicant of three years' standing, who raised the 22 standing to her credit to 2485. The highest of the Unsuccessful obtained 2202 votes, and belonged to Hants and the Isle of Wight, the next being from London, and having 1894 votes to carry forward, and the next, from Constantinople, 1619 votes. There were three other widows who obtained upwards of 1000, and seven who scored more than 500 votes, while 14 polled less than 100 or no votes at all.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 1st prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 27th April for confirmation.
3. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
7. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter in which are recommendations for the following grants:

A brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, London	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, Enfield	50	0	0
A brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court	50	0	0
A brother of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, London	50	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board beg to report that a lodge at Guildford had returned the name of a brother as a joining member from the United Lodge, No. 697, Colchester, who was not on the register, and on being informed of this, forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office the clearance certificate the brother had received from Lodge 697 at the time of his resignation, stating that he joined the lodge in October, 1879, continued a member until February, 1881, when he resigned having previously paid all dues and demands.

The Board being unwilling to summon the officers of Lodge No. 697 to attend in London if it could be avoided, requested the Grand Registrar, who is also Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the province, to summon them before him, when he should be in Colchester, and to hear their explanation.

The Grand Registrar reported that the lodge had paid to him the amount due to Grand Lodge, and expressed their deep regret at the omission for which they were unable to account satisfactorily, the Secretary and others who had signed the clearance certificate being dead.

It appeared that the brother had joined the lodge from a lodge under the Scotch Constitution, but owing to the lodge at Colchester neglecting to register his name, he had not received a certificate under the English Constitution, to which he was entitled.

The Board, taking into consideration the lapse of time, and that probably few of the present members were members at the time of the offence, were of opinion that the justice of the case would be met by a resolution that the lodge be severely reprimanded, admonished to be more careful in future, and fined the sum of £1 1s., and they resolved accordingly.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £8903 13s. 8d., and balance of annual allowance for library £33 5s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
17th May, 1892.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 17th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be tendered to the President, V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year, and that the Board desire especially to express their appreciation of the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Fenn in superintending, in conjunction with the Grand Registrar for upwards of two months, from the lamented death of the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, until the appointment of his successor, the work of the Grand Secretary's office.

(Signed) LENNOX BROWNE,
Vice-President.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 20th May, 1892, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION—By Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD, P.A.G. D. of C.

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION—By V.W. Bro. ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence:

That in future the Board of Masters and Board of Benevolence do meet at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.

13. APPEAL—By Bro. J. LOUIS.

Firstly, against a sentence of the District Grand Master of Bengal of the 3rd and 7th December, 1891, suspending him from his rank and privileges as a Freemason for 12 months for un-Masonic conduct, and secondly, against his decision of the 6th December, 1891, refusing to entertain a complaint against W. Bros. Jones and Rustomjee, preferred by the said Bro. J. Louis in a letter dated the 5th December, 1891.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:

MASTERS AND PAST MASTERS.	NOMINATED BY
Bro. John Gabriel Albert, W.M. 1922	Bro. Frederick Mead, P.G.S.B.
" C. L. Hudson, M.D., W.M. 143	" Hubert L. M. Hancock, P.M. 143
" J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168	" John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas.
" F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891	" Wm. R. Shutt, P.M. 1702
" George Read, P.M. 511	" Dorabjee P. Cama, P.G. Treas.
" E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179	" Wm. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507.
" John J. Thomas, P.M. 753	" Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex.
" Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 3	" John March Case, P.G.D.
" Wm. Alfred Scurrah, P.M. 167	" Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.
" Frederick Burgess, P.M. 29	" George Everett, P.G. Treas.
" P.G. Steward	" Dorabjee P. Cama, P.G. Treas.
" Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 3	" John L. Mather, P.A.G. Director of Ceremonies.
" George Ward Verry, P.M. 554	" Charles F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.
" John Joseph Thomas, P.M. 753	
" Wm. James Mason, W.M. 2150	
" Wm. Alfred Scurrah, P.M. 167	
" George Ward Verry, P.M. 554	
" George Gardner, P.M. 2012	
" George Ward Verry, P.M. 554	

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" F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891 ...	" Samuel Hy. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642
" E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179 ...	" George Everett, P.G. Treas.
" George Read P.M. 511 ...	" Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.
" John Joseph Thomas, P.M. 753 ...	" H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745
" Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 3 ...	" Samuel Vallentine, P.G. Purst.
" George Gardner, P.M. 2012 ...	" George R. Langley, P.M. 183
" Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M. 141 ...	" Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.
" Charles J. R. Tijou, P.M. 1804 ...	" James Terry, P.G.S.B.
" Arthur Blenkarn, W.M. 1558 ...	" Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.
" George E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196 ...	" W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507
" John Joseph Thomas, P.M. 753 ...	" Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.
" George Read, P.M. 511 ...	" Robt. Willoughby, P.G.S., W.M. 23
" E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179 ...	" Dorabjee P. Cama, P.G. Treas.
" Ernest Montague Money, P.G.S., P.M. 23 ...	" Major Penrose J. Dunbar, P.M. 142
" E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179 ...	" William Shurmur, W.M. 2192
" James Bunker, P.M. 1158 ...	" Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.
" Frederick G. Ivey, W.M. 231 ...	" W. E. Sampson, P.G.S., P.M. 14
" P. H. Waterloo, P.G.S., W.M. 29 ...	" Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 3
" A. M. Cope, P.G.S., W.M. 197 ...	" Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.
" Thomas B. Chilcott, W.M. 1584 ...	" S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 511
" Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108 ...	" George Bird, W.M. 879
" Gordon Smith, P.G.S., P.M. 14 ...	
" William Shurmur, W.M. 2192 ...	
" William James Mason, W.M. 2150 ...	
" Walter Martin, P.M. 879 ...	

NOMINATED BY

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bro. Major-Gen. Frederick Gadsden, G.S., P.M. 434, nominated by Bro. Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; Bro. William Farquharson Lamontby, P.M. 752, nominated by Bros. Wm. Lake, P.M. 131, W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, and Geo. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br.; Bro. Major-Gen. Frederick Gadsden, G.S., P.M. 434, nominated by Bro. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Bros. Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537, Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108, William Farquharson Lamontby, P.M. 752, Major-Gen. Frederick Gadsden, G.S., P.M. 434, John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, and James Brett, P.M. 177, nominated by Bro. Peter de L. Long, P.G.D.; and Bro. Captain Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 141, nominated by Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Robert Daniel Cummings, P.M. 1677; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; Charles G. Dilley, P.M. 1155; Lieut.-Col. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569; Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567; R. Griggs, P.M. 228; and Wm. Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625, nominated by Bro. John Larkin, P.M. 3.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2423, The St. Mark's Lodge, Connah's Quay, North Wales.
- " 2424, The St. Stephen's Lodge, Lewisham, London.
- " 2425, The Ecclesburne Lodge, Duffield, in the County of Derby.
- " 2426, The Wood Green Lodge, Wood Green, London.
- " 2427, The Hampden Lodge, St. Pancras, London.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to this Institution was held on the 20th inst., in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D. of C., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair, who was supported by Bros. C. E. Keyser, E. M. Money, W. M. Bywater, Dr. Strong, and C. J. Perceval. There was a very large attendance of brethren.

The Auditors' Report was read and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The following report of the Committee of Management was read by Bro. TERRY:

The Committee of Management has very great pleasure in laying the report of its proceedings during the past year before the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held by direction of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 24th February last, more than the usual amount of interest attaching to the celebration in consequence of its being the Jubilee Anniversary of the establishment by United Grand Lodge of the elder or male branch of the Charity. Owing to the multiplicity of his engagements, the endeavours of the Committee to enlist the support of his Royal Highness as Chairman on the occasion proved unsuccessful, but a most earnest and able President was found in the person of the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall. An exceptionally numerous and influential Board of Stewards, consisting of 1505 brethren and ladies was formed, and the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, having been engaged on very advantageous terms, the Festival was held on the day appointed, amid demonstrations of enthusiasm such as are rarely witnessed in connection with such festivities. The Stewards, including ladies, mustered about 1800, and the noble Chairman had the gratification of announcing a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to £59,593 15s., a sum which, great as it is, has nevertheless been since increased by the receipt of outstanding lists and additions to lists to £67,364 8s. This is by far the largest amount ever accumulated in connection with a charitable festival, exceeding by £16,000 the result of the Centenary Festival in 1888 of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to say that the Committee is desirous of recording its thanks to the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, who presided, the Board of Stewards which so loyally seconded his efforts, and the lodges, chapters, ladies, and brethren who so generously responded to the appeals made to them, is but feebly to represent the feelings by which it is actuated. Yet to express its gratitude to those who have contributed, either directly or indirectly, to secure this magnificent result is all it is in its power to do, and the Committee most earnestly trusts that this record of its thanks will be accepted in the same spirit of sincerity in which it is tendered.

At the election in May, 1891, there were upon the two Funds of the Institution 499 annuitants, of whom 180 were men and 229 widows, while the number of approved candidates was 147, namely, 66 men and 81 widows. To-day there are 139 candidates, 69 of them being men and 70 widows, so that there is a further slight reduction—as compared with the lists in 1890, when the new and more stringent rules relating to candidates were passed—in the number of those who have been adjudged worthy to receive the benefits conferred by the Charity.

In February last the Committee, at its regular monthly meeting, foreseeing that the returns at the Jubilee Festival would be exceptionally large, resolved on creating 20 fresh annuities, namely, 10 on the Male and 10 on the Widows' Fund; and as the number of deaths which had occurred up to that date was 18 on the former and 8 on the latter, it was arranged that there should be elected at this meeting 31 men, namely, 28 immediate and 3 deferred, and 21 widows, of whom 18 were to be immediate and 3 deferred. But, though the proceeds of the Festival have far exceeded its most sanguine expectations, the Committee have determined, with a view to permanently enlarging the fixed income of the Institution, to invest the greater part of the said proceeds, is not prepared to recommend any further augmentation in the number of annuitants, and, so far as the question of increase is concerned, the number of vacancies to be filled on the two funds will remain as they were declared in February. But since then there have died five men and seven widows, and one male annuitant, in consequence of an access of fortune, has resigned his annuity. Therefore, the total number to be elected to-day, including in both cases the three deferred, will be 36 men and 28 widows. Thus there will now be no less than 429 old people provided for by the Institution, namely: 190 men in receipt, each of them, of £40 a year, and 239 widows, receiving each £32 a year, the total sum to be distributed annually among these annuitants being £15,248. To this must be added the further sum of £460, divisible under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among 23 widows of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the total amount to be provided for annuities will be £15,708.

The Committee is desirous of expressing its thanks to United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter for their special donations of £525 and £105 respectively to the Jubilee Festival, and to the former for the continuance of its annual grant of £70 towards providing the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

The Committee is also anxious to express publicly its most unfeigned thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, H. J. Strong, Esq., M.D. (whom it warmly congratulates on his appointment to office in United Grand Lodge), and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their kind and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants, both resident and non-resident, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek their advice and assistance. And lastly to Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, who by the zeal and energy with which he urged the claims of the Institution over the whole of England, and by his untiring efforts very materially aided in producing such a magnificent result on this memorable occasion.

The Committee has the gratification of announcing that the premises at Croydon are in a satisfactory state of repair and will only need during the present year such a moderate outlay as will suffice to preserve them in that condition.

The audited statement of account for nine months ending the 31st December, 1891, is appended. It has been most carefully prepared by the Finance Committee and undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed, and the Committee of Management has the utmost confidence that the Governors and Subscribers, when they come to examine it, item by item, will be satisfied that the funds of the Institution have been administered with the most scrupulous care and a due regard for economy.

In conclusion, the Committee expresses its earnest hope that in the future the Craft in London and throughout the country, and also the colonies, will prove as generous in its support of an Institution which has so materially assisted in alleviating the wants of our aged and indigent brethren and their widows as it has been during the past 50 years of its existence, and above all that it will provide with the same unfailing regularity as heretofore the amount annually required for disbursements in annuities, so that the need for trenching at any time upon the permanent resources of the Institution may never arise.

Subjoined is the statement of receipts and expenditure for the past nine months to which reference has already been made, together with the full particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

Bro. Dr. STRONG moved, and Bro. PERCEVAL seconded, the adoption of the report.

Bro. HAWKINS said he should like to know what was the cost of managing the Charity during the past year.

The CHAIRMAN said the accounts would be printed, and circulated among all the subscribers and lodges interested in the Institution in the United Kingdom. In future the accounts would be sent out with the voting papers. The press of work had been so heavy on account of the Jubilee Festival—in the office they had been working day and night, Sunday and all, ever since then—that they had not been able to do all they would have done. He could not give the actual cost now, but in future the brethren would have a full account. Owing to what occurred at the last annual general meeting, the accounts had only been made up for nine months.

Bro. HAWKINS intimated that the Secretary or the Auditors might be able to answer the question in round numbers what the cost had been for nine months.

The CHAIRMAN said it could not be done just now. The accounts would be made up to the end of 12 months and furnished. The question was a reasonable one. Next year the accounts would be made up for 12 months.

The report was then adopted.

On the motion of Bro. KEYSER, seconded by Bro. DANIEL, Bro. J. A. Farnfield was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

Bros. Tattershall, Kempton, and Stanley Attenborough were elected Auditors.

Bro. DANIEL rose to call attention to a matter which had occurred in connection with the Institution, and which he thought deserved notice. At a late meeting of the Committee of Management, Bro. Perceval gave notice of motion that 150 guineas be given out of the funds of the Institution to Bro. Terry, and 50 guineas to Bro. Stevens, for their exertions in connection with the late Jubilee Festival. The Committee was composed of 26 or 27 brethren, and, seeing that there was a strong desire to carry it, he (Bro. Daniel) thought it was a most unfair thing that they should decide what ought to have been decided by the large body of subscribers, and that the provincial brethren should have an opportunity to have a voice in it. He, therefore, moved that it stand over to the annual meeting for the general body to decide. However, it was put to the vote, and his amendment was lost by 17 to 9. Of the next meeting in May, to his surprise, he did not receive a notice; he was told it was posted, but he did not receive it. He was told it was summoned only for general business. The Chairman on that occasion intimated that Bro. Perceval's motion was not a matter that should be delegated to the general meeting, and on being asked if he so ruled, he said he did. A great many of the brethren now present did not know that Bro. Terry had had voted to him by the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival 200 guineas and Bro. Stevens 100 guineas. It was so, however, and he thought they were well rewarded for their special services to the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN asked what Bro. Daniel moved; he must make a motion. He had made a statement, and attacked him (the Chairman). He must not attack every one all round without making a motion. For himself, he did not mind the attack. Bro. Daniel must finish with a motion. That was a natural corollary.

Bro. DANIEL said he moved that Bro. Perceval's notice of motion at the

Committee meeting in April last be now disposed of at this meeting. He begged to mention that in what he was doing he had not a word to say against the great services to the Institution rendered by Bro. Terry or Bro. Stevens, but he thought that in the votes of 200 guineas and 100 guineas from the Stewards they had been amply rewarded.

Bro. HARRIS rose to second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN, however, asked what Bro. Harris was seconding.

Bro. HARRIS said the Chairman knew what the motion was.

The CHAIRMAN did not want it in that general way. He wanted to know exactly what Bro. Harris was seconding.

Bro. HARRIS: You know what the motion is. We heard it over here.

Bro. DANIEL: So elated was Bro. Perceval with the Chairman's ruling that he then and there gave notice that he would bring his motion on at the next monthly meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, is it your wish that I put this motion to you? (Cries of "Yes.") I tell you that on reading the laws I am of opinion, as I stated at the Committee of Management, that the general meeting has no power to take it into their consideration. If you will refer to the law you will find vested in the Committee of Management are all questions of salaries or remuneration to the officers of the Institution, and I do not see how this general meeting can take that power away from them. Neither do I see that this matter can come on for the consideration of the general meeting unless it is printed and sent with the ballot papers that that is one of the questions to be discussed. Still, as I see some members are in favour of it I will put it, although I feel that it is not competent to be voted upon.

Bro. HAWKINS: Excuse me: do you not propose to allow it to be discussed?

The CHAIRMAN: The question is whether it is to be discussed. You cannot discuss it before it is decided whether it is right it should be discussed.

Bro. DANIEL's motion was lost—24 voting against it, and 23 for it.

Bro. MASTERS demanded a poll.

Bro. TERRY: There is no power.

A BROTHER: It is usual. The brother further suggested that notice should be sent out to all the Subscribers and Governors of any recommendation by the Committee of Management of any proposal to give an additional sum to the Secretary or other officers of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN said it would involve the postage of 20,000 circulars.

Bro. HAWKINS: The postage of 20,000 circulars is a large sum; but £150 contributed for other purposes than those for which the Society is established is not so important.

A BROTHER informed the Chairman that the difficulty of his ruling seemed to be that they should now move a vote of censure on the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN said the meeting was not going to discuss the subject, as the meeting had thrown out Bro. Daniel's motion that it be discussed at the general meeting.

The BROTHER enquired whether the Chairman meant to say that the Committee of Management could vote any amount they pleased to the Secretary. Was that a claim which they put forward?

The CHAIRMAN: I have not put any claim forward. I guarded myself.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, J.G.D., was very sorry indeed this discussion had arisen. He had the honour of being one of the Trustees of the Institution and felt a great interest in it. He was present at the meeting of the Committee, and he believed that it was not advisable in the interests of the Institution or of Bro. Terry himself that the votes should be snapped up that way. He thought it better that it should be discussed by a large body. They were all anxious to recognise Bro. Terry's services; they were quite certain that but for him the subscriptions would not have been what they were. The Stewards could vote what money they pleased, because it was their own; but when money of the Institution was being voted, the Committee must feel that it was frequently misinterpreted in the provinces, and provincial brethren might say, "if these sums of money which are subscribed to the Institution are given to Bro. Terry, I will not come up as Steward." He thought that in the interest of the Institution and of Bro. Terry, this money should not be voted. Therefore, he moved that they express a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Terry for having helped to place the Institution in the position it occupied that day.

Bro. DANIEL seconded.

Bro. HAWKINS supported. He recognised the amount of work of Bro. Terry and his staff. He was sorry they had had to work so hard—on Sunday, too—which Freemasons should not encourage. In these days when an eight hours' day was the cry, it was much to the credit of the staff that they worked so hard. Bro. Keyser had spoken of the assiduous way in which Bro. Terry and his staff had worked, but forgot to mention the work the Stewards performed in the provinces. Knowing as a Steward the difficulty there was to get together £30 or £40, he thought the Stewards might come in for some share of the thanks without detracting in any way from the halo of glory around Bro. Terry and his staff.

The motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN wished it to be understood that he was not present at the Committee of Management when Bro. Perceval's motion was proposed, and had nothing to do with it.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of annuitants.

The List of Successful Candidates appears in our advertisement columns

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., by the invitation of Paradise Chapter, No. 139, when there were present—

Comps. Ensor Drury, P.Z. 139, P.P.G.H., acting G. Supt.; J. L. Atherton, P.Z. 600, Prov. G.H.; T. R. Vaux, P.Z. 208, Prov. G.J.; H. Joseph Garnett, P.Z. 139, P.P.G.H.; G. Brooke, P.Z. 242, P.P.G.J.; H. Smith, P.Z. 387, Prov. G.S.E.; G. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. 448, Prov. G.S.N.; Henry Oxley, P.Z. 495, P.P.G. Treas.; George Marshall, P.Z. 521, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Harrison, P.Z. 296, P.P.G. Treas.; J. E. Wordsworth, P.Z. 904, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Wordsworth, P.Z. 154, as Prov. G.R.; Robert Arnisson, P.Z. 296, P.P.G.H., as Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; Wm. Hy. Milnes, P.Z. 1019, as Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Edwin Billington, P.Z. 1462, as Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; William Skinner, P.Z. 296, P. Prov. G. Soj.; James Jenkin, P.Z. 904, Prov. G.S.B.; James Walmsley, J.P., P.Z. 827, as Prov. G. Std. Br.; R. D. Kendall, P.Z. 1283, P. Prov. G. Std. Br.; Robert Hy. Armitage, P.Z. 275, Prov. G.D. of Cers.; Alfred Gill, P.Z. 264, Prov. Asst. G.D. of Cers.; Henry Fountain, Org. 1513, as Prov. G. Org.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.Z. 154, Prov. Asst. G.S.E.; Cornelius Wheawill, P.Z. 290, W. H. Jessop, P.Z. 521, and others.

Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z. 139, P.P.G.H., acting Grand Superintendent and Prov. Grand Officers entered and Prov. Grand Chapter was opened.

A letter was read from the Grand Superintendent in which he expressed his regret that he was unable to be present. He also alluded to the very satisfactory progress that the Masonic library was making in books and manuscripts, particularly referring to the Waistell MS. from Keighley as one of the most valuable yet acquired.

