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## THE APPEAL OF BRO. LOUIS.

Grand Lodge did well in adopting unanimously the advice of Grand Registrar in respect of the appeal by a Bro. LOUIS, P.D.G.W. Bengal, against the sentence of suspension passed upon him by the District Grand Master of Bengal in December last. The circumstances, so far as we understand them, and as they were described by Grand Registrar, appear to us to fully justify the course pursued by the District Grand Master. There is, as our readers are aware, a Bengal Masonic Benevolent Institution in Calcutta, which is supported by the voluntary contributions of the brethren, and also by those of many non-Masons. It was proposed to make certain alterations in the by-laws of this Institution, but the District Grand Master considered such alterations would not be attended by beneficial consequences to the Charity, and set forth his reasons for so thinking in a circular which he addressed to the subscribers, and one of which, by accident, reached the hands of a non-Mason. At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge in June of last year, at which, in the absence on furlough in England of the Dist. G.M., his Deputy, Bro. THOMAS JONES, presided, Bro. LOUIS rose for the purpose of calling the brethren's attention to the circular of the District Grand Master, but as the matter was not on the agenda, the Acting District Grand Master ruled him out of order, and Bro. LOUIS sat down. The latter then appealed to United Grand Lodge, but the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, wrote a letter, in which he pointed out that District Grand Lodge had no power or right to deal with any matter relating to the Bengal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was a private society or body supported by the voluntary subscriptions of private individuals, both Masons and non-Masons. Here, in accordance with the dictates of reason and common sense, the matter should have ended, but Bro. LOUIS appears to have had, not one, but sundry grievances, and though he had been obliged to acquiesce firstly in District Grand Lodge, when the District Grand Master in the chair had ruled him out of order, and secondly, when the late Grand Secretary of England had pointed out that District Grand Lodge had nothing to do with matters concerning a private institution, he was by no means satisfied. He, too, must needs issue a circular of some 12 closely-printed pages, in which he gave a version of what had passed in District Grand Lodge which differed materially from the official version. It also contained letters which he had received from different brethren in reply to his request for their version of what had occurred, and one of these brethren said he understood that his letter was a private communication, and was much surprised on finding it was published in this circular without his (the writer's) consent. Lastly, Bro. LOUIS made several charges against the District Grand Master, who had been away in England, and was fain to admit that at least in one case he had distributed his circular, which dealt with matters that had occurred in District Grand Lodge, among non-Masons. On being called upon to give an explanation of his extraordinary conduct, Bro. LOUIS appears to have admitted what it was impossible to deny, and to have offered a feeble defence of what was in fact quite indefensible. In the result the Dist. Grand Master suspended him from all his Masonic rights and privileges, and United Grand Lodge by its action on the 1st instant has now fully indorsed such suspension. We are well pleased this has been done. We know nothing whatever of Bro. LOUIS, and it is impossible, therefore, we could write otherwise than impartially, when we point out that in the interests of Freemasonry it is absolutely necessary that the authority of our rulers should be upheld. If every time a brother with a grievance is taken to task by a presiding officer for bringing it forward irregularly, he is to set himself up against that officer's authority, call in question at an improper time and in an improper manner the accuracy of official records, utilise for his own purposes letters which in one case certainly were considered and intended to be private, and make charges against officers of still higher rank than the aforesaid presiding officer *pro tem.*, there must be an end to all order and discipline. No society, which lays claim to be respected by the general body politic, can afford to allow the authority of its officers to be set at naught. In this particular instance, moreover, the offender was not, as Grand Registrar pointed out, a young and inexperienced Mason, of no standing worth speaking of, but one who had been "raised to honour and dignity," and held the rank of a Past District Grand Warden. The President of the Board of General Purposes added yet another reason, which carries with it great weight. "The brethren," said Bro. FENN, "ought to recollect that in India there were a great many castes. Masonry had tended in a great measure to reconcile them, and also to render the private life of India more reconciled to the rule of the British Empire. He thought that anything that tended to

disturb the harmony and union should be deprecated, and that Grand Lodge should do all in its power to cement it." We do not desire to see men admitted into our ranks, and especially in our colonies and possessions abroad, where are to be found people of all creeds, and nationalities, and castes, who cannot agree to differ. There ought to be no persons in our lodges who cannot be called to order without repudiating the obligations they have contracted and attacking those who are placed in authority over them. It is evident, as Bro. FENN suggested, that Bro. LOUIS in publishing these letters—which he had received privately—"had shown a rankling spirit," and for this reason, as well as for the weightier reasons we have cited, we are glad that his appeal against his suspension has been dismissed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at Cirencester, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P. The lodge was held at the Corn Hall, which was handsomely fitted up for the occasion. The banners of the lodges in the province adorned the wall in the following order:—Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge, No. 270; Royal Union Lodge, No. 246; Foundation Lodge, No. 82; Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493; Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592; Sherborne Lodge, No. 702; St. John's Lodge, No. 761; Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839; Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855; St. George's Lodge, No. 900; Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 951; Zetland Lodge, No. 1005; Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067; Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363; and Hicks-Beach Lodge, No. 2407.