The minutes of the meeting held at Halifax, on Friday, 13th November, 1891, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved, seconded and resolved, "That they be taken as read and confirmed."

The Acting Grand Superintendent then delivered an address, which we hope to give our readers next week.

Comp. H. OXLEY, P.Z. 495, P.P.G. Treas., on behalf of Comp. Leach, P.G. Treas., presented the balance-sheet, which showed the balance in Messrs. Leatham, Tew, and Co.'s Bank, Wakefield, on 30th April, 1892, to be £198 2s. 8d., and moved its adoption.

This was seconded by Comp. ISAAC EYRE, H. 139, and carried.

Comp. OXLEY, P.P.G. Treas., moved, Comp. GARNETT, P.P.G.H., seconded, and it was supported by Comp. T. HARRISON, P.P.G. Treas., and resolved unanimously—"That Comp. H. Thomas E. Holmes, P.Z. 139, be elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year."

The Acting Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. T. W. Embleton, P.Z. 1513	...	Prov. G.H.
" Wm. Hy. Jessop, P.Z. 521	...	Prov. G.J.
" Hy. Smith, P.Z. 302	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. W. Balme, P.Z. 61	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. T. E. Holmes, P.Z. 139	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Isaac Kaberry, P.Z. 495	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Seed, P.Z. 448	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Cornelius Wheawill, P.Z. 290	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Wm. Haigh, P.Z. 1283	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Wm. Bingham, P.Z. 1042	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Wm. Hy. Milnes, P.Z. 1019	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Edwin Billington, P.Z. 1462	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" James Walmsley, J.P., P.Z. 827	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Henry Fountain, Org. 1513	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Herbert G. E. Green, P.Z. 154	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Wm. Fisher Tasker, P.Z. 296	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Thomas Uttley, P.Z. 307	...	
" J. P. Hewitt, P.Z. 139	...	
" John Shoesmith, P.Z. 521	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" Thomas Chester, Janitor 904	...	

Comp. R. H. ARMITAGE, P.Z. 275, P.P.G.D. of C., on behalf of the Z. and companions of Perseverance Chapter, No. 275, invited the Acting Grand Superintendent to hold the November meeting in Huddersfield, and stated that would be the completion of their centenary.

It was moved by Comp. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G.S.E., seconded by Comp. JOHN WORDSWORTH, P.P.G.H., and resolved, "That a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Z. (Comp. John Hunt) and Companions of Paradise Chapter, No. 139, for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements."

The ACTING GRAND SECRETARY moved and Comp. HUNT, Z. 139, seconded, and it was carried (all the companions standing), "That this Prov. G. Chapter desires to express its warm sympathy with Comp. Tew in his prolonged illness and its earnest wish for his speedy and complete recovery."

The Prov. G. Chapter was then closed.

Tea was provided in the Dining Hall at 5 o'clock, which was partaken of by 62 companions, the Acting Grand Superintendent presiding.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The annual meeting of the National Great Priory of England and Wales was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday afternoon, the 13th inst. The Great Prior, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T., presided, and the offices of Constable and Marshal were respectively filled by Sir Knights Horatio Ward and Frank Richardson. A large number of members were present, and they gave his lordship a hearty reception. Among the principal sir knights who attended may be noted the following:—

Sir Knights the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, the Great Sub-Prior nominate; Capt. N. G. Philips, Prov. Prior East Anglia; C. J. Banister, Prov. Prior Northumberland, Berwick, and Durham; Charles Fendelow, Prov. Prior Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire; the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, Prov. Prior Devonshire; Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, Prov. Prior Somersetshire and Monmouthshire; Ralph Clutton, Treasurer; R. H. Thrupp, Registrar; W. Tinkler, K.C.T., Vice-Chancellor; George Cooper, Sub-Marshal; the Rev. H. G. Morse, Almoner and Chaplain; Frederick Lawrance, Herald; C. F. Matier, K.C.T. (Scotland), Great Prior's Banner Bearer; Richard Eve, Aide-de-Camp; F. W. S. Wicksteed, M.D., Chamberlain; John Chapman, C. of G.; John E. Dawson, Swd. Br.; W. Ganz, Org.; R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., Prov. Sub-Prior Hampshire; Henry Thomas, Prov. Sub-Prior Lancashire; W. Tyrer, Chancellor, and F. N. Molesworth, Registrar, Lancashire; John J. Wilkes, Prov. Sub-Prior Northumberland, &c.; and Horatio Ward, Prov. Sub-Prior, and A. H. Bateman, Prov. Registrar and Treasurer, Kent and Surrey. Among the Past Grand Officers were Sir Knights Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, J. S. Cumberland, E. Pierpoint, Col. Joseph Hartley, F. H. Goldney, Hamon Le Strange, Robert Berridge, Frank Richardson, Ralph Gooding, M.D., E. Letchworth, Charles Belton, J. E. Le Feuvre, Capt. H. E. Cousins, A. Great Rex, Edward Swain, Henry Lovegrove, and T. B. Purchas, M.D., R.N., Dep. Insp.-Gen. The following may also be mentioned: Sir Knights the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Sir George D. Harris, Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., Col. J. F. Crease, C.B., Belgrave Ninnis, R.N., Dep. Insp.-Gen.; J. W. Howard Thompson, Charles E. Keyser, Eugene Monteuis, Sir J. R. Somers Vine, and others. There were also two visitors from America, viz.: Sir Knights John E. Stevenson, Past Commander Boston Commandery, Past Grand Lecturer Grand Commandery of Mass. and R.I.; and Freeman C. Hersey, M.D., Past Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, Mass.

The Great Priory having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the report of the Council was taken as read. This report referred to the death of the late Great Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, on Christmas Day, 1891, and paid a well-deserved tribute to the services he had rendered to the Order for very many years. It recommended, as an appropriate and graceful act, the vote of £50 from the Benevolent Fund to the "Shadwell Clerke Trust." It also announced the

deaths of Sir Knights Lieut.-Col. Haldane, Prov. Prior of Kent and Surrey, and of Capt. J. M. Pulteney Montagu, formerly Prov. Prior of Dorsetshire. It further announced the appointments of Sir Knights Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., and Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, as Prov. Priors of Kent and Surrey, and of Sussex respectively; and the appointment to past rank for services rendered to the Order, are Sir Knights F. H. Gottlieb, of Singapore, and W. J. Heney, of Bermuda; the granting of a warrant for the Amphibious Preceptory at Heckmondwike; the revival of the Plains of Mamre Preceptory, at Haworth, and the grant of a centenary warrant to the Plains of Rama Preceptory at Keighley, all in the Province of West Yorkshire.

The vote of £50 to the "Shadwell Clerke Trust" was moved by the GREAT PRIOR, and carried, as were also votes of small sums to two cases which had been inquired into by the Council.

The report was then received and adopted.

The Great Prior then appointed the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston as Great Sub-Prior, and nominated as a deputation to attend his lordship on entering Great Priory the following: Sir Knights Capt. N. G. Philips, Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Burney, the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Frank Richardson, Robert Berridge, C. F. Matier, and Sir George D. Harris.

These members accordingly retired, and afterwards entered Great Priory with the Earl of Euston, who had been formally announced by the Sub-Marshal.

The Great Prior then installed the Earl of Euston as Great Sub-Prior, and his lordship was conducted to his seat and saluted.

The following officers were then appointed:

Sir Knight	The Rev. H. G. Morse	...	G. Prelate.
"	F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	G. Chancellor.
"	The Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan	...	G. Constable.
"	Frank Richardson	...	G. Marshal.
"	Raymond H. Thrupp	...	G. Registrar.
"	W. Tinkler, K.C.T.	...	G. Vice-Chancellor.
"	George Cooper	...	G. Sub-Marshal.
"	The Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys	...	G. Almoner and Chap.
"	Lieut.-Col. George Lambert	...	G. Warden of Regalia.
"	Capt. Hugh W. H. Elwes	...	G. Herald.
"	Sir George D. Harris	...	G. Std. Br. (B.)
"	Belgrave Ninnis, Dep. Insp.-Gen. R.N.	...	G. Std. Br. (V.B.)
"	W. F. Smithson	...	G. Prior's Ban. Br.
"	William Tyrer	...	G. Aide-de-Camps.
"	Frederick N. Molesworth	...	
"	John J. Wilkes	...	G. Chamberlain.
"	William Tayler	...	G. Cpts. of Guards.
"	Capt. C. H. Garnett	...	
"	Eugene Monteuiis	...	G. Sword Bearer.
"	W. Ganz	...	G. Organist.

Sir Knight Ralph Clutton was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The Great Prior then appointed four members on the Great Prior's Council, viz: Sir Knights S. Rawson, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Burney, Ralph Gooding, M.D. (Lond.), and George Cooper. The following were elected members, viz: Sir Knights C. A. Newnam, Reginald Young, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, T. B. Whytehead, and Sir George D. Harris.

The Earl of Euston, Capt. N. G. Philips, and Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds were elected members of the Grand Master's Council and Court of Appeal.

The alms were then collected, and the Great Priory was closed.

A Priory of the Order of Malta, under the banner of the St. George's Preceptory, London, was afterwards opened. The Great Prior, the Earl of Lathom, presided. Ten candidates were installed, the accolade being given by the Great Prior, and the working was done in an admirable manner by Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland, Sir Knights George Cooper and Henry Thomas, acting as Mareschal and Captain of Outposts, respectively.

An adjournment was then made to the Freemasons' Tavern for the banquet. The Great Prior presided, and was supported by Sir Knights the Earl of Euston, Capt. N. G. Philips, the Rev. Dr. Lemon, the Rev. H. G. Morse, the Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, Frank Richardson, Ralph Clutton, R. H. Thrupp, George Cooper, C. F. Matier, H. Ward, Robert Berridge, Charles Belton, E. Swain, Eugene Monteuiis, Sir George D. Harris, Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., and many other officers and past officers.

The custom in this Order is that the toasts are few and the speeches brief, and a very successful meeting, which had evidently afforded great satisfaction to all concerned, was brought to an end at an early hour.

CENTENARY OF THE MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

In our last week's issue we gave some particulars of the opening by Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, of the great bazaar which was held on the 17th-21st inst., in aid of the Masonic Female Orphan School, at Ball's Bridge, Dublin, the fête being intended to serve as a commemoration of the institution of the School by our Irish brethren in 1792. The bazaar closed on Saturday last, and there is every reason to believe that its success has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its friends and supporters. His Grace the Grand Master, in his speech at the opening ceremony, pointed out that there were three principal objects which the organisers of such bazaars were desirous of attaining. Firstly, they set themselves to extract as much money as possible in an agreeable way from their visitors; secondly, they laid themselves to encourage flirting among the young people who attended; and thirdly, they were anxious to raise the largest possible amount of money with which to benefit the Institution in whose behalf they were acting. We think we can answer for it that the first and last of these objects have been undoubtedly successful. The visitors found it impossible to resist the fascinating appeals of the fair stall-holders, and allowed their purses to be emptied with a graceful readiness which speaks well for their kindness and good nature, the result being that such a sum has been accumulated for the purposes of the Irish Masonic Girls' School as will enable the Committee of Governors to render further valuable assistance to those of the elder girls on leaving who may be desirous and, at the same time, capable of having their education carried to a still further and higher standard of proficiency. Indeed, we understand that a very large sum—approaching, if it does not exceed, some £20,000—has been obtained by means of this bazaar, the like of which has never been known in Ireland, and the nearest approach

to which in the United Kingdom is the great bazaar which was held in Edinburgh in December, 1890, in aid of the Scottish Fund of Benevolence. But whatever the precise amount may eventually turn out to be, we most heartily congratulate our Irish brethren on the magnificence of the success they have achieved. It speaks well for the genuineness and thoroughness of Irish Masonry that such a triumph should have been forthcoming in response to the churlish and very childish attack which Archbishop Walsh saw fit to make on Freemasonry in connection with this bazaar, while it must be galling indeed to his reverence to learn that many sound Roman Catholics as well as the Lord Lieutenant, the Commander of the Forces in Ireland, and Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin of the Irish Church, took a prominent part in ensuring this triumph. However, just at this moment, we can well afford to let the bitterness of religious controversy take care of itself and, instead of concerning ourselves about what is orthodox and what is heterodox, just briefly describe sundry of the more prominent attractions of this splendid fête.

The bazaar was held in "Old Dublin," into which the show premises of the Royal Dublin Society had been temporarily transmogrified by the skill and ability of Messrs. Womersley and Co., the well-known bazaar contractors of Leeds, the general design for the Main Hall having been furnished by Bro. Bingham McGuinness, R.H.A. All round this hall were placed the various stalls, the outward appearance of which took the form of 17th century houses grouped round a market place, the most notable being that of the Duchess of Abercorn, which occupied the centre of the wall at the end of the hall, and which as regards its stone work, tiled roof, gables, &c., &c., was absolutely perfect. Close by this was the stall allotted to the pupils of the School, while near the entrance in the right-hand aisle was the Military Lodge stall, presided over by Viscountess Wolseley. Then there were a flower stall and "Rebecca's Well," the latter being in charge of the Lodge of Israel, and then the Deputy Grand Master's stall, presided over by Mrs. Shekleton, and the stalls located in other parts in charge of the Wicklow and Wrexford lodges, presided over by Lady Carew, with Lady Caroline Howard and the Hon. Mrs. Deane Morgan as vice-presidents; the Meath stall, under the presidency of Mrs. N. T. Edgeworth; the Midland Counties stall, with Lady Goring as president, assisted by the Countess of Huntingdon, Lady Waldon, and others; the Munster stall, presided over by the Countess of Bandon, at which were to be seen a portrait of the Hon. Mrs. E. Aldworth—the distinguished lady Freemason, an autograph letter from her, and her Masonic jewel; the North Connaught stall, the ladies at which were clad in black, out of respect to the late Lady Harlech, who was to have presided, but whose place was taken by the Countess of Kingston; the South-Eastern Counties stall, under the presidency of Mrs. Morse, at which was to be seen a valuable collection of Phœnician pottery and glass; the Bray stall; the Meridian; the Armagh; and the Antrim with the Marchioness of Headfort as president, assisted by Lady Arthur Hill and Lady Cowan; and the University and Trinity College stall, under the control of Mrs. Henry Fitzgibbon. The Western Hall was used as a dining and refreshment room, the kitchen being in the same part of the premises and under the control of the last-named stall. In the Junior Hall were Daly's Coffee House connected with Victoria Lodge, No. IV., the Duke of Clarence stall, the Wellington tent, associated with the Ionic stall, the Royal Albert stall, No. 100, a Café Chantant, &c. But probably the greatest attraction of all was the exhibition of "Living Whist," in which the cards were represented by the Masonic orphans, who had been previously drilled to absolute perfection. To represent the card table a large cloth was stretched on the floor, at the sides of which the four players only took their seats. To the sounding of a bugle call the living cards entered in procession, the kings and queens all attended by their knaves and aces, and guarded by the smaller cards. After the four suits had taken up position, the court cards began a stately dance, in which the smaller cards joined. Then the music changed, becoming more lively. It grew quicker and quicker by degrees, until the whole pack got apparently into disorder—to represent "a shuffle." The trumpet sounded again, and the cards opened out, disclosing in the centre a little blindfold page who "cut" the pack with his wand. Then the "deal" commenced. The page led the trump card to its place, and the other cards moved round to quick music, arranging themselves in four lines, one on each side of the table. Another bugle call, and the cards stepped round, faced the players, stepped off the table, and sorted themselves into suits. Each player in turn called out his card, which turned about and moved into the middle of the table to dance a measure, and so to the end of the trick. The winning player then called the winning card, who, accompanied by the partner's card, took captive the other two, walking them off to the corner of the table where the tricks were placed. After all the tricks had played and score called, at a bugle call the winning tricks formed fours and marched round the table in column, the beaten tricks, with downcast heads, following. Then the corner electric "candles" went out and all was over.

The ladies at the various stalls were handsomely and appropriately dressed, those at the Shakespeare stall, No. 143, representing some of Shakespeare's most celebrated female characters, among them being Katherine, Desdemona, Cordelia, Amelia, Junica, Portia, Rosalind, Celia, Juliet, &c. Those at St. Patrick Lodge (No. 50) stall, which was located in the ruins of St. Nicholas Church, wore costumes of cream serge, full cream silk blouses, swathed with aqua-marine silk, and those at the Ionic stall, blue and white check costumes, with blue serge zouaves, faced with white guipure and silk bandage belts. At the 1st Dublin Volunteer's stall, the ladies wore over plain dark navy-blue serge skirts, cavalier coats with lappels and sivers on bodice, and skirt of white cashmere, fastened down with silver epaulettes, with pendant fringes on the shoulders, white silk vests and dark blue velvet three-cornered hats with aigrettes. The Shamrock Lodge ladies had green velvet corslet skirts embroidered with shamrocks, and full chemisettes of vieux rose silk, and those of the University and Trinity College Lodge stall, wore academic costumes over delicate blue dresses.

In addition to the stalls were shooting galleries, a switchback railway, smoking concerts, an art loan collection, merry-go-rounds, fireworks, and other amusements and attractions too numerous to mention, all of which had the effect of drawing the much-desired multitude of visitors, who thronged the building every day the bazaar was open; while at 3 p.m. on Saturday the Countess of Zetland, wife of the Lord Lieutenant, his Excellency the Earl of Zetland, who, as Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, is one of our most distinguished English Masons, visited the bazaar, and witnessed the musical drill and figure marching of the pupils in the Central Hall, which had proved so great an attraction at the distribution of prizes on Monday, the 16th inst.

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2	" R. S. Smith	3926
3	" A. Sellar	3885
4	" J. Churchill	3874
5	" D. Channon	3788
6	" W. Mason	3781
7	" W. Cluttor	3687
8	" T. L. Preece	3392
9	" James Gilruth	3368
10	" J. Wallingford	3357
11	" H. L. Thomas	3340
12	" D. Rees	3328
13	" E. Bye	3307
14	" W. Cloves	3203
15	" J. R. Warr	3164
16	" Peter Ball	3144
17	" T. Scholfield	3122
18	" H. Fielding	3112
19	" A. McLquham	3086
20	" W. Vaughan	3001
21	" J. Seera	2960
22	" J. Juggins	2936
23	" E. I. Orford	2907
24	" J. Morrell	2894
25	" E. Darling	2799
26	" J. Cowgill	2633
27	" H. N. Crowther	2598
28	" Robert Gunn	2435
29	" J. Stafford	2166
30	" James Horstead	1999
31	" J. H. Wilks	1865
32	" W. Field	1812
33	" N. Martin	1448
34	" W. Harden (deferred)	1374
35	" C. Sarl (deferred)	1300
36	" J. Richards (deferred)	1276

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3	" E. Radford	5235
4	" F. Schmidt	5221
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7	" Elizabeth A. Wright	4366
8	" Ellen Briggs	4342
9	" Clara Morton	4331
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11	" Susan Timms	4196
12	" Jane Coombes	4136
13	" C. M. Egan	4077
14	" E. Coles	3971
15	" J. Polkinghorne	3971
16	" M. A. Truclove	3911
17	" Mary Collins	3789
18	" E. Waterhouse	3731
19	" M. A. Stokes	3599
20	" A. E. Baker	3545
21	" C. M. Trueman	3498
22	" M. G. Taylor	3493
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24	" E. E. Haskins	3307
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Names and Addresses of Candidates, with the name and number of Craft Lodge and R.A. Chapter, must be sent to me not later than SATURDAY, the 18th June, 1892.

The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held at the CAFE ROYAL, Regent-street, at 8 p.m. precisely.

By order.

FRANK RICHARDSON,

28, Golden-square, W.,

Prov. Grand Secretary.

27th May, 1892.

ELECTION 27TH MAY, 1892.

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ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Westbourne, No. 733.
Presentation to Bro. G. W. Castle.



SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

In our Analysis of the Returns at the Girls School Festival last week, we stated the amount raised by the House Committee as having been £406 7s. But though in the "Stewards' Lists" we published, the House Committee's Returns included the additions made by the bulk of the members during the progress of the toasts, no corresponding alteration was made in our Analysis, and what we stated as £406 7s., should have been £847 7s. Moreover, we mentioned only two three-figure lists as being included in this portion of London, namely, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton's £168 and Bro. Hammerton's £126; but there were two other such lists compiled, one by Bro. Robert Grey, amounting to £101 17s., and the other by Bro. Frank Richardson, amounting to £136 10s.

This necessitates a further change. The London total was set down at £5472 15s. 6d., and deducting £406 7s. for the House Committee, there remained a balance contributed by its lodges, chapters, and Unattached of £5066 8s. 6d. But the House Committee's total being £847 7s., it follows that the sum raised by lodges, chapters, and Unattached was only £4625 8s. 6d.

We are at length in a position to announce the total of the Returns at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last, which is stated in the annual report presented by the Committee of Management at the annual general meeting of Governors and Subscribers on Friday, the 20th inst., to have been as follows: 1505 Stewards, total of donations and subscriptions £67,364 8s. There may, and no doubt will, be further additions made before the year is out, but this is the total which must always be associated with the Jubilee—a total which the Committee, with a just feeling of pride, points out is nearly £16,000 in excess of that realised at the Girls' Centenary in 1888, and we all know that was enough to take away the breath of ordinary mortals.

We are glad to find that the Committee of Management have pointedly recognised in their annual report the very great services rendered by Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in connection with the recent Jubilee Festival. Those services were extremely arduous, and it must be very gratifying to Bro. Terry to have had thus publicly conveyed to him the thanks of that body, which knows so thoroughly how severe and unrelenting were his labours and how much the success of the Jubilee is due to those labours.

The appointment of Bro. George McKay as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, will be accepted by the Craft of the united provinces as a fitting recognition of the services rendered to Masonry in general, and Cumberland and Westmorland in particular, by our worthy brother as Provincial Grand Secretary for many years. Bro. McKay has done good work not only in the duties strictly appertaining to his office, but in the larger field of Masonry, of which the Charitable Institutions have formed no mean part. In short, Bro. McKay, whether we regard him as a successful man of business, a good Craftsman, or as a citizen who has devoted his time and energies to the various demands of municipal life, is fully deserving of all the honours he has received, and we offer him our hearty congratulations on the latest distinction that has been conferred on him by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective.

The Prince of Wales is amongst the most familiar figures in photographic and other portraiture, and in his insignia as Most Worshipful Grand Master he

makes a very dignified and imposing figure. An excellent portrait was some years ago taken by Messrs. Marian and Co., of Soho-square, and many lodge rooms and Masonic libraries are adorned with it. The same firm have recently introduced another portrait, which, while it possesses all the merits of the former production, appears to surpass it as a life-like and artistic presentment of the head of the English Craft. To lodges who do not possess the former portrait, we can recommend the new picture.

The Masonic Centenary celebration at Dublin appears to have been a huge success, and we congratulate all concerned on this grand result of their benevolent efforts. It is confidently expected that nearly £20,000 will be added to the funds of the Institution, which, by comparison, is fully equal to the grand achievement at the Centenary of the English Girls' School at the Albert Hall in 1888. The attendance on several days nearly reached 20,000, and the spectacle was, beyond question, one of the most attractive of the class ever seen in the United Kingdom. The ban of the church, pronounced by the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, was as ineffective as the varied curses pronounced on the jackdaw of Rheims. The only result appeared to be the infusion of fresh energy in the good work into the already active promoters.

An important item in the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, to be held at Newark on Thursday, June 9th, will be the installation of Wor. Bro. Lieut.-Col. W. Newton, P.P.S.G.W., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in succession to the late Bro. Rev. Frederick Vernon Bussell. The Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth, will perform the ceremony, and will be assisted by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.

By the kind invitation of Bro. Charles J. Smith, P.P.G.W. Sussex, 50 of the bigger boys of the Wood Green Institution enjoyed a visit to the Avenue Theatre on the 17th inst., and witnessed a capital performance of "Diplomacy" by the members of the Brighton Green Room Club, given on behalf of the funds of the West-End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System.

The busiest men it is said have the most leisure, and the axiom is fully borne out in the case of many of our best known professional and business men who are enabled to devote so much valuable time to promote the interests of the various Institutions connected with the Craft. Many are to be found on the Board of General Purposes, and the attendances during the past year have, with certain exceptions, been commendably regular. All who have so fulfilled their duties deserve well of their fellows, but would it not be an excellent arrangement for those whose attendances have been below a certain standard to retire in favour of their more energetic brethren.

In view of this, we should like to see the attendances during the year printed in the agenda paper of Grand Lodge. Canvassing by circular, too, is a practice that would be more honoured in the breach than the observance, and we think the Craft as a body might be trusted to select those best fitted for the position without this assistance from the candidates. One of the most regular attendants at the meetings of the Board during the past year has been the Vice-President, Bro. Lennox Browne, whose work in Masonry serves to illustrate very forcibly the "busy man" theory we have quoted above.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The election of brethren nominated to serve on the House Committee of the above Institution took place at Freemasons' Hall yesterday (Thursday), Bro. Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B., presiding. Considerable interest was taken in the proceedings, from the fact that three brethren not hitherto members of the Committee had been nominated.

The result of the election was a large majority in favour of the former members, viz.: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Vice-Patron; Robert Grey, Patron; Thomas Fenn, Vice-Patron; E. Letchworth, Vice-Patron; C. Hammerton, Hon. Patron; Frank Richardson, Patron; James Moon, Vice-Patron; Peter de Lande Long, Vice-Patron; H. A. Hunt, Hon. Patron; J. H. Matthews, Patron; Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., Vice-President; and Ralph Clutton, Patron.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Scrutineers terminated the proceedings.

Correspondence.

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

PAST MASTERS' COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At a recent meeting of my lodge I was informed by a very distinguished brother that I was not properly clothed, because I wore a Past Master's collar, as laid down in Article 306A of the Book of Constitutions, 1888, he stating that this particular item of our regalia should only be worn by Past Masters when visiting other lodges, but never in their own.

As the above quoted article distinctly admits of this collar being worn "on all occasions," I am at a loss to understand why there should be any doubt in the matter, and should you think this letter worthy of publication perhaps some of your readers may be able to inform me whether I am right in my reading of the regulation I quote.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. R. ARNOLD,

May 20th.

P.M. and Secretary 1789.

Reviews.

THE EVOLUTION OF SYMBOLIC MASONRY.

By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z., &c.

This little brochure is a most welcome and opportune addition to the literature of the Craft, as it gives us in "a nutshell," the salient features of the new Masonic history, published by the "Fraternity Co." of Boston, U.S.A., and Bro. George Kenning, London. Bro. Stevens has ably condensed the chief points of this valuable work, at the same time giving his mature convictions on the subject, so that the treatise is useful in many ways, and is the best thing of the kind extant, its handy size and generally trustworthy character being special recommendations. The pamphlet is dedicated to Bro. Hughan, as "One of England's chiefest Masonic Historians," and assuredly all will agree, that as that great volume owes so much to his pen, a more appropriate selection could not be made. As the booklet extends to over 80 pages, it is difficult to see where any margin is allowed for the benefit of the enterprising author, who has spared neither pains nor expense to make it worthy of his numerous subscribers.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge (No. 1602).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, when a large number of brethren were present, including Bros. G. Brown, W.M.; W. H. Dresden, S.W.; F. C. Everitt, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Cave, J.D.; J. White, I.G.; J. G. W. James, D.C.; H. Rickett, A.D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; G. F. Wheeler and G. Fletcher, Stwds.; R. A. Homan, P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.M.; G. W. Larter, P.M.; W. Willshire, W. Littlewood, W. Beckett, A. Meyer, C. De Penna, J. H. Richardson, C. E. Brann, H. G. Dunn, J. Goldsmid, T. Read, C. Fumagalli, R. H. Phipps, H. Stickland, H. G. Davenall, W. J. Clark, J. Forster, T. Anderson, B. Allan, R. W. Gallaway, P. Drew, J. G. Chiverton, D. Watkins, J. T. Hodgson, E. Connell, H. R. Banks, F. Heath, J. J. Franklin, T. F. Bennington, G. Tarrant, G. A. Boughton, R. D. Warner, E. F. Cripps, A. Coper, F. G. Stuart, F. Dainton, and E. J. Hiscock. Visitors: Bros. E. H. Barrett, J.W. 1579; G. R. Wheeler, 2030; H. Stokes, 834; C. Weeden, P.M. 813; J. R. Hubbard, P.M. 463, P.G.D.; J. B. James, P.M. 1441, W.M. 2410; S. H. Matton, 4 (N.S.W.); W. Pine, 3; F. A. Baldwin, 2168; J. H. Kew, I.P.M. 179; J. Kew, P.M. 179; R. Drinkwater, 179; A. E. Hughes, P.M. 179; W. E. Hughes, P.M. 179; W. Gray, P.M. 1489; G. Wells, Org. 1017; W. F. Whittington, 1984; J. Shapcott, 733; A. Bisacca, 1425; F. H. Spiller, P.M. 49; F. J. Allan, 2020; C. Woods, S.W. 865; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; W. Hawtin, 1677; J. W. Robinson, P.M. 1585; W. Whitley, 159, P.G.D.; F. C. Allen, 1805; H. Murrell, S.W. 30; E. H. Beer, 1471; W. Begley, 1987; J. Salmon, P.M. 2045; W. Brett, 1305; W. B. Abbott; R. J. Harris, 1135; A. Cox, S.D. 1471; P. Cooper, 704; J. Black, 185; E. Roberts, 917, P.P.G.O. Essex; E. Hyles, S.W. 704; W. Whiteside, 1897; A. Probyn, 172; W. F. Oldham, 1708; J. Potter, S.D. 1693; W. Iron, P.M. 1579, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; C. H. Callaghan, 1278; T. Yardley, 1580; W. Harris, 177; W. Appleyard, 1708; and H. Wells, 1507.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting, and also those of a lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was read, and proved that the finances of the lodge were in a flourishing condition, reflecting great credit on the Treasurer and Secretary. A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Bro. A. Baker, S.D., who had died very suddenly since the last meeting. The W.M., Bro. George Brown, then installed in a very able and efficient manner Bro. W. H. Dresden as W.M. for the ensuing year. This brother appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. F. C. Everitt, S.W.; A. J. Cave, jun., J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, Sec.; J. G. W. James, S.D.; J. D. White, J.D.; H. Pickett, I.G.; G. F. Wheeler, D. of C.; W. Wright, Org.; G. H. Fletcher, H. G. Davenall, and E. J. Hiscock, Stwds.; and C. Shepperd, Tyler. The usual addresses

were then delivered by the Installing Master, and after several propositions had been received the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was provided by Messrs. Probyn and Co., after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rev. W. Whitley, P.G.D., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers" in an able and appropriate speech.

Bro. Brown, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and congratulated him on his accession to the chair, expressing his confidence that the brethren would have no reason to regret the choice they had made.

Bro. Dresden, W.M., expressed his thanks for the compliment paid him, and his intention to exert himself to the utmost to carry out the duties of his office in a creditable manner.

"The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master" was then proposed by the W.M., who congratulated Bro. Brown on his successful year of office, and on the very able manner in which he had filled the chair and installed his successor. He had very much pleasure in presenting Bro. Brown with a Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted at the last meeting, and to express the hope that he would continue with them for many years as a Past Master of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge.

Bro. Brown expressed his acknowledgments in appropriate terms.

The remaining toasts were then disposed of, and the proceedings terminated.

An excellent programme of music was provided under the direction of Bro. Willie Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx.

Paxton Lodge (No. 1686).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. H. Bryson, assisted by Bros. F. F. W. Oldfield, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; C. W. Mayo, as J.W.; Damant, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Sec.; Loveday, S.D.; H. Manley, I.G.; R. C. Jones, P.M.; Harrington, P.M.; Scott Young, P.M. 226, P.P.G. Std. Br. E. Lancs.; Croneen, Longhurst, Allen, W. R. Williams, Mullens, Stimson, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. A. Matthews, P.M. 493, P.P.G.D. Gloucestershire; H. H. Snelling, P.M. 154; C. M. Morris, 1571; W. Willey, P.M. 9; J. J. Longhurst, 2157; Hy. Ansell, 1305; W. Ivory, 1269; W. J. Wimbolt, 1706; A. Cooke, 1539; C. H. Kempling, 1706; A. J. Parker, 1269; and H. Maunders Williams, P.M. 1986.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. E. Frances, the Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Oldfield, was presented by Bro. Scott Young as D.C., and installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master in the presence of a goodly Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Bryson, I.P.M.; Loveday, S.W.; Manley, J.W.; Damant, P.M., Treas.; Scott Young, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. East Lancs., Sec.; C. W. Mayo, S.D.; W. R. Williams, J.D.; Allen, I.G.; H. Longhurst, Org.; S. Croneen, Stwd.; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Scott Young, P.M. 226, and that to the brethren by the Installing Master, Bro. Frances, P.M. The W.M. presented Bro. C. H. Bryson, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel of the lodge pattern, and alluded in feeling terms to the masterly manner in which he had performed the ceremonies and conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office. An earnest tribute of appreciation was paid to Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey, for his indefatigable services to the lodge as Secretary since its formation, he having resigned that office through ill-health and failing eyesight.

Both Bros. Bryson and Frances replied in suitable terms, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a capital programme of music rendered by Bros. R. A. Matthews, Loveday, Manley, Potts, Croneen, Mullens, and Scott Young, under the direction of Bro. Longhurst, Org., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Ubique Lodge (No. 1789).—The installation meeting of the above powerful and flourishing lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 9th inst., and was attended both by the *élite* of the "Royal Regiment" of Artillery, whose motto is the patronymic of the lodge, and also a number of the most distinguished Masons of the Metropolis. There can be no doubt that the installation of so gallant a soldier as Bro. Col. J. Alleyne, C.B., R.A., was the attraction. His distinguished services to the State may be briefly thus described: He served in all the campaigns commanded by Bro. Lord Wolseley, K.C.B., from the Red River Expedition to the Nile and Egyptian campaigns, for which he has received the medals and decorations, and also the Order of the Bath, and is now engaged on the staff of Gen. Sir E. Wood as Adjutant of Aldershot.

The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Morris, W.M., and the minutes were confirmed. A very favourable balance-sheet was presented and approved of. Bros. Lieut. T. Lacey and Quartermaster-Sergeant T. Lindsay were elected joining members, and Bro. Major W. E. Hardy was raised. Bro. Morris was then unanimously elected Treasurer, *vice* the late Bro. Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., who died in February last. Bros. Lieut.-Col. P. L. Macgregor, Major R. H. Murdock, and R. Paley were elected Auditors. Bro. Morris then proceeded to install his successor, and in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters placed Bro. Alleyne, S.W., W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., where he was saluted in the several Degrees. Bro. Alleyne appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Morris, I.P.M. and Treas.; Major A. C. Hansard, S.W.; W. Arnold, late R.A., J.W.; W. Arnold, P.M., Sec.; Rev. C. Solbé, P.M., Chap.; W. Shackleton, S.D.; W. C. Haley, J.D.; F. G. Nichols, P.M. (Hon.), Org.; T. C. Lawson, I.G.; Col. H. Thompson-Lyon, D.C.; W. H. Brewer and F. H. Gough, Stewards; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. Morris then concluded a brilliantly worked ceremony by giving the charges. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, for both of which—the vote of thanks and jewel—he returned his sincere thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren banqueted in the handsome Victoria Hall of the establishment. Among

the other brethren present were Bros. General A. H. W. Williams, Commandant of the Woolwich Garrison, P.M.; Major Jas. Ritchie, R.A., P.M. and P.Z.; C. Hamerton, P.M., P.G.D. England; Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P. S.G.D. Kent; Capt. W. Richey, P.M., City Marshal; Capt. W. L. White, P.M.; W. Jarvis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Jersey; W. Lawrance, Capt. V. Paget, Col. F. T. Lloyd, C.B., W. W. Blades, W. E. Hardy, Lieut. J. Nicholas, G. H. Grey, Lieut. J. McLennan, Col. J. Mead, W. C. Harding, Lieut. G. F. N. Birch, Lieut. J. Carnaghan, Lieut.-Col. P. L. Macgregor, Lieut. J. Johnstone, R. C. Groves, H. Sumner, Capt. W. Faber, W. T. Bailey, G. W. Cooper, D. C. Capon, J. Hunter, and T. Lindsay, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. R. F. Gould, P.M. 92, P.G.D. Eng., the celebrated Masonic Historian; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middx.; Magnus Ohren, P.M. 452; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; J. Pollard, P.M. 1826; A. Martin, P.M. 156; C. Henson, P.M. 552; Col. C. Vansittart, S.W. and W.M. elect 2399; J. Bilton, J.W. 2399; R. Steggle, S.D. 2398; W. C. Taylor, S.W. 913; J. Hulley, J.G. 2399; Major E. O. Sullivan, 593; J. Redgate, 2195; Lieut. D. Hickey, 1536; Rev. A. C. Gough, 1964; F. Stratton, 1536; G. Hunter, 26 (I.C.); Capt. E. Foster, 913; J. Greenwood, 2399; F. C. Anderson, 1536; W. Dickinson, 913; R. L. Bamed, 2195; D. B. Count Gourouski, 2195; Rev. W. Horsley, 913; Canon S. A. Scott, 913; and C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472, 2184.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been most loyally received and honoured,

Bro. Gould, whose name was coupled with that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in the course of a lengthy and eloquent speech, said that their beloved Grand Master was well known to the Craft for the great interest he took in its welfare, and notwithstanding his recent affliction and great bereavement, he yet found time amid the many claims upon his services to attend to his high and important duties as their Grand Master. If anything was wanted to prove that fact, they had only to look at the good Masons chosen by him for his Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and also at the excellence of the other Grand Officers, who, by their zeal and energy, had so ably and so well conducted the business of Grand Lodge for so many years. It was now some 34 years since he was installed W.M. of the Meridian Lodge, a military lodge attached to the 31st Foot. At that time they had a number of military lodges, but at the present time there were but three working under the English Constitution. Now there were a number of "class" lodges, such as their own lodge, and he quite agreed in the necessity for them. In the old days they had London lodges, country lodges, and military lodges. After speaking of the great and good work done for Masonry by the military lodges in times past, he concluded by congratulating the Worshipful Master upon having the honour of presiding over such a lodge, and the I.P.M. upon the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that day, and especially thanked them for the hearty greeting they had given to an old soldier and brother Mason.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and in so doing, trusted they might often have the benefit of his presence among them. Those who had spent their lives in the service of the Crown as military men knew very well that it was their duty, and indeed were quite prepared to give up everything and support that service; but he felt sure that in their esteemed Worshipful Master they had one who would at all times, when possible, do his duty to that lodge.

Bro. Alleyne, in response, said he was quite aware of the serious duties that devolved upon him as Master of the lodge, and assured them that its interest should not suffer from any neglect on his part.

Bro. General Williams, in responding for "The Past Masters," said he presumed it was his privilege, especially as he had been called upon by the Worshipful Master, as the youngest Past Master of the lodge, to respond to the toast, and would at once thank them for their hearty reception of it. He considered they were extremely fortunate in getting the services of his old friend, Colonel Alleyne, as their Master, because he had to follow one of the most efficient Masters he (Bro. Williams) had ever seen, and he felt sure Bro. Alleyne would emulate that efficiency. On behalf of the Past Masters, he cordially thanked them for their reception of the toast.

Bro. Major J. Ritchie then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," who, he said, had inducted his successor into the chair in such an able manner as, he trusted, would be followed as an example by the rising officers of the lodge. Bro. Morris was known beyond the circle of the Lodge; he was one of the examples of those who had gone in for the Queen's shilling, and had risen to an unparalleled and unique position in the grand old regiment. He complimented Bro. Morris upon his year of office, and also upon his excellent working of the installation ceremony, and, after expressing his and their determination to raise the lodge to the first position among the lodges of the Metropolis, and even upon the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, he asked them to drink the toast with a true Ubique fire.

Bro. Morris returned thanks, and in the course of a lengthy and most interesting speech gave a résumé of his connection with the Royal Regiment, and assured them of his devotion to the lodge, and the pleasure it afforded him not only to work in it, but to meet so many dear old friends there.

Bro. Scurrah, in responding for "The Visitors," congratulated the W.M. and lodge upon having so many visitors present. That was his first visit, and he would say that he was extremely gratified with the work of the I.P.M., and also his work as Installing Officer. It was a great pleasure for him to visit the lodge; he had often wished to do so, and now that, by the kindness of Bro. Lyon, he had done so, and his wish had been gratified, he could assure them that he should look forward with the most pleasurable anticipations to his next invitation.

Bros. Scott and Spinks also responded.