Prior to the opening of the Prov. Grand Lodge a lodge of recreation was held at the seat of the Right Hon. Earl Bathurst, in his lordship's park. About 150 of the brethren availed themselves of the invitation, and this proved a most enjoyable feature of the day's proceedings.

At half-past three o'clock the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in the Corn Hall, when the attendance was very large. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and he was supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M.; General Vizard, P.S.G.W.; R. W. Northcott, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Chris. V. Childe, P.G. Chap.; J. Naysmith, P.G. Reg.; T. Nelson Foster, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Winterbotham, P.G. Sec.; J. W. Drew, P.S.G.D.; Robert Anderson, jun., P.J.G.D.; R. J. Weston, P.G.S. of W.; Dr. Needham, P.G.D. of C.; Dr. Campbell, P.A.G.D. of C.; William Heath, P.G.S.B.; J. P. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; S. W. Hadingham, P.G. Std. Br.; E. G. Woodward, P.G. Org.; Henry T. Jew, P.G.P.; and J. A. Gould, Sidney Bloodworth, and William Rice, P.G. Stwds.

The lodge having been opened in the usual manner, the first business was the confirmation of the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Dursley on May 19th, 1891. The next business on the agenda was to receive the report of the Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. T. N. FOSTER then submitted a detailed statement, which showed that the receipts were £161 5s., and the year closed with a balance in hand of about £74.

The Report of the Charity Committee was presented by Bro. R. V. VASSAR-SMITH, D.P.G.M. After devoting a considerable sum to Masonic Charities there was a balance in hand of £115 12s. 4d.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER reminded the brethren that Sir Michael would this year preside at the annual Festival of the Boys' Institution, and expressed a hope that he would be well supported on that occasion.

Bro. T. Nelson was then formally proposed and unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Phillips was filled by the unanimous election of Bro. Window, 855, as Prov. G. Tyler.

The Charity votes having been passed, Bro. R. V. VASSAR-SMITH moved that the sum of 100 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to endow the chair of the Prov. Grand Master in perpetuity, in celebration of this year being the fourth occasion Sir Michael would preside at the Festival. The roll of the lodges was then called, and the respective reports proved that Masonry in the province was generally in a flourishing condition.

At the conclusion of this formal business the Prov. Grand Master then, in an able manner, appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Sir Lionel Edward Darell, Bart., 839	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. Ellett, 592	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Alfred Bond, 270...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. G. Woodward, 493...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Nelson Foster, 839...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. B. Winterbotham, 82	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Col. R. Rogers, 82	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. H. Henly, 855	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. A. Huband, 246	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Trinder, 592	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Edwin Lea, 1905	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.

Bro. W. Roberts, 1363	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Adams, 762	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Henry Teague, 951	...	...	
" Frank Forty, 246	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. P. Sumner, 839	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. Dallimore, 1005	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Rawlins, 592	...	...	
" T. B. Porter, 592	...	...	
" Window, 855	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Before the business concluded, Sir MICHAEL thanked the brethren for the evidence of the substantial support he would have at the forthcoming Boys' Festival.

The usual banquet was served at the King's Head Hotel, Sir Michael in the chair, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The brethren attending the Provincial Grand Lodge numbered about 200, and the event was regarded as a very successful one.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Wellington, under the banner of the Fidelity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 1966. The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, presided, and was supported on his right hand by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. of England. The Town Hall was very tastefully and appropriately decorated for the occasion, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren, the whole of the lodges throughout the province being represented.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. J. C. HUNT, read the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Bath on the 14th May of last year, and they were confirmed, as were also the minutes of special lodges held at the formation of the Exmoor Lodge, and on the occasions of the opening of the Masonic Hall at Frome and of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Art and Technical Schools at Weston-super-Mare.

On the motion of the P.G.M., Bro. LORD DUNGARVAN, seconded by the D.P.G.M., Bro. ELSE, a resolution was entered on the minutes of profound sympathy with her Majesty and the Prince and Princess of Wales in their bereavement on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Clarence.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, next presented his annual statement of accounts, from which it appeared that the income during the past year amounted to £230 5s. 10d., and the expenditure to £178 6s. 6d. The balance in hand last year was £133 14s. 3d., and this year £148 18s. 7d.

Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards was unanimously re-appointed Prov. Grand Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. WHITE, seconded by Bro. RADWAY, and thanked for his past services.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. J. Meyler, 261	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" B. Watts, P.M. 53	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. McConnell, P.M. 379	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. W. Weatherley, P.M. 1755	...	...	
" C. L. Fry Edwards	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Western, P.M. 2038	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Hunt, 135	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. T. Dunsford, 291	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" G. Parry, P.M. 814	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. H. Price, P.M. 1296	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. P. Judge, P.M. 1953	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" E. A. Cross, P.M. 446	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" F. H. Railton, P.M. 291	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" E. Stephens, P.M. 1197	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. S. Naish, P.M. 1833	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Hayward, P.M. 906	...	...	
" A. Edwards, P.M. 437	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Clark, P.M. 1750	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. Lockyer, P.M. 976	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Salter	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Bigwood	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.

The P.G. SECRETARY next read a satisfactory report of the Charity Organisation for the past year, which was adopted.

A luncheon was subsequently held at the Squirrel Hotel, Wellington, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BEDFORDSHIRE.

Bedford was *en fête* on Thursday, the 2nd instant, that being the day appointed for the installation of Lord Amptill, the new Provincial Grand Master of the province. His lordship had taken up his residence the day previously with Bro. Dr. Poole, P.M. of the Sir William Harpur Lodge, in order to see that everything was properly arranged.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., who was assisted by Bros. T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, as D.P.G.M.; Robt. Grey, President Board of Benevolence, as P.P.G.M.; Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened, and the Pro Grand Master saluted, the Prov. Grand Master designate was announced, and his patent having been found in proper form, he was conducted into Provincial Grand Lodge, obligated, invested, installed, and saluted, and afterwards appointed his officers for the year as follows:

Bro. Charles Edward Prior, P.M.	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" Edmund R. Green, P.M.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Augustus Morson, P.M.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Percy F. J. Pearce	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Alfred Ewen, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Mark Whyley, P.P.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Charles Percy, P.M.	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" John H. Tohrer, P.M.	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Hugh Cumberland, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Frederick Green, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Robert Page Jarvis, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Henry R. Rose, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Samuel L. Kilpin, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. Eng., had kindly consented to act as G.D.C., the same as he did on the installation of Bro. Col. Stuart some few years ago, and being ably seconded by Bro. Thody, P.M. 2343, as his assistant, it is needless to say the day's proceedings passed off without a hitch, and to the satisfaction of everyone present, of whom there was a very large number.

After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a banquet befitting the occasion had been provided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, after which "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master" was proposed by the PRO GRAND MASTER and responded to in a manner which will long be remembered by those who heard it, and it is not going too far to say that if his lordship puts into practice the principles he then enunciated and carries out his work in the manner then shadowed forth, the brethren of the province will have no cause to regret the appointment the M.W. Grand Master has thought fit to make.

### CONSECRATION OF THE FERDINAND DE ROTHSCHILD LODGE, No. 2420.

The Province of Buckinghamshire has steadily progressed since its separation from Berkshire, and it is now one lodge ahead of its late partner by the consecration, on Monday, the 30th ult., of the Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge, No. 2420, at the Five Arrows Hotel, Waddesdon. The new lodge gives every promise of proving itself a valuable addition, having as its first W.M. Bro. James Stephens, who has had considerable experience in the Craft and other Degrees; as its first S.W. the distinguished brother after whom the lodge is named; and numbering amongst the founders several Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers. The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bros. J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec., as S.W.; J. Williams, Prov. G. Treas., as J.W.; and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.

The founders and officers designate of the new lodge were Bros. James Stephens, P.M., W.M.; Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., S.W.; George A. Sims, J.W.; E. Gibbs, H. H. Sherwin, H. Jowett, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Rowe, Lewis Poulton, P.P.G.W.; E. T. Mackrill, and Walter Surfleet.

Visitors: Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W., Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; G. T. De Fraine, P.P.G.D.C.; L. N. Simms, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Hunt, I.G. 948; T. G. Parrott, 591; R. C. Sanders, 948; H. E. Broad, 591; H. Martin, P.P.J.G.W.; E. T. Palmer, P.P.G.S.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middlesex; J. D. Coales, 591; A. W. Watson, 591; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.P. West Lancs.; A. Wilson, 591; J. H. H. Fowler, P.P.G. Asst. Sec. Berks and Bucks; G. Green, 591; R. Ginger; G. Weston, 733; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; J. Reader, I.G. 591; F. Edgington, P.P.G. Org.; F. L. Lane, P.M. 504; W. J. Vane, J.W. 1425; L. Phillips, 948; J. Jennings; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2150; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Haswell Turner, P.M. 1608; E. Hill, W.M. 948; G. F. Phillpot, 1719; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; F. F. Lehmann, 591; E. B. Cox, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Sherman, J.W. 591; H. W. Davie, P.M. 173; Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org. Essex; A. Cockerill, P.M. 360, Prov. G. Treas. Norths and Hunts; W. O. Beazley; W. Smith, P.M. 948; F. Payne, Prov. G. Tyler; W. W. Lee, W.M. elect 2381; and several others.