Bros. Hansard and Arnold responded for "The Officers," and Bro. Jolly for "The Masonic Press," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. F. Nichols presided at the piano, and he, with Bros. Magnus Ohren, Horton, and others, contributed by their fine singing and instrumental music to the pleasure of the occasion.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

John Carpenter Lodge (No. 1997).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Friday, the 13th inst. The members present included Bros. Mount Brown, W.M.; Chas. Lamb, S.W.; L. Ferguson, J.W.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; James Pinder, P.M., Sec.; J. P. W. Goodwin, S.D.; G. Inskip, J.D.; S. H. Simon, I.G.; S. W. Kent, Org.; J. Barthram Taylor, Stwd.; F. Inskip, P.M.; C. W. Bunbury, P.M.; A. Norris, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Obicini, 18 (S.C.); C. Thomas, W.M. 507; W. Crawford, Prov. S.G.D. Kent; J. R. Creasey, P.M. 12; R. Peachey, 1922; S. Saxby, 1297; W. J. Chubb, 1672; E. Trower, P.M. 822; A. H. Robinson, P.M. 1537; A. C. Hudson, P.M. 1627; F. Echstein, P.M. 1196; E. Holsworth, P.M. 1607; F. W. Lee, P.M. 198; C. R. Higgins, I.G. 1076; F. T. Dubois, P.M. 142; H. Keep, P.M. 1464; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. H. McClintock Harris was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Charles Lamb was installed as W.M. by Bro. Mount Brown, I.P.M., in a very impressive manner, and invested the following officers: Bros. Lewis Ferguson, S.W.; J. P. W. Goodwin, J.W.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; James Pinder, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Inskip, S.D.; S. H. Simon, J.D.; J. Barthram Taylor, I.G.; C. J. Wilkinson Pimbury, P.M., D.C.; P. E. Clunn and F. B. Baxter, Stewards; S. W. Kent, Org.; and Goddard, Tyler.

Lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D., acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said that, although he had attended every installation meeting of that lodge except one, that was the first occasion he had returned thanks for that toast, as there were generally other Grand Officers present. He accepted the duty with great pleasure, and was pleased to respond. The Grand Officers gave up a vast deal of time to further the interests of Masonry and the Masonic Charities, and he hoped they would always find in that body brethren who discharged their duties efficiently and well.

Bro. Mount Brown, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that Bro. Lamb, W.M., was one of the brethren initiated by Bro. Alderman Knight in that lodge, and the third who had attained the chair. Their W.M. had done excellent work as S.D. and Warden, and as he thoroughly understood his duties, the lodge would have a good Master who would be most able and willing to do his part in promoting the happiness of the brethren.

Bro. Charles Lamb, W.M., in response, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind terms in which he had proposed, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. In his present position he was quite an untried officer, and he should endeavour to deserve the kind words used, so that at the expiration of his year he should not have disappointed the expectations of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Visitors," and said there was one peculiar point he would claim, which was that those brethren who visited the lodge once generally expressed a desire to repeat the visit.

Bro. W. Crawford, P.S.G.D. Kent, in reply, said he had seen the magnificent working that evening, and must compliment the lodge on the work done by the I.P.M. On behalf of the Province of Kent, he offered them the heartiest expressions of good feeling.

Bros. E. Trower, P.M. 822, and F. T. Dubois, P.M. 142, also replied.

The Worshipful Master next submitted "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and said that although there were a small number of Past Masters present, what they lacked in quantity they made up for in quality, for the Past Masters had devoted their time and best interest to the lodge, and if the brethren were satisfied at the success achieved they had to thank the Past Masters. As regards the I.P.M., Bro. Mount Brown, he had had a most successful year of office in every respect. There had been a fair amount of work to do, and they had had an opportunity of judging of the manner in which the I.P.M. had done it. Bro. Mount Brown, I.P.M., had won the esteem of the brethren by the very affable and agreeable manner in which he had performed the ceremonies and presided over the gatherings, and had proved himself one of the best Masters they had had. On behalf of the brethren he (the W.M.) had to present the I.P.M. with a jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. No brother had more thoroughly deserved the jewel, which carried with it the esteem and regard of the brethren.

Bro. Mount Brown, I.P.M., said he could scarcely find words to thank them sufficiently, but he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. The handsome jewel given in the name of the lodge as a mark of their appreciation of his services would be treasured by him to the latest moment of his life. He could not deny he had been extremely bound up in Masonry, and resolved when elected to do his utmost to maintain the credit of the lodge, and create a spirit of emulation in those who should succeed him. He had had work on every occasion, and should be happy to render the W.M. every assistance. With regard to the other Past Masters, he would refer to the great loss sustained by the lodge in the decease of Bro. Taylor. Personally it was a great loss to him, for Bro. Taylor was the oldest friend he had. In 1848 they were schoolboys together; in 1851 they left together, and on the day of his marriage was his best man. Twenty-six years later Bro. Taylor proposed the health of the bride at the marriage of his (Bro. Brown's) daughter, and they would therefore understand how deeply he felt the loss.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was given, and the Tyler's toast afterwards terminated a pleasant evening.

A selection of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. Lovett King, assisted by Messrs. Percy Coward and Edwin Fisher and Bro. E. Bryant.

Hendon Lodge (No. 2200).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon, on Saturday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. A. A. Nottingham, W.M.; A. Scurrah, S.W.; W. B. Parsons, J.W.; G. Lewis, I.P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., Sec.; W. M. Styles, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Hearne, S.D.; C. Johnson, acting I.G.; Wm. Powell, D.C.; J. W. Hearn, Org.; R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler; Elliott, Ashley, Mason, J. Mason, Gunn, Adam, Sherry, Jabez Mason, Dobbs, King, H. Cronin, Stansall, and A. W. Parsons. The visitors were Bros. Derham, J.W. 1622; C. H. Stone,

S.W. 507; Smith, 177; A. Crossingham, 2331; C. A. Dettman, J.W. 1520; H. Barnard, 2331; and Leach, 2331.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot having been taken for Messrs. Thos. Ling and H. C. Parsons, which proved unanimous, they were afterwards initiated in a very commendable manner by the W.M. Letters of apology for non-attendance from the Junior Warden and others, through pressure of business, were read.

The business over, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, which was done ample justice to, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in the manner which always becomes such a gathering and were as loyally received.

That of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given in most becoming terms and well received.

"The Worshipful Master" was given by the I.P.M., Bro. Lewis, in high terms of praise, remarking on the progress the W.M. had made, being one of the founders and now so quickly in the chair. The W.M. was one of the kindest and most genial of brothers. Since he had been in the lodge, he had become a personal friend of each. He had introduced many members to the lodge, and he (the I.P.M.) trusted it would be a most successful year. In fact the old life and old blood was returning to the Hendon Lodge.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, most heartily thanked the brethren for such a greeting. He said since he had been associated with the lodge it had been his aim to do his best; he always did his duties as well as possible and had never been absent. He hoped still to go on as heretofore and give entire satisfaction.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, the W.M. stating he had known them several years and had always found them good and true. He was sure they would prove themselves worthy of the Hendon Lodge, and the more the brethren knew of them the more they would appreciate them.

Bros. Parsons and Ling, in reply, stated the pleasure it gave them in being admitted into Freemasonry. They trusted they would merit all that had been said of them, which it would always be their endeavour to do.

That of "The Past Masters" followed in high terms of praise, which was most ably responded to by Bros. Lewis, Scurrah, and Styles.

The toast of "The Visitors" received at the hands of the W.M. and brethren a most hearty welcome, which was very suitably responded to by Bros. Stone, Derham, Smith, Crossingham, Barnard, and Leach.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was presented in terms of great appreciation, and responded to most ably and intellectually by Bros. Styles and Scurrah, which showed the very deep interest they took in the lodge.

That of "The Officers" was given in praiseworthy terms by the W.M., and responded to very suitably by the S.W., J.W., I.G., Organist, and D.C., who one and all acknowledged the compliment and pledged themselves to do their utmost for the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Lay Members," which was given and received in a capital manner.

The Tyler's toast closed a very interesting and enjoyable meeting. The following brethren added greatly to the harmony by rendering some capital songs, viz., Bros. Dobbs, Derham (flautist), Barnard, A. Parsons, Stone, and Smith.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—A regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Crown Hotel, presided over by Bro. J. G. Cobb, P.G.S., W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Petch, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M. and Treas.; C. M. Coxon, S.W.; H. T. Nell, P.M., J.W.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; T. Wye, S.D.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; R. W. Nicole, I.G.; T. Williams, Tyler; N. Pearce, A. J. Robinson, W. Kennedy, J. Gravatt, J. W. Rattenbury, W. Sammes, A. Ingram, and J. B. Lester. The visitors were Bros. E. W. Postans, I.P.M. 34; A. J. Clark, P.M. 1607; Martin Leven, 1675; F. S. Plowright, I.G. 193; C. A. Hooper, S.W. 1613; W. M. Johnston, 32, Montreal; T. Jackson, 1829; and F. Rickards, 1426.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the regular and emergency meetings read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. John Beaumont Lester, and it proving unanimous, he was initiated in due form. The next business was the election of a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. C. M. Coxon, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. J. Petch, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. T. Williams re-elected Tyler. An Audit Committee was appointed, and the following brethren were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge: Bros. Charles Bullock, P.M. 504, Prov. G. Sec.; Col. T. Mitchell, and Arthur Hart, P.M. 814, P.P.G.S. of W. Somerset. The lodge was then closed.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," said that he, with several other members of the lodge, could recall a 20 years' acquaintanceship with Bro. Lester, which was certainly long enough to discover each other's failings and good traits. He was well satisfied with the duty he had performed that day, for he knew that he had initiated a brother who would prove an acquisition and a credit to the lodge and to Freemasonry.

Bro. J. B. Lester replied in suitable terms.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect" in very complimentary terms, wishing him a successful year of office.

Bro. C. M. Coxon, S.W., W.M. elect, in reply, thanked the brethren for the great honour they had done him that day—which was his birthday. He assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to promote the welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," expressing the pleasure with which visitors were always received, and hoping to see them all again at a future time.

All the visitors replied.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" followed, and the proceedings terminated, a more than usually successful meeting having been held.

CHARD.

Prudence and Industry Lodge (No. 1953).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 11th inst., when Bro. Francis George England was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. There was a large number of brethren present from neighbouring lodges, including Taunton, Ilminster, Axminster, &c. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. A. P. Indge, I.P.M.; A. E. Norrington, S.W.; W. Plank, J.W.; E. J. Jarman, Treas.; L. G. Derrick, Sec.; Rev. H. K. Law, Chap.; J. Symes, S.D.; E. J. Symes, J.D.; G. Gawler, D.C.; G. B. Toms, I.G.; T. Bunston, Org.; H. C. Denning and F. Hill, Stewards; and J. White, Tyler. Before vacating the chair, the outgoing W.M., Bro. A. P. Indge, said: I desire to thank the officers and members of the lodge for their very kind assistance to me during my year of office, and I wish especially to bear testimony to the most valuable services which have been rendered for the past 10 years by our worthy Secretary, Bro. L. G. Derrick, P.M., who has never been absent from a regular meeting except through illness. His assistance both to the lodge generally and to every individual member has always been given in a manner rendering it most acceptable and with such courtesy, and so readily, that we have felt that something more than a mere verbal acknowledgment ought to be made to him in return. At first it was resolved to raise a private subscription towards a suitable present to our worthy brother for his distinguished services, and all the members most readily gave in their names and contributions, and evinced in a very unmistakable manner their unanimous appreciation of Bro. Derrick's great worth. But we afterwards decided that it would come with better grace if presented by the lodge, and if the cost was defrayed from the lodge funds. This course was ultimately agreed upon, and I have now great pleasure in asking our beloved and illustrious visitor, the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, to invest our worthy Secretary, Bro. L. G. Derrick, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., with this beautiful Past Master's jewel, which contains on the face an exact representation of our lodge banner, with the Chard arms, and on the reverse side the inscription: "Presented to Bro. Louis George Derrick, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., by the brethren of Lodge Prudence and Industry, No. 1953, Chard, May, 1892." The D.P.G.M. having added a few most appropriate words, pinned the jewel on Bro. Derrick's breast, amid hearty cheers from the brethren assembled. Bro. Derrick, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks. The banquet was held at the George Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Bro. F. S. Bedford, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing, and Bro. J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg., that of raising. Bro. Harry Martyn, S.W., presented the working tools in the Second and Third Degrees.

The following brethren were present: Bros. F. S. Bedford, W.M.; F. Renshaw, I.P.M.; Harry H. Martyn, S.W.; J. Travers, J.W.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; C. Heywood, P.G.S.; J. Wolstenholme, S.D.; E. Heyman, J.D.; T. M. Ferneley, Org.; E. F. Trevor Smith, I.G.; W. Richmond, A. Pownall, P.M.; Sam. Locke, P.M.; W. Pollitt, Thos. Shaw, Jos. Romerly, K. Jebara, Alf. Woodburn, W. Hall, P.M.; W. Sutton, P.M.; B. E. Tucker, Thos. Schofield, J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Crompton, P.M.; E. Woodhouse, W. H. Milner, James G. Batty, P.M., and Chas. Hillis. Visitors: Bros. Fred. Pratt, 2322; W. Thos. Blease, 1773; W. W. Wilkinson, 2359; E. Kahla, 633; W. E. Darwin, P.M.; J. Lettwood, 1161; Walter Bowers, Fred. Batty, W.M.; Frank Stevens, Fred. Morgan, John Rains, P.M.; Edgar Towell, W.M. 2359; G. A. Myers, P.M. 1730, 2359; and G. S. Smith, P.M.

COLCHESTER.

United Lodge (No. 697).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the George Hotel, when Bro. John Howe, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D. England (who was one of the founders of the lodge some 34 years ago), assisted by Bro. R. Haward Ives, P.M. 51, P.P.A.G. Sec. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. E. J. Horncastle, I.P.M.; George J. Booth, S.W.; George N. Watson, J.W.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. J. Skingley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Thomas Rix, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; Fred. J. Motum, S.D.; Robert A. Mann, J.D.; George A. Eustace, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Harry E. Baker, Org.; J. G. Bryan, I.G.; O. W. J. Evans, Walter Mayhew, and W. B. T. Enew, Stwds.; and Arthur Wright, Tyler. A letter was read from Bro. Skingley thanking the brethren for re-electing him as their Treasurer, and regretting that his health was not sufficiently restored to enable him to be present. The Secretary was directed to express to Bro. Skingley the pleasure of the brethren that he was recovering, and the hope that he might be present at the next regular meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony, the W.M., in proposing the vote, remarking that although Bro. Colonel Burney could not now come amongst them so often as they could wish, yet his name was kept green amongst them, for there were very few meetings of the lodge at which it was not mentioned. Bro. Col. Burney, in acknowledging the vote, said it was with the greatest pleasure that he had come down to the meeting that day and taken part in their festive gathering. There was, of course, some amount of sadness in looking back to the time when he assisted in the formation of this lodge, nearly 35 years ago, as so many friends had passed away. He believed that, besides himself, there were only two brethren now living who were among the first members of the lodge.

Speaking at the dinner which followed, Bro. Col. Burney reverted to this point, and recalled the fact that the Angel Lodge, No. 51, which was invited to recommend the petition for the United Lodge considered it was not wanted, and a favourable verdict was only arrived at on the casting vote of the W.M. He was glad to know that the greatest good feeling now prevailed between the two lodges, an evidence of which was found that night in the presence of the Master and several members of Lodge 51.

An excellent dinner was served by Bro. Coupe.

COWES.

Medina Lodge (No. 35).—An important meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. T. M. Taylor, W.M., the following brethren, among others, being present: Bros. C. J. Foakes, P.M.; F. Rutland, P.M., Org.; J. Leftwich, P.M., Stwd.; G. Day, S.W.; G. Cottell, J.W.; J. Mursell, P.M., I.P.M.; J. C. Ains, P.M., Sec.; T. W. Faulkner, P.M., Treas.; S. H. Longman, S.D.; G. Fellows, sen., J.D.; H. Barlow, I.G. (pro tem.); T. Perry, Stwd.; and F. Young, Tyler.

The business included the raising of three brethren, the passing of one, and also an initiation. The whole of the ceremonies were most ably performed by the W.M., who was much complimented thereon. Other important matters affecting the welfare of the lodge, its members, and Freemasonry in general, having been transacted, the lodge was closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a capital spread was provided by Bros. J. Leftwich, P.M., and T. Perry, Stwds.

The cloth having been cleared and the loyal toasts given and received, the toasts of "The W.M.," "The Initiates," and "The Visitors" were duly proposed and heartily responded to, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

DIDSbury.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. There was a very large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. C. E. Towell, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen, and both being favourable, they were initiated by the W.M., Bro. F. Stretch, S.W., W.M. elect, presenting the working tools, and Bro. John Fletcher, J.W., admirably delivered the charge. Bro. George A. Myers, P.M., Sec., performed the ceremony of passing. The W.M. resuming the chair, the ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved to be unanimous in favour of Bro. Fred. Stretch, S.W. Bro. A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.J.G.W., was unanimously elected Treasurer for the third time. It was proposed by Bro. Towell, W.M., and seconded by Bro. Smith, I.P.M., that the sum of 15 guineas be given and equally divided between the West Lancashire Masonic Educational, the Hamer Benevolent, and the Alpess Benevolent Institutions.

The following brethren were present: Bros. C. E. Towell, W.M.; G. S. Smith, I.P.M.; F. Stretch, S.W.; J. Fletcher, J.W.; G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.D.; J. Walker, I.G.; F. Thomas, Asst. Sec.; J. Sharples and J. Ward, Stwds.; Willie Sharples, Harry Shuter, R. Fitton, W. W. Wilkinson, W. F. Jepson, R. J. H. Sayers, J. Laurisch, H. G. Ward, W. H. Moss, Fred. Morgan, and J. Lawrenson. Visitors: Bros. R. Andrew, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M.; A. T. Forrest, P.M.; J. E. Wilson, P.M.; S. Diggle, C. Shaw, W. Mosley, J. Wilcox, J.W.; E. Bardsley, W. Fielding, J.W.; and J. E. Radford, I.P.M.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Griffin Hotel, on the 18th instant, when the W.M., Bro. A. M. Levy, was supported by the following officers: Bros. F. J. Hayward, I.P.M.; Thos. Long, P.M., as S.W. (Bro. Edgell, S.W., being at the Festival of the Girls' School representing the lodge); Bond, J.W.; J. Drewett, P.M., Treas.; W. Drewett, P.M., Sec.; Tom Wilkinson, P.M., S.D.; C. Gardiner, J.D.; Edgell Westmacott, D.C.; A. E. White, I.G.; Chapman, P.M.; Weaver, P.M.; and others.

Bros. A. E. Page, Watkin, and Gatcombe (an initiate of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, and passed here by request) were candidates for the Degree of Fellow Craft, which was duly conferred upon them. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Mr. F. Sands, he was initiated by the W.M., the working all round being very neatly done. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to Bro. Edgell's list for the Girls' School Festival, making the second such grant this year for the Charities. As the lodge had not possessed a Charity box, Bro. Gaze offered one to the W.M. for his acceptance, and the brethren resolved that it should be put into use.

Business over, the brethren partook of supper, and with the help of Bro. Packington, 1793, a pleasant musical evening was spent.

The visitors included Bros. the Rev. J. Baker, P.P.G.C.; G. Clarke, P.M. 1950; A. Trunell, P.M. 228; A. E. Gatcombe, 2030; Douglas Ridley, 2146; Purchase, 177; T. F. Charlton, 1872; R. E. Gilmour, J.D. 1950; H. W. Bates, 2146; J. Cotterell, 2024; and E. J. Packington, 1793.

LEEDS.

Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—On Saturday, the 14th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this increasingly prosperous lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. More than usual interest centred in the gathering from the fact that two esteemed members had just had conferred upon them high rank in the province, and at this the first meeting since the well-deserved honour had been given to them by the provincial authorities, it was decided in a formal manner to mark the lodge's sense of satisfaction in an event in which every brother rejoiced.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Tom Atkinson, and his first duty thereafter was to receive with the honours due to their rank the members of Provincial Grand Lodge who had been able to accept invitations to be present. These included Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D., acting Prov. G.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W.; Matthewman, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Dr. Spark, P.P.G. Org.; C. Letch Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; and others. The Worshipful Masters of the seven sister lodges had been invited, but at the last moment only Bros. Norminton, W.M. 304; Wedderspoon, W.M. 306; and Thorpe, W.M. 1042, were able to be present. Amongst a long list of visitors were Bros. Peterson, W.M., and Last, J.W., of 2321, and many others. The two brethren to whom it was intended to do special honour were then escorted into the lodge by the I.P.M., Bro. Fretwell, and the Deacons, Bros. Smithson and Abbott. First to enter was Bro. Dr. T. C. Smyth, D.D., I.L.D., P.M., Past G. Chap., Prov. S.G.W., who was followed by Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. As a token of sincere admiration of their talents and of appreciation of the work they have done both for Lodge Prudence and the Craft, these two much esteemed brethren having

been saluted, were congratulated upon the signal honour which had been conferred upon them. Bro. Dr. Smyth, in the course of a long and interesting address, said that he felt deeply grateful for the kindness the brethren had shown to him on that interesting occasion. His Masonic career, extending over 49 years—for if he were spared till next year he should celebrate his Masonic Jubilee—very much resembled the checkered pavement of a Freemasons' lodge. When he commenced his Masonic life in 1843 he worked his way forward in his mother lodge from I.G. to S.W. He then received his appointment as Army Chaplain to India, and soon after arriving in that country he was made W.M. of the lodge he at once joined. He was the founder of a lodge in Mysore and had the distinguished honour of being twice elected its W.M. Then came his time of trial. Everything had been delightful up to then, but a renegade Mason, a cultured man occupying a good position then commenced a series of bitter and virulent attacks in consequence of seeing a sermon which he (Dr. Smyth) had preached at the consecration of a lodge, and which by special request had been published. It was utterly impossible for him to permit the imputations made against the beloved Order to pass unanswered. They could hardly imagine the interest the controversy created throughout the length and breadth of India, and the whole of Society rung with the newspaper war which was waged in consequence. Many of the clergy were enlisted into the attacks made upon him for being a Freemason, which it was said it was disgraceful for a clergyman to be, seeing that according to this renegade Freemason, the object of the Order was to set aside the great head of Christianity, and in fact to substitute itself for religion. He sent the offending sermon to the Bishop of Calcutta, who, in reply, wrote a flattering letter of sympathy and support, a letter which strengthened and supported him in the trying ordeal through which he was passing. In the result the Order flourished in Bengal in a wonderful manner. Afterwards Dr. Smyth went to Singapore and spent there most happy years, being Deputy District G.M., and, during the absence of his chief, having for a time to rule over that district. Then he came to Leeds, and once again he had to undergo persecution on account of being a Freemason. At that time he was the only clerical Mason in Leeds, but happily that state of things had passed away, and he was glad to know that the clergy were joining the Order in increasing numbers, with advantage both to themselves and to the Craft. Then in due course he joined Lodge Prudence, being one of its founders and its second W.M. Though no longer young, he thanked God he felt that he had still power left to work for the good of the Order, and he should not cease to do so to his latest hour. The W.M., Bro. Tom Atkinson, said: Brethren,—as a mark of esteem to Bro. Trevor, and to mark the distinguished honour which has been so worthily conferred upon him by Provincial Grand Lodge, who has made him Director of Ceremonies for the province, we have decided to present him with the clothing appertaining to his rank. From letters I have received from various quarters, it is clear that all agree that the honour has been worthily conferred. No brother in Lodge Prudence has done more to advance its interests and to secure its prosperity than he has, and it is our earnest united prayer that he may long be spared to enjoy the honour which has fallen to him. We trust that the day is far distant when his place amongst us will be vacated. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., who was called upon to make the presentation, said: We have thought it right to mark our esteem for Bro. Trevor by presenting him with his provincial clothing, and this I take it is proof that we heartily thank the Provincial Grand Master and the Acting Provincial Grand Master for the choice they have made of Director of Ceremonies. I think that it is unique that two brethren of the same lodge should have been selected for such important positions in the province as Bros. Dr. Smyth and Trevor have been selected. Our thanks are especially due to those whose good offices have secured such honour to our lodge. Dr. Smyth is a veteran Mason; his labours on behalf of the Order have not been confined to England, but in India his work has borne good fruit, and every brother who knows him rejoices in this further mark of esteem and regard of which he has been the worthy recipient. As to Bro. Trevor, I may say that the formation of the lodge was almost entirely due to him. He took the initiative; it was his idea, and his labours ever since have been both abundant and successful. The occasion of his taking Grand rank is then a fitting opportunity for us to show our gratitude and affection towards him. Prudence Lodge has made steady progress, and we may well congratulate ourselves upon the position we now hold in this province. Every brother in the lodge who has heard of this presentation has subscribed spontaneously; it is a free-will offering of all the brethren, and no better proof could be given of our affection towards our dear brother. The Acting Provincial Grand Master then, by desire of the brethren, invested Bro. Trevor with the handsome full dress clothing of his rank, the undress clothing being also handed over to him. Bro. Smith, in performing this pleasing duty, said how glad he was to be present to witness the unanimous feeling of approval which Bro. Trevor's appointment had met with. He hoped Bro. Trevor would long be spared to be an ornament to the Craft and of service to Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Trevor, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., who was cordially received, responded in feeling terms. He said: I hope you will believe me that I am uttering no mere figure of speech when I say that the proceedings of to-day will be counted amongst the happiest moments of my Masonic life. My Masonic career ought to have been a successful one, for it was opened in the Lodge of Truth, Bombay, and has been matured in Prudence in Leeds. It is a happy moment for me to know that I am the recipient of this handsome free-will offering of your affection and regard. I speak the words of truth when I say that I am utterly unable to express in anything like adequate language my feelings on the present occasion. I hope you will believe that I shall ever look the words of sincerity when I tell you that I shall ever look upon this handsome present as a lasting souvenir of your fraternal regard and affectionate esteem. The W.M. then raised Bro. Appleyard to the Sublime Degree, the work being so admirably done in every detail as to receive the hearty encomiums of all who were present.

Subsequently the banquet was partaken of by a large number of brethren, and with speech and song the evening passed pleasantly away.

It may be stated that this flourishing lodge has just had granted to it a charter for a Royal Arch chapter, which will shortly be consecrated and carried on upon the same temperance principles as distinguish the mother lodge.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

Sutherland Lodge of Unity (No. 460).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel on Friday, the 13th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and officers, and on this occasion Bro. T. W. Eardley, W.M., was supported by the whole of his officers, namely: Bros. T. Edwards, S.W.; F. Skerrett, P.M.; J.W.; Rev. L. C. A. Edgeworth, M.A., LL.B., Chap.; S. Hyslop, P.M.; P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. Green Ainsworth, P.M.; P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. Ingamells, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; W. Pattison, S.D.; J. M. Adlington, J.D.; A. Pepper, I.G.; R. C. Downs, G. Rushforth, and J. G. Howson, Stewards; and W. H. Newby, I.P.M.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. T. Byrne was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. F. Skerrett proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be presented to the Benevolent Institution, and so secure the endowment of the Secretary's chair with four life votes. This was seconded by Bro. W. H. Newby, I.P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. S. Hyslop advocated the cause of the Charities, and advised all the young brethren to qualify themselves as Life Governors to one or more of the Masonic Charities. Two propositions were made for initiation.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet chamber, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared under the guidance of Host Fritz C. Moebus, and under the genial Chairmanship of Bro. Eardley, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with heartiness and enthusiasm, and with music and song, much contributed to by the visitors, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. Horne, 731; Geo. T. Clayton, P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey; Frank Weston, 98, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Bentley, 98, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Penn, W.M. 637; William Edwards, Org. 418; C. F. Baker, Sec. 418; J. Taylor Howson, W.M. 451; D. Jones, S.W. 418; J. White, W.M. 2214; E. Alsop, Sec. 637; Edward Turner, Thomas Wright, Thomas Byrne, G. Rushforth, J. P. Howson, and W. Horne.

PLUMSTEAD.

Ordinance Lodge (No. 2399).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Col. C. E. Vansittart, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. in the presence of a large and representative Board of Installed Masters. The lodge was opened by Bro. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Major De Salis, W.M., and the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Vansittart was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of K.S. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Bilton, S.W.; Capt. B. H. Woollett, J.W.; Capt. Spinks, P.M., Treas.; W. Robertson, Sec.; J. V. Lee, S.D.; F. Hulley, J.D.; A. T. Hehir, I.G.; W. M. Hirst, D.C.; H. Crowley, W. G. Stackwood, and G. Dyer, Stwds.; and Stretton, Org. Bro. Spinks then finally recited the charges and concluded an admirably worked ceremony, for the excellence of which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the upper hall of the establishment, where a banquet awaited them.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Jolly (Hon.), P.M., Sec. 1472 and 2181, W. Wheeler, W.M. 1536, G. Stukes, W. S. Marks, J. Howell, R. Johnson, F. Widgery, G. Longstaff, G. Penstone, J. Greenwood, W. Gardner, W. Hersey, W. Booth, J. Morton, and C. Wills, all of the lodge; Major J. Ritchie, P.M. 1789; L. Chastaneuf, W.M. 13; J. McCollough, W.M. 700; C. J. Wharton, W.M. 706; W. Busbridge, W.M. 913; E. Morris, I.P.M. 1789; W. Moulds, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.P. Kent; E. B. Hobson, P.M. 700; W. S. Edwards, S.W. 1536; F. J. Down, J.W. 706; G. F. Taylor, S.W. 700; W. Lawson, J.W. 700; J. Matthey, S.W. 13; A. Deans, J.W. 13; W. C. Taylor, S.W. 913; Capt. E. Foster, 913; H. F. Lyons and E. Lyons, of 1789; F. C. Anderson, 1536; G. W. Hunter, 26; H. Roberts, 700; H. Herman, 219; and W. Barnard.

The usual loyal, Grand, and Provincial toasts having been honoured, Bro. Spinks proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that it had afforded him very great pleasure to install their W.M., Bro. Col. Vansittart, into the chair that day, because he was perfectly assured that from the great interest Bro. Vansittart had taken in Masonry since he had been quartered in that district, he was not only one of the most enthusiastic but also one of the hardest working Masons in the Metropolitan area. Under Bro. Vansittart's guidance their lodge would go on and prosper, and become one of the strongest in London. He asked them, therefore, to drink the toast with a good fire.

Bro. Vansittart, in response, said he had that day achieved the summit of his Masonic ambition. He would try and do his work so well that there should be no complaint on their part. He was glad to hear from the propositions made in open lodge that there were several candidates, all good men and true, for their next meeting, and hoped to see many more as time rolled on. The Past Masters had promised him every assistance, and with their aid he felt sure the most exacting member would have nothing to complain of.

Bro. Spinks, in responding to a hearty reception of his health as Installing Officer, said he thanked them for their kind recognition of his very small services. Whether he had done the work well or not he would leave to their judgment, but there was one thing he could honestly say, and that was there were not too prouder men in Woolwich that day than Bro. Col. Vansittart and himself, he having had the honour to install, and Bro. Vansittart to have been installed, as Master of the Ordinance Lodge. He then alluded to the fact of his standing Steward for the Girls' School Festival, and if there were any of the brethren present who felt they had as yet neglected the cause of Charity, now was the time for them to relieve their conscience and give through his list.

Bro. Major Ritchie, in responding for "The Visitors," said that he felt very much at home in that lodge, because it was composed of the sons of Tubal Cain—the makers of the guns, and therefore very near connections of the gunners—of whom he was proud to say he had been one since his birth. He trusted their lodge would grow and increase as its sister lodge—the Ubique—had done, and he could claim

for the Ubique that it was one of the most powerful lodges in the London district, if not in the kingdom.

Bros. Morris, McCollough, Matthey, Wharton, Hunter, Herman, and Edwards also returned thanks.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," "The Masonic Press," and the Tyler's toast.

Bros. Hobson, Anderson, Bilton, Jolly, and others contributed to the harmony, and Bro. Herman, the celebrated prestidigitateur, performed a number of marvellous tricks, causing not only amazement, but much laughter, for which he was heartily cheered. The whole affair was a great success.

PURFLEET.

Tilbury Lodge (No. 2006).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on Saturday, 14th inst., when Bro. Joseph Bruton, S.W., was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by the outgoing Master, Bro. W. J. Crump, P.G. Stwd., P.J.G.W. The installation ceremony was performed in a masterly manner by Bro. Crump, and he was warmly congratulated thereon by the brethren present. A Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted, was presented to him by the new Worshipful Master, who remarked upon the very eminent services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Crump during the past year, and expressed a hope that he would continue his support to the lodge. Bro. Crump, who was warmly received, heartily thanked the members for that gratifying mark of their esteem, and promised to continue his interest in the Tilbury Lodge. The Worshipful Master asked the lodge to accept from him a lodge banner, which was a piece of furniture he thought they much wanted. The banner was unfurled and greeted with hearty plaudits. It is a very handsome one of blue silk, the design being the lodge jewel and motto, surmounted by the name of the lodge, and the name of the donor at the foot. Bro. Crump, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, thanked the W.M. for his valuable gift, and moved that a note of the presentation should be recorded on the minutes. This was carried by acclamation. Ten guineas having been voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to give proof of his proficiency by initiating in the most perfect manner four gentlemen, the impressiveness of the ceremony being much enhanced by some musical selections by a quartette under the direction of Bro. Wilford Price. The new officers, who ably assisted the W.M., are: Bros. Bradshaw Brown, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Buttery, J.W.; W. L. Dudgeon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; W. L. Dudgeon, Sec.; A. V. Willmott, S.D.; A. Thomson, J.D.; P. C. Walker, I.G.; and W. W. Barber, P.P.D.G.D. of C., D. of C.

A large number of visitors were at the meeting, including Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; A. Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C.; H. E. Dehane, P.P. G.D.; and Bolton, M.P.

At the close of the business about 50 brethren dined together, a splendid fish dinner being ably served by the host, Bro. Wingrove.

The banner was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

SCUNTHORPE.

St. Lawrence Lodge (No. 2078).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Manley-street, when there were present Bros. Campbell, W.M.; Spilman, I.P.M.; Peace, S.W.; McCullum, J.W.; Chatterton, Sec.; Wilkins, S.D.; Swabey, Morley, Campbell, Hadley, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. Behrendt, W.M. 1482, and Constable, I.P.M. 1482.

Bro. Morley was duly passed to the Second Degree, the work being performed by the W.M. As usual the brethren partook of supper in the ante-room and spent an enjoyable evening.

SURBITON.

Surbiton Lodge (No. 2146).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Maple Hall on the 17th inst., when the attendance of members and visitors established a "record," no less than 75 signing the book. Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M., had signified his intention of being present, and, as is his custom, arrived early so that he might see the working of the officers throughout. Bro. Douglas Ridley was raised by the W.M., Bro. Hewett, P.M. 1614. The ceremony was worked with a correctness and smoothness which could hardly be excelled, and the candidate "proved" himself in so intelligent a manner as to call forth the special approval of the Prov. Grand Master later on. To show how proficient his officers were, the W.M. called on the W.M. elect to give the traditional history, and on the J.W. to explain the working tools, both going through without falter. With Bro. C. M. Hogg, P.M. 1872, as S.W., Bro. W. Drewett, P.M. 889, as J.W., and Bro. Wilson, P.M. 2146, as D.C., the W.M. proceeded to install Bro. T. H. R. Beck as his successor, and did so in the presence of 25 Past Masters of the Craft, who were highly pleased to watch the excellent rendering of the ritual. The prescribed salutes being given, the W.M. appointed his officers, viz.: Bros. Budden, S.W.; R. J. Williams, J.W.; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treasurer; A. Stone, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Secretary; Gilbey, S.D.; R. Babbs, J.D.; F. Babbs, I.G.; John Williams, D.C.; Tomkinson and John Hart, Stewards; and List, Tyler. The ancient charges were given most eloquently by the Installing Master, who it should be said had been very ably assisted by Bro. Wilson, the D.C. After the proposition of candidates, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at the Surbiton Assembly Rooms close by, Messrs. Packham and Sons (Bro. James Packham being of the firm) catering throughout in a way highly approved of by all present.

As a long programme of music had been arranged by Mr. H. E. R. Hart (son of the Treasurer, and a candidate for election), the W.M. set the example of brevity, merely announcing the toasts which require no comment. Before passing on we may say that the music was mostly contributed by members of the lodge, and the rendering of the part songs was exceedingly creditable to those who sang them. Bro. Sebastian Hart presided at the piano, and Bro. B. Jackson contributed a "Masonic" march on the banjo.

In proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M.," the W.M. expressed the gratification of the lodge at having the honour of a visit from the head of the province, and trusted to see him with them on many occasions.

Bro. Col. Noel Money said it had been a great pleasure to him to come to the Surbiton Lodge, and see such a first-rate lodge and such capital working. He was also glad to see the W.M. perform the ceremony of installation—indeed, he was of opinion it ought always to be so—and perform it in a way that few others could come up to, and none surpass. It was a good sign also to find no Past Masters appointed to fill working offices in the lodge, for it showed that the younger members were qualifying to fill the chair. He was especially struck with the way in which the Third Degree had been conferred, and pleased to hear how intelligently the candidate answered the questions. That was a point on which he (the Prov. Grand Master) had a strong opinion, and he would not advance anyone unable to make the required replies, for he held that if any candidate did not think it worth while to make himself *au fait* with the questions put to him, it was not worth being a Mason. In conclusion, the P.G.M. said he had nothing but praise of the highest degree to bestow upon the work which he had seen. He hoped to visit them again, and find the W.M. that day installed following in the steps of the I.P.M., which he had no doubt he would worthily do.

A letter had been read from Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M., regretting his absence, and the pleasurable duty of responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," fell upon Bros. C. C. Gibbs, P.P.G.W., and W. Drewett, P.P.G. Std. Br.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Hewett referred to the way in which Bro. Beck had worked steadily through every office, and told the brethren of the lodge that he was sure the more they knew him the better they would like him.

The W.M. having replied, proposed "The Installing Master," and presented Bro. Hewett with the Past Master's jewel voted to him by the lodge, which was suitably acknowledged.

Other toasts succeeded in the intervals between the musical items, and for "The Visitors" responded the Worshipful Masters of St. Margaret's, Eurydice, Dobie, and Brownrigg—all neighbouring lodges; also Bro. W. H. Bale, P.M. and Treas. Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, in which the W.M. of Surbiton Lodge was initiated, who spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see the progress which Bro. Beck had made, and on behalf of his mother lodge wished him a happy year of office.

This gathering will long be remembered by the Surbiton Lodge, and also by those who partook of its profuse hospitality.

The visitors included Bros. Colonel Noel Money, Prov. G.M.; J. Strapp, P.M. 33, P.G.S.; C. M. Hogg, P.M. 1872, P.G.D.C.; W. Drewett, P.M. 889, 1638, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. C. Jessett, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Moorman, P.M. 1638, 1931, P.P.G.P.; Jno. Hodgkin, W.M. 1872; A. M. Levy, W.M. 889; H. W. Willis, W.M. 1638; H. T. Bridges, W.M. 957; W. H. Breerton, W.M. 1920; G. Coleman, P.M. 1614; A. Williams, P.M. 2090; A. Bolton, P.M. 862; J. S. Miller, P.M. 1668; H. J. Shelley, P.M. 1981; G. Hoam, W.M. 164; W. Lane, P.M. 1638, 2222, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Bale, P.M. 87; Jas. Edgell, S.W. 889; E. Purchase, 172; G. E. King, S.D. 1611; John Mayo, 1614; J. Bedser, 889; W. Walker, 889; Dr. Oust, 1872; and others.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.

Chapter of Concord (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 16th inst., in Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Comps. Jno. Booth, P.P.A.G. Soj., as Z.; Wm. Forrest, H.; Jno. Hardcastle, as J.; James Newton, P.A.G. Scribe E., S.E.; S. H. Shorrocks, S.N.; M. Thompson, Thos. Murphy, Thos. Barnes, F. W. Broadbent, G. E. Greenhalgh, F. W. Briscoe, H. L. Hinnell, Thos. Higson, and S. Rawsthorne. Also as visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, 645, P.G.H.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.S.N.; Thos. Grime, P.Z. 345; and H. R. Thornton, 730.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Principals and officers for the ensuing year were elected by ballot, and were installed or inducted into their offices by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., as under: Comps. Wm. Forrest, Z.; Jno. Booth, H.; S. H. Shorrocks, J.; Jas. Newton, S.E.; Thos. Murphy, S.N.; J. W. Thompson, Treas.; F. W. Brockbank, P.S.; W. Golding, 1st A.S.; Thos. Barnes, 2nd A.S.; Jno. Hardcastle, D. of C.; F. W. Broadbent, Org.; G. E. Greenhalgh, Stwd.; and S. Rawsthorne, Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Sillitoe for his attendance, at considerable personal inconvenience, to perform the ceremonies of installation and investiture. A grant of £10 10s. was made from the chapter fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel. Among those present were Comps. W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas., acting M.E.Z.; C. Wetzelar, acting H.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.J., acting J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; A. Toulmin, jun., S.N.; and Hakim, acting Prin. Soj. Comps. C. Wetzelar, M.E.Z., and E. W. Davis, late 1331, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. E. W. Davis, late 1331, was elected a joining member. Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders impressively installed Comp. A. Toulmin, jun., as Third Principal, and Comp. Capt. Walls inducted Comps. W. Taylor and the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders as First and Second Principals respectively. The following investitures took place: Comps. Walls, S.E.; Hakim, S.N.; E. W. Davis, P.S.; and Harrison, Janitor. The sum of £5 5s. was voted to the R.M.I. for Girls, per Comp. Hakim as Steward. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officers. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. the Rev. R. Hosken, M.A., P.Z., P.P.G.J., and Dunkley, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.

The chapter having been closed, the usual banquet followed, and the customary toasts received full justice.

Mark Masonry.

Kintore Lodge (No. 333).—The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 16th inst. The following members were present: Bros. J. H. Cureton, W.M.; Major T. F. Easterbrook, S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; W. Briant, M.O.; E. A. Whitby, S.O.; E. W. J. Bird, J.O.; Lieut.-Col. C. H. Nevill, Treas.; J. Norman Callaway, P.P.G.I. of W., Sec.; Rev. W. Russell Finlay, Chap.; S. F. Mackway, S.D.; Dr. A. H. Tubby, J.D.; Sidney Hill, Org.; J. F. C. Sims, Stwd.; R. Voisey, P.M., P.A.G.I.G.; Major Newington Bridges, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; James Stevens, P.J.G.O.; J. A. Braik, W. H. Andrews, A. Howdem, W. Scott, F. R. H. Spink, C. W. Davis, J. H. Austin, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Davis, M.O., and R. Elgar, J.D., of 22, and W. W. Lee.

Lodge having been opened, and routine business transacted, Bro. R. Jackson, P.M. 169, P.Z., was impressively advanced to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. then successfully installed Bro. Major T. F. Easterbrook as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were appointed: Bros. J. Hill, S.W.; J. T. Norman Callaway, P.P.G.I. of W., J.W.; W. Briant, M.O.; E. A. Whitby, S.O.; C. W. J. Bird, J.O.; Lieut.-Col. C. H. Nevill, P.M., Prov. J.G.W., Treas.; C. W. Davis, R. of M.; Rev. W. Russell Finlay, Chap.; J. Alex. Braik, Sec.; S. F. Mackway, S.D.; Dr. A. H. Tubby, J.D.; J. F. C. Sims, I.G.; Major G. H. N. Bridges, P.G. Stwd., D.C.; Sidney Hill, Org.; W. Scott, Stwd.; J. Whiteman, Tyler. Bro. Norman Callaway, J.W., then said there was a pleasant duty which, in the absence of Bro. Major Bridges, he would take upon himself to perform. It came to the knowledge of the brethren of that lodge that Bro. Cureton, during his year of office as Worshipful Master, had become a Benedict. The brethren, one and all, had signified their friendship, feeling of brotherly love, and general appreciation of Bro. Cureton's work by combining together and now asking him to accept a small token of the feelings they had towards him. He trusted Bro. Cureton would forgive him for any deception he had practised, but he had written to Mrs. Cureton—taking care the letter should arrive when their worthy brother was absent—and the result was the brethren desired to mark their respect and esteem by presenting their I.P.M. with a tassel. In asking Bro. Cureton to accept that present they hoped he would be spared for many years to use it. The W.M. having briefly re-echoed the sentiments expressed by Bro. Callaway, J.W., presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. J. H. Cureton, I.P.M., thanked them for that handsome token of their appreciation of his services. He had endeavoured to do his best for the lodge, and as long as he was given health and strength would continue to do so. With regard to the observations of the J.W., his wife had been telling him lately that she could keep a secret as well as he, and he could assure them she had never breathed a word regarding this affair. It came as a very great surprise to him, and whenever he used it it would always remind him of the happy evenings spent in that lodge. He thanked them also for the beautiful jewel which he should look upon with equal pleasure, and he hoped they would all be spared to enjoy each other's company for many years.

The lodge was then closed, and an excellent dinner having been enjoyed, the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. James Stevens, P.J.G.O., responded for "The Grand Officers, and Prov. Grand Officers," and referring to the growth of Mark Masonry, said he could look back to the time when Grand Lodge met in a small room, and when he was concerned with Bros. Canon Portal and Binckes in framing the ritual. He had at home the very first proofs, and they could imagine how gratified he was to hear the ritual delivered that evening with strict fidelity to the original. He believed the Kintore Lodge had justified its position as being the exponent of Mark Masonry in South London. There was good promise given at the consecration eight years ago, when he was one of the Consecrating Officers and consequently an honorary member. He sympathised with all their efforts in this glorious Degree, and congratulated them on the success they had attained in that lodge.

Bro. J. H. Cureton, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they had installed a brother who had during his Masonic career, and certainly in Mark Masonry, worked hard. They were sure the W.M. would not let the Kintore Lodge deteriorate, but maintain its present high standard.

Bro. Major T. F. Easterbrook, W.M., having thanked the I.P.M. and brethren, said he would take that opportunity of saying that the letters he received from his brethren in office, although formal in character, were so worded that he did not know he ever experienced so much pleasure before. They all had their civil engagements in life, and they had undertaken to do their duties in that particular walk of life, and to do the best they could. It was the duty of every officer to make himself master of his work, and get a thorough knowledge of his duties, and there was a grand opportunity for doing so in the lodge of instruction named after this lodge. Several of the brethren connected with that lodge were present that evening, and he would say they were always ready to give every assistance and instruction. It had been said theirs was the first Mark lodge in the province, but having attained that position, they had to make it sound and secure. They had had great assistance given to the lodge by their Scotch friends, and the happy circumstance of Bro. Callaway, J.W., joining them, together with Bro. Braik, the present Secretary, was very gratifying. He would do his best, and spare no effort in order to support the lodge, and he hoped they would endeavour to give him plenty of work.

Bro. J. H. Cureton, I.P.M., responded for "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said he had tried to do his best, and the Past Masters would always be ready to do so for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. Jackson replied for "The Advancee;" Bros. Davis and Elgar for "The Visitors;" and Bro. W. W. Lee for "The Masonic Press."

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Officers," said he was pleased to see Bro. Callaway in the chair of J.W., for he had carried out the duties of Secretary with enthusiasm and great ability.

Bro. J. H. Norman Callaway, J.W., said that during the five years he had been Secretary his work had been a labour of love, and he had been amply repaid by the kindness shown. The office of Secretary had now devolved upon a

brother who was a most energetic man, and a good recruiting sergeant in the regiment to which he belonged.

Bros. J. Hill, S.W., and the Rev. W. Russell Finlay, Chap., also briefly replied, and the proceedings, which were of a pleasant nature throughout, terminated with the Tyler's toast at a late hour.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—This popular lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. C. F. Cox, W.M.; D. D. West, S.W.; H. S. Wellcome, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; J. Hart, S.D.; Jas. Corp, J.D.; D. G. Imlay, I.G.; Jas. Passmore, and M. M. Taylor. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Schultz, 1107; R. Cromwell Edwards, 2408; Percival C. Day, 2408; and Dr. C. J. Frost, 1708.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. M. M. Taylor, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was welcomed as a joining member. Bro. J. Passmore offering himself as a candidate, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in an able manner, and the charge was delivered by Bro. W. H. Kirby. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. James Corp then worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. D. G. Imlay was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of passing, the explanation of the tracing board, and the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Banks, W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; C. J. Stafford, J.D.; H. Bone, I.G.; and H. Blackman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stafford acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the J.W. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Secretary. The W.M. having risen, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the L. and S.W. Railway Institute and Club, Nine Elms, on Monday, the 25th inst., when there were present Bros. Lingley, P.M., W.M.; Almond, S.W.; E. L. Francis, J.W.; Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Higgs, P.M., Treas.; Hudson, S.D.; Spooner, J.D.; Barry, I.G.; Letchford, Hancock, Mann, Dench, Dunn, Gayton, Godwin, and Sharp.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mann offering himself as a candidate for raising, was questioned, and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed and seconded that Bro. E. L. Francis, 183, be W.M. for the ensuing week, after which the Treasurer gave in his report respecting the Benevolent Fund. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: Bros. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Lingley, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Higgs, P.M., Treas.; and Letchford, Sec., all of whom suitably replied. The W.M. rose for the third time, and having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, the lodge was closed.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., when there were present Bros. S. Wright, W.M.; G. Vears, S.W.; A. Cox, J.W.; J. T. Davies, Preceptor; H. E. Case, Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Wigmore, Treas.; A. J. Stacey, Sec.; H. Parker, S.D.; A. Wood, J.D.; F. M. Sutter, I.G.; E. Lovell, P.M. 755; W. F. Bull, P.M. 1707; W. Bull, W.M. 1707; J. J. Cook, G. Gauge, R. R. Sinclair, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Hunt, and T. S. Smith, 177.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cook offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when dues were collected, and Bros. Hunt and Smith were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. G. Vears was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. The W.M. rose for the third time. The Secretary presented the balance-sheet of the annual supper, showing a small balance in hand, which was placed to the credit of the lodge funds. Nothing further offering, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; T. C. Seary, S.W.; R. W. Jones, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; H. J. Keen, S.D.; J. Rowe, J.D.; R. Sandland, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Harris, J. Davis, J. Wise, W. Damnes, A. Bullen, D. Samuels, F. W. Buxton, R. Kirk, N. Dukas, G. H. Reynolds, and G. A. Bergholz.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Harris having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and having answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. Bro. F. W. Buxton having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions satisfactorily,

and was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. T. C. Seary, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. E. E. Gellowski, W.M. 534, W.M.; W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Cory, S.D.; Lewis Beale, J.D.; W. Thwaites, I.G.; W. Hillier, P.M.; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865; and James Sims, P.M.

The lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Davies acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Gellowski vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Davies. Bro. Hillier having offered himself as a candidate for raising, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree and the ceremony was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dresden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there were present Comps. J. Hill, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; J. Loader, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; W. Dawson, S.N.; Mayo, P.S.; T. Grumman, P.Z.; Coombs, Jas. Addington, P.Z.; F. S. Smith, and Walter Jeffery.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jeffery personating candidate. Comp. Coombs, 975, was admitted a joining member. The chapter was placed at the hands of Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z. 1622, for this (Friday) evening, when the three installations will be rehearsed, commencing at seven p.m. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Loader for ably performing the duties of J. for the first time. The chapter was then closed.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave (No. 1).—This influential conclave met at the Holborn Restaurant on the 10th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. Webster Glynes, S.R.; J. M. Bastone, S.R. elect; W. G. Lemon, G. Treas.; Treas.; C. Gross, M.D., P.G. Gdr., Sec.; Collins, P.S.R.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. Br., V.D.; Rev. A. Oxford, M.A., V.D.; Dr. Roberts, G.S.; Rev. Roy, M.A., Gammon, Browne, and J. J. Pakes (Hon. Mem.). Among the visitors were Bros. Spratling, G. Recorder; Tilton, P.G.S.R.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.G.R.; Brokenshire, and others. The council was also honoured by the presence of Bro. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, communications were received from the Grand Council. Reports from the Visiting Deacons and Audit Committee having been duly entertained, Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.S.R., in a most able and impressive manner installed R.W. Bro. J. M. Bastone as Supreme Ruler. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. W. Glynes, I.P.S.R.; Capt. Walls, Councillor; W. G. Lemon, Treas.; Dr. C. Gross, Sec.; Rev. A. Oxford, Stewart Browne, Dr. Roberts, C. Brown, Capt.-Surgeon H. Thomas, Dr. Kiallmark, and others. It was arranged to have a summer outing, and a Committee was formed to carry it out. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing S.R. R.W. Bro. Spratling, G. Recorder, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R., S. Browne, Harley Thomas, and others. Bros. Rev. A. Oxford, M.A., and R. Roy, M.A., were nominated as Grand Stewards.

The conclave was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Before the removal of the cloth the S.R. gave the numerous toasts most eloquently, and some excellent responses were made by Bros. Dr. Zacharie, Tilton, Spratling, and Shirley.

The S.R. of the Premier is to be congratulated on the *cavat* that attended his installation meeting and subsequent banquet.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ST. OSYTH PRIORY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2063.

During the six years' work of the lodge of instruction of the St. Osyth Priory Lodge, No. 2063, none has been so great a success as the one brought to a close with a banquet at the Imperial Hotel, Clacton-on-Sea, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when a large number of members and visitors sat down to an excellent repast, provided in Bro. F. W. Reed's best style. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. Finer, P.M. 1799, 2063, P.P.G.P., Preceptor, faced by Bro. Capt. Frayling, P.M. 51, and supported by Bros. F. W. Reed, W.M. 2063, who is also Treas. and Sec.; F. J. Nunn, I.P.M., P.A.G.S.; J. H. Harman, S.W. 1799; and several Past Masters and officers of the mother lodge.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The toast of "Success to the Lodge of Instruction" followed, and after giving a short resumé of the work done, the name of Bro. F. W. Reed, the energetic Secretary, was coupled with it, and was received and honoured most heartily by the brethren.

In his reply, Bro. REED said he could not too much emphasise the necessity for the hearty and regular co-operation of all Masons in the work of lodges of instruction. It cheered him very much that so many of the brethren rallied round him, and he had every confidence that the progress that had attended their work

would be maintained in the future. An increase in numbers, finances, and interest in the working had been with them during the past year.

The next toast was "The Stewards and Committee," coupled with the names of Bros. Starling, S.W. 2063; W. Schofield, I.G. 1799; F. G. Wallis, C. V. Harman, F. C. Noble, jun., Org., and A. Quick, 2063.

Then followed a toast to "The Visitors," which embraced Bros. Bowman, 441; W. Wright, F. C. Hill, and Wallace Sargeant.

Another toast that commanded general approval was that to the able and courteous Preceptor; and, in his reply.

Bro. FINER spoke of the great pleasure he found in the work, and stated that several more members of the mother lodge had signified their intention to become identified with the lodge of instruction.

Further toasts—"The Vice-Chairman" and "The Ladies"—brought a most agreeable gathering to a conclusion, the pleasure of which had been greatly enhanced with songs by Bros. Capt. Frayling, M. Brown, F. W. Reed, Wilkinson, I.P.M. 1799; Wooding, Middleton, and C. V. Harman.

It should not be omitted to be mentioned that the hall had been beautifully decorated with bunting and Masonic emblems in which the nautical taste of Bro. Schofield, who is coxswain of the lifeboat "Albert Edward," stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, was evident, and who had been industriously assisted by Bro. Starling, while the setting out of the tables with flowers and ferns was most pleasing and artistic.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE VECTIS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 175.

The 10th annual festival of the Vectis Lodge of Instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, under the presidency of Bro. Francis Newman, W.M., when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the under-mentioned brethren: First Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. J. H. Down; 2nd, Bro. F. P. Ansle, P.M. 551; 3rd, Bro. Sheppard, S.W. 551; 4th, Bro. E. S. Hope, I.G. 551; 5th, Bro. E. G. Stroud; 6th, Bro. E. R. Ratcliffe; and 7th, Bro. E. Groves. Second Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. T. W. Fair; 2nd, Bro. H. Durrant; 3rd, Bro. A. S. Marlow; 4th, Bro. J. Ellery; and 5th, Bro. E. Groves. Third Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. H. Durrant; 2nd, Bro. W. Watts; and 3rd, Bro. W. H. Long.

The members of this flourishing lodge are to be congratulated on the admirable way in which the working was performed. Bro. Newman asked the questions in his usual impressive manner, and the working of Bros. Durrant, Ellery, Ansle, Hope, and Sheppard were specially good, the elocution being perfect.

At the close, Bro. RIDDETT proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the brethren of the Yarrow Lodge, No. 551, for their kindness in coming from so great a distance as Ventnor to assist them.

Bro. ANSLE responded, and thanked the members of the Vectis Lodge for doing them the great honour of inviting them to take part in the working, and hoped on some future occasion to again have the same pleasure.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE BROWNRIIG LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1638.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., a successful and profitable season of this lodge was closed at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, with a repast, modestly styled a supper, but which for all round excellence was superior to many dinners. The hosts, Bros. Curtis and Willis, are both members of the Brownrigg Lodge (the latter being W.M. this year), and have taken a real interest in that affiliated with it for educational purposes. To them the existence of the lodge and its survival through a critical crisis is mainly due.

Among those who assembled to assist to close the session were Bros. Abel Laurence, P.M. 1638 and Preceptor, Chairman; W. Lane, P.M. 1638, Vice-Chairman; H. Willis, W.M. 1638; A. M. Levy, W.M. 889; J. H. Sumner, Pennington, Cockle, Edwards, Lockett, Crow, Curtis, Harding, Packington, Lewis, and others.

After the very inviting "refreshment" had been discussed, and highly appreciated, a few toasts germane to the gathering were given, and a welcome extended to the visitors from other lodges.

Due acknowledgment was made of the able and long-continued services of Bro. Laurence as Preceptor, and the kindness of Bros. Curtis and Willis in allowing the lodge the free use of whatever rooms were required. The benefit which has accrued to those who have attended the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction was also testified to by several.

Bro. Packington, of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, presided at the piano, and vocal and instrumental music enlivened the proceedings.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE WOKING EMULATION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1564.

The annual festival of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., on which occasion Bro. Wm. W. B. Beach, Provincial Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight, had kindly consented to preside, but was unfortunately prevented from being present, his place being most ably taken by Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treasurer.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. J. Black, P.M.,

Preceptor, as W.M., when the Second Lecture was worked as follows: 1st Section, Bro. C. F. Passmore, J.W. 2317; 2nd, Bro. R. Mossop, 1395; 3rd, Bro. A. W. Sowman, I.P.M. 1395; 4th, Bro. J. W. H. Littleboy, I.G. 2317; and 5th, Bro. A. G. Jackman, 2317.

Among those present we noticed Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; C. T. Tyler, P.P.J.G.D.; Knight, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Lancaster, P.M.; A. W. R. Sowman, P.M.; J. Gayton, P.M.; T. Aiken, P.M.; W. Askham, P.M.; C. Baverstock; C. E. Passmore, Jackman, Salter, Cheel, Knight, Clinton, Mossop, Marshall, White, Howlin, Griffin, Agate, Soundes, and many others.

Bros. EVE and SUDLOW most highly complimented the Preceptor, Bro. Black, and the Section workers on the admirable way in which the various Sections had been rendered, and pointed out to those present the very strict manner in which the teaching of the London Emulation Lodge had been followed.

During the banquet afterwards, songs were contributed by Bros. Eve, Soundes, Jackman, Clinton, Black, and others, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. C. E. Passmore, Mus. Bac., the Secretary of the lodge.

BRO. HUGHAN'S LECTURES.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., Bro. Hughan delivered a lecture under the wing of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, an emergency meeting being convened for the purpose. Bro. the Rev. H. M. Maughan, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., &c., the present W.M., was in the chair. Several visiting brethren were present from the other lodges held in the city, Whitsable, &c., the indefatigable Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076 (Bro. G. W. Speth), being also present. The following is a summary of the interesting address by Bro. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, which was well received, and was followed by an instructive discussion, and numerous questions, to which the lecturer replied.

Bro. Hughan was warmly thanked for his lecture, and elected an honorary member of the lodge. He was the guest of Bro. H. Ward, P.P.G.W. Kent, during his sojourn in the ancient city.

A MASONIC RETROSPECT OF FIVE CENTURIES.

Legends of the Craft, their use and abuse. The Old Charges of British Freemasons. Assembly at York and ancient charters. Christian character of the oldest documents of the Fraternity. Original secret of the Society. Masonic monopoly and combination. Uses of ancient lodges and import of the prefix *free*. Speculative members in early days. What had to be "heled, concealed, and never improperly revealed." Religious, loyal, and benevolent men only eligible as members then, as now. Oldest preserved records. Senior lodges in Great Britain. Many of the present customs of great antiquity, such as Provincial and general organisations, joining members, the setting of "essays," the three grades or positions, ancient and modern. "Cable tows," oath of secrecy, uniformity in things essential, as also strict adherence to the laws of the land and the Brotherhood. Importance of Scottish records and English Constitutions. Continuity of the Freemasons proved by actual lodge records from 1599 and from "Old Charges" back to the 14th century. Origin of the premier Grand Lodge of the world in London, A.D. 1717. Four Grand Lodges of England, and finally the formation of a United Grand Lodge in 1813. York Masonry died in 1792 and left no representative. Origin of Royal Arch Masonry. Beneficent character of the Fraternity. A rapid glance, forwards and backwards. What the Craft has been, is, and may become. Conclusion.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., our well known and respected Masonic historian lectured at Chatham, the entertaining lodge being Royal Kent of Antiquity, No. 20, which is the senior provincial lodge in England, having been constituted as far back as the year 1723. The following is the syllabus:

OLD LODGES IN ENGLAND.

Origin of lodges—their Christian character at first, but subsequently Cosmopolitan, on a religious basis. Earliest references to lodges in England. Old lodges at York, Warrington, Chester, Stafford, Gateshead, Alnwick, Scarborough, London, &c. Formation of the premier Grand Lodge, 1716-17, by "Four old lodges" and others—three of these still on the roll. First constituted lodge in England. The senior provincial lodge. Oldest original charter (England). Difference between "Constitution" and "Warrant." Many lodges working prior to their regularisation. Grand Stewards and "Red Apron" lodges. Masters' lodges. Freemasons protected by an Act of Parliament. Returns to Clerk of Peace. Engraved lists and calendars. Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, on all such Registers. Lodge enumeration. Four rival bodies. Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813. Peculiarities of the Revised Registers, 1815-1892, and injustice to old lodges. Warrants granted from 1721 to 1891. Centenary and sesqui-centennial lodges. Class lodges. Loyalty and Charity.

The largest gathering of a Masonic character ever held under this old lodge assembled to hear Bro. Hughan, fully 100 brethren being present, numerous visitors attending, and Bro. E. Macbean representing No. 2076, London, on the occasion. Bro. F. H. Collins, W.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Hughan (who was the guest of his friend, Bro. T. S. Warne, P.P.G.W. Kent), was warmly thanked for his address, especially as he had communicated so much valuable informa-

tion respecting the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, hitherto unknown to the members, and which will be duly prepared in a concise form for publication in the Kent "Masonic Manual" for 1893, edited by Bro. T. S. Warne.



Amongst the many travesties we have seen it has never before been our good fortune to witness one more clever than Mr. Brookfield's, "The Poet and the Puppets," which, set to music by Mr. J. M. Glover, Bro. C. H. Hawtreys has recently produced at the Comedy Theatre. It plays for just an hour, so is not too lengthy to become tedious, and it is quite free from viciousness, although it caricatures with utmost precision several well-known authors and actors. We are sure Mr. Oscar Wilde cannot feel offended at Bro. Hawtreys' exact imitation of him in dress, speech, and attitude, or at Mr. Brookfield's splendid burlesque of his peculiarities as a writer. It would be impossible to say too much in praise of "The Poet and the Puppets." It is certain that Bro. Hawtreys will require for a long while to come several extra rows of stalls, and that every one who goes to the St. James's Theatre to see "Lady Windermere's Fan" will forthwith journey to the Comedy hard by and laugh their sides over its funny travesty, conceived and acted in the very best spirit and smartest vein of humour. Mr. Brookfield's mimicry of Bro. Bancroft, Mr. Tree, and Mr. Pinero, and Bro. Hawtreys' take off on Mr. Oscar Wilde and Rutland Barrington, and Miss Lottie Venne's faithful imitation of Mrs. Tree and Miss Marion Terry are so amusing that the run of luck now set in at the Comedy is richly deserved. The songs and the music of Mr. Glover's are only equalled by Mr. Brookfield's witty dialogue. "A Buried Talent," by L. A. Parker, is a pathetic little play excellently acted by Mr. Brookfield, Miss Vane Featherstone, Messrs. Wise and Nelson, as a first piece.

Nothing more delightful for a light entertainment can be seen than that now at the Court. A triple bill consisting of a very short play—"The New Sub"—which is so good that Mr. Hicks should be encouraged to try his hand again in a bolder way; "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern," Mr. W. S. Gilbert's burlesque on Hamlet; and the ever-welcome and imperishable "Pantomime Rehearsal," which seems destined to go on, like the brook, for ever. Having survived a run at already three different theatres, this entertaining musical piece seems likely to fill the Court for at least the rest of the summer. With such capable artistes as Miss Gertrude Kingston, Miss Ella Terriss, Miss Decima Moore, and Messrs. Brandon Thomas, Weedon Grossmith, C. Little, and W. Draycott, the patrons of the Court Theatre are sure to get their money's-worth of amusement. Mr. Arthur Chudleigh, whom we welcome in the position of sole lessee, has begun well his *regime* as manager, and we trust good fortune will always pursue him.

At a matinée on the 8th prox. and on the evening of the 11th—we believe for these two times only—Bro. Henry Irving will give his great character of Richelieu. We think his admirers, and their name is legion, having seen him as the great English Cardinal and Statesman Wolsey in "Henry VIII.," will be glad to see our leading tragedian as the great French Cardinal Richelieu. In Bulwer Lytton's play Bro. Irving is on the stage nearly all the evening, and does more of his mannerisms than in some of his more recent characters. Bros. Arthur Stirling, W. Terriss, and Miss Millward are the other chief exponents in this grand play. It is perhaps quite superfluous to add that "Richelieu" is staged in the masterful way for which the eminent lessee of the Lyceum has become renowned. In years gone by we have several times seen "Richelieu," but never have we felt more the full force of Bro. Irving's great acting as we did a few nights ago in this, one of his best and chief characters.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, No. 2277, LIMASSOL.

The consecration of this chapter, the first established in Cyprus, took place at the Masonic Rooms, Limassol, on Friday, April 15th. The consecration ceremony was most ably carried out by Comp. White, the first Z. of the chapter, and who, in order to perform the ceremony, had been installed in the chair of Z. at the Zetland Chapter, Alexandria, Egypt. After the consecration had been completed, Comp. Harriott, P.P.G.M. Wighton and Kirkcudbright (S.C.), was installed in the chair of H., and Comp. F. O. Harvey, W.M. St. George's Lodge, No. 2402, Larnaca, was installed in the chair of J. The chapter, although attached to St. Paul's Lodge, will work in connection with the two Craft lodges established in Cyprus, and will meet alternately at Limassol and Larnaca. Twelve proposals for exaltation were received and one for joining.

The companions afterwards dined together in the banqueting room attached to the Masonic Lodge of St. Paul's.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE JOHNSON WILSON,
P.J.G.W., &c.

The Province of Durham has sustained a severe loss through the death of Bro. George Johnson Wilson, the oldest Provincial Officer. He was initiated in the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, on the 25th April, 1833, and continued a subscribing member until the time of his death, which occurred on Monday, the 9th inst., at his residence, Bondgate, Darlington. Bro. Wilson occupied the chair of Restoration Lodge in 1835, 1843, 1844, and again in 1857. He was appointed P.J.G.D. in 1835, and in 1846 was appointed P.G.D.C., which office he held until 1850, when he was made P.J.G.W. Upon the occasion of his Masonic jubilee, 25th April, 1883, his portrait was presented to the lodge by the brethren, and he was presented with a suit of Provincial Grand regalia, to mark the respect and esteem entertained for him. He was one of the most regular attendants at the Restoration Lodge, and at the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, of which he was also a member until a very short period before his death. He was also a very zealous Royal Arch Mason, and was appointed M.E.Z. of the Vigilance Chapter in 1850, and subsequently was appointed P.A.G.S. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the West Cemetery, Darlington. Previous to the public ceremony a memorial service, or Lodge of Sorrow, was held in the Freemasons' Hall jointly by the members of the Restoration and Marquess of Ripon Lodges, the ritual observed being the compilation of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks. While the brethren assembled in the hall the Organist played the "Et incarnatus" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass. Bro. F. Martin, the W.M. of the senior lodge, occupied the Master's chair, and Bro. James Lawrence, W.M. of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, that of the S.W.; Bros. Bailey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. C. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., and Rev. R. A. Waters, Chap. 1379, as Chaplains; B. Boulter, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., and A. Farmer, P.M., P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, as Senior Deacons; J. W. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and W. Hobson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., as Junior Deacons; W. Mitford, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., as Inner Guard; R. Luck, P.M., M.A., P.P.G. Registrar, and T. M. Barrow, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar, acted as Directors of Ceremonies; and were assisted by Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, P.M., M.D., P.P.G. Registrar of Norfolk. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was represented by Bros. E. Nixey, P.M., P.J.G.W.; J. R. Cutter, P.M., P.G. Treas.; R. Singleton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John Robinson, P.M., P.P. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Swales, P.M., P.G.O.; J. R. Pattison, P.M., P.A.G.S.; James Graham, P.M., P.P. G. Stwd.; and Thos. Coates, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. S. F. Bousfield, P.M.; Edwin Cowper, P.M.; W. C. Barron, I.P.M.; R. M. Wilkes, P.M.; W. G. Snaith, P.M.; Wm. Sewell, S.W., F. M. Thompson, J.W., W. E. Brown, Sec., C. J. Walton, S.D., E. W. Jones, J.D., A. Grundey, Org., R. B. Franklin and Robt. Johnson, Stwds., Thos. Ness, Wm. Fryer, R. T. Manson, Thos. Wood, G. S. Allison, R. Teasdale, M. P. Flint, W. Todd, J. Maughan, Henry Petch, W. Bentley, P. Hutchinson, Thos. Smith, M. Curry, and W. Walton, all of 111; T. W. Marley, I.G., R. L. Pratt, L. Eastwood, J. H. Williams, and Rev. C. Jeffries, of 1379; T. Imeson and W. G. Imeson, of 1650; and John Wharton, 123. The W.M. opened the joint lodge in the Three Degrees, the brethren wearing Masonic mourning, the deceased's vacant stall on the dais, his portrait hanging on the wall, and the panel recording the years he was Master, being draped in black. The ceremony commenced by the choir chanting the 15th Psalm, after which, in response to a question by the W.M., the Acting S.W. stated they were met to honour the memory of the brother who had been taken from them, and the Acting J.W. spoke upon the sentiments which at such an hour inspired them. Suitable sentences followed, spoken by the four Acting Deacons. Bro. Dr. C. D. Hill Drury then read the 12th chapter of Eccles., and the singing of the hymn, "Great God, what do I see and hear," followed. During the singing of this hymn the officers rose, and the brethren formed in procession, and marched three times round the catafalque. The brethren then formed a circle around it, and an impressive ceremony followed, conducted by the Directors of Ceremonies. A Masonic prayer was then offered by the Rev. C. Jackson. Bro. F. Martin, W.M., rendered the passage "Though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death," with much feeling. During the singing of the first verse of "Brother, now thy work is o'er" the D.C. extinguished silently the Junior Warden's light; during the next verse the Senior Warden's light was extinguished. The two W.M.'s each advanced to the catafalque and placed thereon a wreath of white, saying "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I deposit this wreath as an emblem of immortality and hope." The Rev. R. A. Waters offered a brief declaration; a solemn pause followed, when the D.C. called upon the brethren to give their departed brother Grand Honours for the last time. A circle was again formed, and vows of truth, faithfulness, and fraternal love were renewed, words of farewell being expressed by the D.C. The brethren adjourned to the late residence of the deceased, and preceded the funeral cortege, each brother wearing white gloves and carrying a sprig of acacia. The family and principal mourners followed the hearse in mourning coaches. The service at the cemetery was fully choral. On reaching the cemetery gates the

brethren formed themselves on each side of the pathway, and the cortege passed between, being met by the officiating clergyman and a surpliced choir. The musical portion of the service was from Helmore's Burial Service, with the addition of the hymn "Jesus lives!" At the graveside, at the completion of the service, the brethren sang as a closing hymn "For ever with the Lord," and afterwards filed past the grave and deposited their sprigs of acacia upon the coffin. The brethren returned to Freemasons' Hall, where the ceremony was concluded, the closing prayer being offered by Bro. Rev. Campbell Jeffries.

BRO. J. A. PAGE.

On Monday, the 16th inst., the remains of the late Bro. John Andrew Page, who died at his residence, 10, Gloucester-road, Bishopston, on the previous Thursday, were interred at Arno's-vale cemetery. The first portion of the Burial Service was read at the church of St. Michael and All Angels', Bishopston, by the Rev. W. Cruikshank, and thence the cortege proceeded to Arno's-vale. The mourners included Miss Page (daughter of the deceased), Mrs. Pierrepont Harris, Bros. Bramble and Pierrepont Harris, and Mr. Hodges. At the graveside there were assembled many brethren of the Craft, of which the deceased was for some years a prominent member, and amongst them were Bros. Col. J. R. Bramble, D.P.G.M.; Pierrepont Harris, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G.S.; W. E. Parry, Prov. G.R.; R. M. Hatch, W.M. 686; D. Williams, P.M. 686, Prov. S.G.W.; E. B. Colthurst, P.M. 187, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G.D.C.; G. R. Storrard, P.M. 1296; M. V. Brazier, 1296; Dr. Hodge, P.M. 187; H. W. T. Bolt, 1388; J. Miller, Tyler 1296; J. Bolt, P.M. 1388; Robert Burnett, P.M. 1388, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Chessell, P.M. 187; F. W. Simpson, J.W. 686; Rupert Lewis, 686; W. G. Vowles, P.M. 103, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Coaffee, P.M. 68, P.P.S.G.W.; Frank Trull, P.M. 68; R. C. Smart, 68; C. J. Hill, 326, 1296; J. W. Powell, 103; H. R. Harvey, 103; J. Stoate, Tyler 610, Prov. G.T.; J. Webber, Asst. Tyler 610; S. Edwards, 326, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and F. Bolt, I.P.M. 1388. The concluding portion of the service at the graveside was read by the Revs. W. and R. Cruikshank.

BRO. J. POWDRELL.

A very genial and excellent brother has been removed from our midst by the hand of death in the person of Bro. J. Powdrell, M.D. Although not a young man, Bro. Powdrell was, until lately, in the possession of vigorous health and gave promise of much usefulness, Masonically and otherwise. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss. Our late brother was a member of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, and a founder and at the time of his death I.P.M. of Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202. He was also a founder and P.M. of St. Pancras Lodge, founder and H. of the Regent's Park Chapter, a member of the Holborn Lodge, and the Metropolitan Chapter, besides being a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Benevolent Institution.

WHITSUNTIDE RAILWAY FACILITIES.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company announce that a fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. on Saturday, June 4th, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours, and that excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western System. An excursion to Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, and stations in South Wales and South of Ireland will be run on Friday, June 3rd. Cheap trains will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, June 4th, the company will run in duplicate, the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; the 10.20 a.m., 3.15 and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford and South Wales. The first portion of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Bank Holiday excursions will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and other stations. Ordinary and excursion tickets (available from and to Paddington) are issued at the company's City and West End offices, viz.: 193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 269, Strand; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street; Fast London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside, and at the L.B. and S.C. Company's excursion office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar-square. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, L.C. and D. Railway, Kensington (Addison-road), Uxbridge-road, Hammersmith, and other stations. The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on June 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. Ordinary tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, May 30th, to Monday, June 6th,

inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the town receiving offices of the Company. On Thursday, June 2nd, a relief train will leave Euston Station at 10.35 a.m., and will run through to Birmingham and Windermere; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12.55 p.m. for Rhyl and Llandudno; and a special express train will leave Birmingham at 11.35 a.m. for Shrewsbury, Cambrian Line, and North Wales, and passengers for these districts must not travel by the 11.30 a.m. train from Birmingham. On Friday, June 3rd, a train will leave Euston Station at 10.35 a.m., and will run through to Birmingham and Windermere; a special train will leave Euston Station at 6.25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland, calling at Willesden, Rugby, Nuneaton, Crewe, and Chester only; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12.55 p.m. for Rhyl and Llandudno; and a special express train will leave Birmingham at 11.35 a.m. for Shrewsbury, the Cambrian Line, and North Wales, and passengers for these districts will not be conveyed by the 11.30 a.m. train from Birmingham. On Saturday, June 4th, a relief train will leave Euston Station at 10.35 a.m., and run through to Birmingham and Windermere; a special train will leave Rugby at 11.0 a.m., Nuneaton 11.20 a.m., Tamworth 11.40 a.m., Lichfield 11.50 a.m., Rugeley 12.5 noon, for North Wales and Welshpool; a special train will leave Euston Station at 2.45 p.m. for principal stations on Trent Valley Line and Stafford; additional trains will also leave Euston Station for Birmingham at 4.25 p.m. and 6.55 p.m.; a special express train will leave Birmingham at 11.35 a.m. for Shrewsbury, Cambrian Line, and North Wales, and passengers for these districts will not be conveyed by the 11.30 a.m. train from Birmingham; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12.55 p.m. for Rhyl and Llandudno; and relief trains will leave Birmingham at 2.7 p.m. and 4.5 p.m. for Northampton. On Whit Monday, June 6th, the following express trains will not be run from London (Euston), viz.: 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. Passengers will leave at 12.10 noon and 4.10 p.m. respectively; the 9.30 a.m. train from Euston Station will not run. Passengers for Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., will be conveyed by the 9.0 a.m. train; the 4.30 p.m. train from Euston Station will not run. The through carriages between London and the following places will not be run, viz.: Leamington, Walsall, Macclesfield, Welshpool, Aberystwyth, Rochdale, Knutsford, Southport, Bolton, Birkenhead, and Bangor. On Whit Monday, June 6th, numerous residential trains will not be run. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, Scotland, and other places, on Saturday, June 4th.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Saturday, June 4th, cheap three or six days' excursion trains will be run from London (King's Cross) to Cambridge, Wisbech, Lynn, Cromer, Norwich, Yarmouth, Lincoln, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Stoke, Newark, Sheffield, Barnsley, Huddersfield, Manchester, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Hull, York, Scarborough, Whitby, Bridlington, Darlington, Newcastle, &c., &c. A cheap four or eight days' excursion will also be run to Edinburgh and Glasgow. On Whit Monday, June 6th, cheap excursion trains will be run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate, King's Cross (G.N.), &c., to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, and Cambridge. Cheap fast excursions will also be run on Saturday, the 4th, and Monday, 6th June, from Moorgate, Farringdon, King's Cross (G.N.), Finsbury Park, to Skene, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Three or four days' tickets will be issued by the excursion on Saturday, available for return by the excursion on Monday, or by any ordinary train on Tuesday. Manchester Races.—On Thursday night, June 9th, a fast excursion for two days will be run from Moorgate, King's Cross (G.N.), Finsbury Park, &c., to Manchester. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate-hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park stations, and at the following ticket offices: 90, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Piccadilly, S.W.; 139 and 141, Brompton-road, S.W.; Albert-gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square, W.; 169, Edgware-road; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; 328, Strand; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 264, High Holborn; 10, Fish-street Hill; 95, High-street, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 7, Beresford-square, South-west; Great Northern Company's Poplar Dock station; Preston-road; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (G.N. Co.'s offices); at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly-circus; at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.; and of William Whiteley, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater.

The anniversary meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held in the hall of the University of London, Burlington-gardens, on Monday, when the report of the Council was presented and adopted, and medals and other awards were distributed. The number of Fellows, exclusive of honorary members, is 3549, and the income exceeded the expenditure by £154.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, June 4, 1892.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 28.

RAFT LODGES.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.
1679, Henry Muggieridge, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Reclenton, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-st., W., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
255, Iris, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.

MONDAY, MAY 30.

RAFT LODGES.

1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1745, Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.3.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 4.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Waltham Cross, The Chiquera, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zeland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

188, Jappa, Guildhall Tavern.

TUESDAY, MAY 31.

GRAND MARK LODGE, at 5 for 6.

House Committee R.M.B.I., at Croydon, at 3.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalmatian, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-tem-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Derby Alcock, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Falth, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.
Hillingdon, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Jappa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.

GRAND LODGE, at 6 for 7.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Bromley, St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Rising Sun, York-road, Lambeth, at 6.
Coundance, Deacon's Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7.
Cray Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.

Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Fuehly, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Pannure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.

Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith.

Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

RAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
749, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
1155, Excelsior, White Swan, Deptford.
1118, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2411, Clare and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Clarence, 1A, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Mentmore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berryhead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rager's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., 8.30.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
Sir Hugh Middleton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.
Strong Man, Tiptree Restaurant, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street, at 6.30.

The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, The Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
143, Mount Moriah, Albion Tavern.
1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, W.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3.

Board of Management R.M.I. for Boys, at the Institution, Wood Green, at 3.30.

RAFT LODGE.

705, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern.

LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beaconsfield, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W., at 8.
Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Hemley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 205, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Juen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 21, Holloway-rd., at 8.
St. Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 8.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 7.30.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
259, Prince of Wales's, Hotel Metropole.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4.

RAFT LODGE.

1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
MARK LODGE.
205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, June 4, 1892.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, MAY 30.

RAFT LODGES.	Pontypool ... 1258	R.A. CHAPTER.
Warrington ... 148	Buxton ... 1688	Todmorden ... 219
Eastbourne ... 1110	Okehampton ... 1753	MARK LODGES.
Tenby ... 1177	Preston ... 2229	Monmouth ... 109
Micklehurst ... 1218		Preston ... 143
		Lancaster ... 146

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 184	Ramsgate ... 1209	Landport ... 1779
Norwich ... 213	Mossley ... 1218	Walton-on-the-Naze ... 1799
Pembroke Dock ... 378	Carlton Hill ... 1221	East Retford ... 1302
Huddersfield ... 521	Sutton ... 1347	Snaresbrook ... 1804
Ventnor ... 551	Canterbury ... 1449	Hull ... 2134
Saltash ... 1071	Alford ... 1000	
	Bromley ... 1092	

TUESDAY, MAY 31.

RAFT LODGES.	Holyhead ... 597	R.A. CHAPTER.
Carlisle ... 310	Cambridge ... 859	Birmingham ... 74
Corsham ... 335	Brighton ... 1030	MARK LODGE.
Oxford ... 357	Fenton ... 1941	Hereford ... 243

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Birmingham ... 74	Halifax ... 448	Stockton ... 940
Whitnave ... 119	Manchester ... 581	Edmonton ... 1337
Batley ... 264	Aylesbury ... 591	Saltburn-by-Sea ... 1618
Maryport ... 371	Clerkheaton ... 603	Huddersfield ... 1783
Broadstairs ... 429	Lee ... 704	Dartford ... 1837
	Crewkerne ... 814	

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.

RAFT LODGES.	Lr. broughton ... 921	W. Hartlepool ... 1802
Birmingham ... 74	Jersey ... 1003	Hampton Court ... 2024
Sunderland ... 94	Jouglas ... 1001	Long Eaton ... 2121
E. Stonehouse ... 159	Hull ... 1010	Alderley Edge ... 2368
Sidmouth ... 104	Liverpool ... 1013	Hay ... 2342
Guernsey ... 168	Alnwick ... 1167	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Leicester ... 279	Sandwich ... 1200	Exeter ... 112
Tavistock ... 281	Chester-le-Street ... 1274	Scarborough ... 201
Stockport ... 287	Atherstone ... 1333	Monmouth ... 457
Rochdale ... 293	Wigan ... 1315	Haverfordwest ... 434
Bristol ... 326	Leigh ... 1354	Blyth ... 059
Wigton ... 327	Solihull ... 1431	Sowerby Bridge ... 1253
Dorchester ... 417	Woolston ... 1401	MARK LODGES.
Ramsgate ... 429	Warminster ... 1475	Bath - Royal Com-berland ... 91
Newport, Mon. ... 471	Portmadoc ... 1509	Devonport ... 189
Ludlow ... 011	Cardife ... 1534	Burnley ... 189
Kearsley ... 075	Gt. Stanmore ... 1549	Workington ... 251
Boston ... 838	Tue Brook ... 1610	Winhill ... 339
Bungay ... 929	Frinton ... 1600	
East Loos ... 970	Halifax ... 1730	

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20	Haverfordwest ... 464	Chorlton-on-Medlock ... 1459
Shrewsbury ... 117	Longton ... 540	Bromley ... 1009
Ryde ... 175	Newbury ... 574	Herne Bay ... 2039
Dover ... 199	Canterbury ... 971	Hendon ... 2200
Singley ... 439	Sowerby Bridge ... 1203	

THURSDAY, JUNE 2.

RAFT LODGES.	Northampton ... 360	Padiham ... 1504
Newcastle ... 24	Grantham ... 304	Barnsley ... 1513
Canterbury ... 31	Wolverhampton ... 419	Lymm ... 1595
Chichester ... 38	Wells, Somerset ... 440	Stony Stratford ... 1039
Bath ... 41	Accrington ... 402	Rhyl ... 1674
Hull ... 57	Stoke Newington ... 509	Torquay Heath ... 1790
Merthyr Tydvil ... 110	Hartlepool ... 531	Brighton ... 1849
Ipswich ... 114	Walsall ... 539	St. Leonard's ... 1842
Richmond, Yorks ... 123	Manchester ... 633	Kidderminster ... 1874
Bournemouth ... 195	Stoke-upon-Trent ... 637	Sandhurst ... 2109
Todmorden ... 219	Blackpool ... 703	Chingford ... 2255
Devonport ... 249	Grimsoy ... 794	Bisley ... 2317
Liverpool ... 254	Lostwithiel ... 850	Hindley ... 2351
Heywood ... 200	Plumstead ... 913	Chester ... 2350
Blackburn ... 209	Bruton ... 970	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Leeds ... 289	Bury ... 1014	Bristol ... 187
Macclesfield ... 295	Topsham ... 1254	Ramsgate ... 449
Ashton-under-Lyne ... 300	Horncliffe ... 1304	Ardsley ... 581
Beccles ... 305	Dartington ... 1379	Sheffield ... 53
Fareham ... 309	Widnes ... 1384	Falmouth ... 371
Manchester ... 317	Boole ... 1473	Liskeard ... 391
	Norwich ... 1503	

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Nottingham ... 47	Bideford ... 459	Latfield ... 1580
plymouth ... 70	Liverpool ... 073	Leyton ... 1095
Gravesend ... 77	Portland ... 1037	Sandown ... 1809
Liverpool ... 203	Rochester ... 1050	Snanklin ... 1854
Batley ... 204	Liverpool ... 1182	Wallingford ... 185
Leeds ... 289	Sudbury ... 1224	New Brompton ... 1907
Uxbridge ... 382	Thirsk ... 1410	Dover ... 2195
Gravesend ... 483	Kornford ... 1437	Bradford ... 2321

FRIDAY, JUNE 3.

RAFT LODGES.	Ledbury ... 751	Nottingham ... 1405
Manchester ... 44	Ripon ... 837	Morecambe ... 1501
Highbridge ... 291	Gloucester ... 839	Gosforth ... 1064
Leeds ... 300	Albion ... 930	Penarth ... 1754
Huddersfield ... 521	Walsingham ... 995	Rickmansworth ... 2054
Wellington ... 001	Manchester ... 1009	Layland ... 2370
Ryde ... 095	Deal ... 1090	R.A. CHAPTER.
Ashted ... 709	Barnard Castle ... 1430	Plymouth ... 156
	Withington ... 1375	

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond, Yorks ... 123	Keighley ... 205	Saltash ... 1071
Bristol ... 187	Bristol ... 320	Birkenhead ... 1289
Ipswich ... 225	Birmingham ... 557	Bristol (Province) ... 1934
	Bradford ... 1934	

SATURDAY, JUNE 4.



Bro. T. C. Freeman was at the last meeting unanimously elected W.M. of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.

Bros. the Earl of Arran, Viscount Powerscourt, Sir T. Sutherland, M.P., and Victor Cavendish, M.P., were among those who attended a political meeting in the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday evening.

Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan was able to take a long drive on Monday afternoon without feeling unduly fatigued, and has made such progress towards recovery that there is every prospect of his being able to resume his professional duties at an early date.

The whole of the broad gauge line of the Great Western Railway has now been taken up. It was an arduous task, but the 5000 men employed by the company accomplished it in 31 hours. The ordinary service of passenger trains was resumed early in the week.

The marriage of Major the Hon. John T. St. Aubyn, Grenadier Guards, eldest son of Lord St. Levan, with Lady Edith Edgcombe, youngest daughter of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, will be solemnised at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, during the third week in June.

The annual summer sale at the Royal School of Art Needlework, Exhibition-road, South-Kensington, was opened by Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, who was accompanied by her daughter, Princess Victoria, and assisted at her stall by the Hon. Mrs. Percy Wyndham and Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst.

After the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Girls' School on Tuesday last, Bro. Alfred Capper very kindly gave his entertainment, consisting of legerdemain, songs, and finally thought-reading. It was very successful, the thought-reading experiments especially so, and appeared to give great pleasure not only to the children, but to all present.

Shortly before midnight on Wednesday thunderstorms broke over the Metropolis. Flashes of sheet lightning occurred with remarkable frequency throughout the night, and at daybreak there was a severe thunders'orm, accompanied by heavy rain, which continued for some hours.

The Duke of Cambridge had sufficiently recovered from his recent bronchial attack to be able to visit Exeter on Monday for the purpose of opening the new Drill Hall of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Devonshire regiment, and the new hall for the Artillery Volunteers. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. General Sir Redvers Buller, Sir Francis Grenfell, and Col. Lane, and during his stay was the guest of the Mayor, Mr. E. H. Houlditch.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Charing Cross Railway Station shortly after 8 p.m. on Monday evening en route for Copenhagen, where they will be the guests of the King and Queen of Denmark. Their Royal Highnesses, however, will not attend any of the festivities in connection with the Golden Wedding celebration of their Majesties, which were to begin on Thursday. The Prince and his son will remain for about a week or 10 days, but the visit of the Princess and her daughters will be prolonged to about three weeks.

Bro. Emma Holmes's romantic Masonic story, "At the Oakholt," the scene of which is laid in Guernsey and Cornwall, is now being published in the "Gentleman's Journal." Bro. Holmes has just been promoted to the Collectorship of Customs at Newhaven—after an absence of 10 years from England, spent at Kirkcaldy, Guernsey, Newry, and Limerick, in which ports he held the same position—in the Civil Service. Bro. Holmes, who is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, has recently been elected a member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, a society which is doing a good work in elucidating and preserving the memorials of the past in a country abounding in antiquities.

The Queen completed her 73rd year on Tuesday, having been born at Kensington Palace on the 24th May, 1819. With the exception of the King of Denmark her Majesty is the oldest reigning monarch in Europe, and has been longer on the throne than any of her ancestors, with the exception of Henry III. and her grandfather, George III. The auspicious event was celebrated officially with the usual *elalut* in London on Wednesday, when the chief Ministers of State gave banquets, and there was the usual display of trooping the colours on the Horse Guards Parade. In the evening the clubs and public buildings at the West-end, as well as many of the leading tradesmen's houses, were brilliantly illuminated.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of the Admiralty, invited the Members of the House of Commons to accompany him on Saturday last on a visit of inspection to Portsmouth Dockyard. Among those who accepted the invitation were Bros. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., J. G. Shaw-Lefevre, Dixon-Hartland, Abel Smith, Sir Thomas Sutherland, Col. Howard Vincent, Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir E. J. Reed, John Aird, Sir John Puleston, F. Seager-Hunt, Sir Joseph Bailey, Bart., and Sir John Colomb. The Royal Sovereign, the latest thing in battleships, was inspected, and after luncheon the visitors were taken on board some government tugs to the depot-ship *Acton*, and had an opportunity of seeing some mimic torpedo and submarine warfare. The proceedings closed with a visit to Whale Island, where a 22-ton gun and a 6-inch gun were fired with full charges, and a number of sailors showed how guns were fought in an action. The party returned to Victoria by 7 p.m.

FISH! FISH! FISH! The CO-OPERATIVE FISH SUPPLY CO., LTD., are now sending out cheap BASKETS of FISH or OYSTERS, carriage paid, to any part of the Kingdom, from 2s. 6d. each and upwards, direct from the landing stage. Address orders and remittances to the Co-Operative Fish Supply Co., Ltd., Pontoon, Grimsby, or to Billingsgate Buildings, London, E.C., as may be most convenient. Try our London House for their celebrated Bloaters, Findon Haddocks, Kippers, &c.

Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., who has recently been attending the Duke of Connaught professionally, was amongst those present at the Levee held by H.R.H. on behalf of the Queen.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft will take the chair at the Cannon-street Hotel to-day (Friday) at the half-yearly election of the Royal Hospital for Incurables. No fewer than 35 poor sufferers will be admitted to the benefits of the charity on the occasion.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft presided on Friday last, in the absence through illness of the Duke of Cambridge, at a dinner at the Hôtel Métropole in aid of the proposed new Clarence Wing of the St. Mary's Hospital. The subscriptions amounted to over £10,000.

Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Secretary 2012, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks, was unanimously elected, for the ninth year in succession, Treasurer of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction and the Benevolent Association attached thereto on Saturday last, the 21st inst.

The German Chemical Society, of which the late Professor von Hofmann was President, has resolved to erect a memorial to him in Berlin in the form of an institute, like the English foundations in memory of famous men, which will serve as the centre of all efforts to promote chemical science and its practical application.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has remitted to the Mayor of Middlesbrough the following additional donations in relief of the distress in the Tees-side districts: Messrs. Child and Co., £50; T. and B., £50; Mr. and Miss Gandar, £10; Mr. Samuel Laing, £10; and Mr. J. Miller, £10.

We regret to record the death very suddenly at his residence, Stamford Hill, of Mr. John Barnett, father of Bro. John Barnett, jun., P.M. of No. 2192, &c. The deceased gentleman was much esteemed, and we offer to Bro. John Barnett, jun., and the family generally, our sincere sympathy.

We regret to record the death, on the 24th inst., of Mrs. Hayman, wife of Bro. John Hayman, of the Derby Allcroft Lodge. Mrs. Hayman shared to a large extent the popularity of her husband, and was familiarly known to the members of the lodge as "Sister Kate." The funeral took place at Willesden cemetery yesterday (Thursday). The lodge sent a handsome wreath of Masonic designs.

Amongst the recent contributions to the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund, on behalf of which an appeal is made for funds to help those Irish ladies who, owing to the rent difficulty and causes beyond their own control, have been reduced to absolute poverty, are £50 from the Duke of Westminster, £50 from the executors of the late Mrs. Jane Hibbert, 20 guineas from the Worshipful Company of Skinners, and ten guineas from the Worshipful Company of Saddlers.

Amongst the leading houses in the seed trade, that of Bro. King, of Coggeshall, Essex, takes a prominent position. Established so long ago as 1793, it has acquired a position in the trade which could only have been maintained during these long years by strict probity and fair dealing, and at the same time a shrewd determination to keep abreast of the times. The catalogue just issued by the firm will bear favourable comparison with the most enterprising of rival firms, and as far as we are able to judge, embraces all the novelties as well as the specialities for which the firm is famous.

A Freemason who died a few days ago in Paris left his Masonic sash to an old friend by will. When at the point of death, however, he sent for a priest in order to confess, and receive absolution for his sins. On the priest's arrival in the room he observed the sash occupying a place of honour, and addressing himself to the servant enquired "what that sacrilegious object was doing there?" and ordered her to throw it into the fire. The servant, convinced that unless the sash were burned here above, her master certainly would be destroyed by fire down below, complied with the ecclesiastic's request. The disappointed heir has lodged a complaint with the police.—*Morning*.

It is with sincere regret—a regret that will be shared by many of our readers—that we learn of the decease on Monday, after a few days' illness, of Mr. Thomas Merritt Fox, of 37, St. George's-square. Deceased was the elder son of the late Mr. Thomas Fox, of the firm of Browning, Wood, and Fox, distillers, Worship-street. He received his education at Merchant Taylors' School, and then studied for the law, being admitted as a solicitor, practising his profession to the very last. Mr. Fox was a member of the Merchant Taylors' Company, and also a past master of the Distillers' Company. Deceased took an active interest in Masonry, and at the time of his death held office as Senior Warden of the Royal Hampton Court Lodge, No. 2183.—*City Press*.

The brethren connected with the Temple Lodge of Instruction held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 20th inst., and wound up the session with a supper, presided over by Bro. C. G. Withell. A large attendance included Bros. W. L. D. Colling, W.M. 70; W. E. Chapel, I.P.M. 156; W. Thomas, W.M. 156; J. H. Evans, P.M. 70; C. F. Dunsterville, P.M. 189; J. Gidley, P.M. 189; J. Goad, J.W. 70; G. Dunsterville, J.W. 189; J. Burton, W. Treasure, F. Prout, J. Stenlake, J. G. Hall, and A. N. M. Coles, all of 70; A. Clark, J. Youatt, and J. Harkins, 156; Maitland, 1247; J. Wells, 1255; S. G. Edwards, 1550; R. J. Sewel, 1550; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, that of "The Chairman, Bro. Withell," was proposed by Bro. Stenlake, who, at the same time, presented Bro. Withell with a handsome jewel, subscribed for by members of the lodge of instruction in recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor. Altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one.

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The Master of the Loriners' Company, Bro. Deputy Dadsell, has signified his intention of entertaining the ladies of the court at a banquet at the Crystal Palace in the second week of July.

The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar have promised to be present at the regimental dinner of the 1st Guards' Club (Grenadiers), at the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday next.

At the meeting of the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., Comp. Robert H. Crowden, P.Z. 1297, &c., was installed into the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. Cambridge into that of H., and Comp. Gossett as J.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place in July between Miss Rosalie Lilian Bernard, youngest daughter of the late Bro. Major Bernard, and Bro. Colonel Richardson-Gardner, formerly M.P. for Windsor, of 32, Park-lane, and Chateau Louis XIII., Cannes.

Prince Christian attended a meeting of the governors of the Royal Holloway College, Egham, held at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday afternoon, at which Sir Henry Roscoe, M.P., Mr. Bryce, M.P., and the Rev. Dr. Moulton were appointed honorary governors.

The Duke of Edinburgh has presented to the Royal South-Western Yacht Club a handsome silver Challenge Cup to be sailed for Service Boats. Matches will be sailed on July 15th and August 12th; and the winners will compete for possession of the Cup on September 2nd.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Sheriffs of London were entertained at dinner at Stationers' Hall (which was kindly lent for the occasion by the Worshipful Company of Spectacle-makers), on Monday. The chair was occupied by Bro. Alderman Sir Polydore De Keyser, Master of the Company, the Wards for the year being Bro. Alderman Col. Davies and Alderman G. Faudel Phillips.

Beaumont Park, in the eastern part of Plymouth, purchased by the Town Council at a cost of £24,000, was opened by the Mayor on Wednesday, in the presence of some 8000 people. The grounds are nine acres in extent, and beautifully wooded. The district is thickly populated, and the park will be preserved purely as a recreation ground, and not laid out as an ornamental garden.

On Thursday, at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, at which the Lord Mayor presided, the Town Clerk read a letter from Lord Salisbury to Mr. J. R. Cotton, the City Chamberlain, stating that, in recognition of his valuable services, the Queen had been pleased to confer on him the honour of knighthood. The communication was loudly cheered, and Sir W. Cotton, in response to calls, expressed his thanks for the cordial reception given to the intimation.

The National Horticultural Exhibition at Earl's Court is now in working order. The band of the Garde Republicaine, consisting of 80 performers, under direction of M. Gustave Vettege, will to-day (Friday) commence an engagement which lasts till June 8th, and to-day and to-morrow (Saturday) will be held the first great flower show of the season. The gardens are attracting a large number of visitors. The attendance for the first eight days was considerably over 100,000, while on Saturday last the number during the day was little short of 30,000.

About five o'clock on Thursday morning the alarm bell communicating with the fire-post in East-street commenced ringing violently in the Old Kent-road Fire-station. The members of the brigade promptly turned out the manual engine and escape-ladder, but on arrival at East-street it was found that the lightning had struck the electric wire and started the bell ringing. No damage was done. At this time the thunderstorm was at its height, and the firemen were drenched to the skin before reaching their quarters again.

Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach presided at a meeting on Monday of the Committee formed to promote the erection of a stained-glass window in St. Margaret's, Westminster, as a memorial by the House of Commons to their late leader, the Right Hon. W. H. Smith. The fund, which already exceeds £500, will be closed this week, and subscriptions are requested to be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Bro. Sir John Puleston. With the surplus remaining when the window has been erected, a bust of the late Minister will be placed in a suitable position in the House of Commons.

The Cutlers' Hall is this year the seat of the assemblage of works in Black and White, executed for the publications of the Messrs. Cassell, and done, therefore, for the most part, with reference to the needs of popular reproduction. Sir James Linton, Mr. Alfred East, Mr. Frank Dicksee, Mr. John Fulleylove, Mr. W. L. Wyllie, Mr. Walter Paget, and Miss M. Ellen Edwards are among the best-known contributors to those admirably-illustrated serials, the drawings for which the Messrs. Cassell are in the habit of exposing to view, and which the purchaser may, we notice, acquire at generally the most modest of prices.

The annual meeting of the Leamington Masonic Hall Syndicate was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., Bro. J. Glover in the chair. The annual balance-sheet, which was received and adopted, showed, on the general account, liabilities amounting to £1776 5s. 7d., made up as follows: To capital paid up, viz., 146 shares at £5 each, £730; mortgage, £500; various accounts, £68 10s. 1d.; balance due to bank, £75 5s. 6d.; and cash due to Secretary, £2 10s. The assets included the Victoria House property, £1483 8s. 11d.; furniture and effects, £228 0s. 2d.; together with balance losses on 1889 and 1890 amounting to £43 14s. 10d. The profit and loss account showed a favourable balance of £1 4s. 7d. The receipts for the hire of the room outside Masonic purposes amounted to £25 7s. 6d. It was stated that there was an amount of unsubscribed capital which, if subscribed for, would place the finances of the Syndicate in a good position. Bro. Whitehouse was elected Chairman, and the following were elected on the Committee: Bros. Whitehouse, Fayerman, Merridew, F. Glover, Blaker, and Barrett. Bro. Skinner was appointed Secretary; Bro. J. Glover, Treasurer; and Bro. Overall, Auditor.

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