A large number of brethren journeyed by rail from London to Aylesbury, where carriages were found to convey them to Waddesdon, which proved a most enjoyable drive of over five miles, the weather being delightful, and the country at its best.

The lodge was opened punctual to time by Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF, D.P.G.M., and a hymn having been sung, he addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting. He said they had met together on an extremely important occasion to consecrate a new lodge in a part of the province adjoining the town of Aylesbury, which contained the oldest and one of the best lodges in the province. He was confident from the character of those who started it that the new lodge would become a centre of useful Masonic work in the neighbourhood of Waddesdon, and the Aylesbury brethren would agree with him that there was no feeling of jealousy on their part, but that they welcomed the addition, which they were sure had a useful future before it.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, and a brief oration having been delivered by the Consecrating Officer, the new lodge was duly dedicated and constituted.

Bro. James Stephens was next installed as W.M., and appointed the following officers: Bros. H. Jowett, acting I.P.M.; Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., S.W.; George A. Sims, J.W.; Lewis Poulton, Sec.; E. Gibbs, S.D.; H. H. Sherwin, J.D.; E. T. Mackrill, D.C.; W. Surfleet, I.G.; W. H. Rowe, Steward; and Hodgkinson, Tyler.

The W.M., on behalf of the S.W.—who was unable to attend, having been ordered to the Continent by his medical adviser—presented each of the members with a founder's jewel, and it was unanimously resolved to send the following telegram to Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., S.W.:

V.W. Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, together with the other Consecrating Officers, visitors, and brethren of the Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge, now assembled, express their sincere regret at your enforced absence, more particularly in consequence of the cause, and wish you a speedy return to that good health they themselves desire.

On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the ACTING S.W., the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the lodge, a similar honour being conferred upon Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution, and J. Morrison McLeod, P.P.S.G.W., Sec. R.M. Institution for Boys, on the motion of Bros. MACKRILL and SURFLEET.

Several propositions for initiation and joining were received, and apologies for non-attendance announced from Bros. Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*); E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; and others.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a spacious marquee, which had been erected on the lawn, and which was tastefully decorated with flags, flowers, &c.

A *recherche* repast was served in a really excellent manner, which not only reflected the highest credit on the worthy host, Mr. Turnham, but which would have reflected credit on any of the principal Metropolitan hostelries.

The menu, toast list, and programme of music were bound together in a handsome volume, and formed a fitting souvenir of a most successful and important gathering. The book, which contained an excellent portrait of Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., and an appropriate selection of

Shakespearean quotations, was compiled by Bro. Hy. Jowett, P.P.S.G.W.' acting I.P.M.

After dessert, the customary toasts were appropriately given, and heartily acknowledged.

In giving "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he was pleased to recognise the presence of Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap. The next brother he considered one of the truest and largest hearted man that ever God put breath into—Bro. Cama—who was known not only in this country, but whose deeds were chronicled in the history of India, as well as those of his good father before him. When they elected their dear good brother from India to be Grand Treasurer, it not only redounded to his credit, but it was in every sense a credit to the Craft in general. Bro. James Terry shone bright, especially in the heart of every Mason in England, and in his (the W.M.'s) opinion it was by that distinguished brother's efforts, night and day, that the grand result of the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was obtained. Bro. C. F. Hogard's name was ever popular, and he was always welcomed and appreciated for his geniality, and Bro. Sadler was known to be always willing to do everything he could to further the interests of the Craft.

Bro. D. P. CAMA, P.G. Treas., returned thanks, and said he could safely say that from the M.W.G.M. to their excellent Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian, the Grand Officers had but one aim—to promote the prestige of their noble Order. They had lost many Grand Officers who had died in harness, and he could not give them a better name than that of the Earl of Carnarvon, who was known to him as a great peacemaker inside and outside Masonry. The appointment of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master was one of those graceful acts from the chair which would be one of the means of creating good feeling between the Eastern and Western brethren. He was pleased to see Bro. Stephens in the chair that evening, and the choice of the brethren was justified by the large gathering present. The founders had made all the brethren very happy that evening, and it was therefore their duty to communicate that happiness to others more unfortunate. They had two worthy Secretaries present from the Charitable Institutions who would appeal to those who, up to the present, had not done anything for those Institutions.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, P.G. Std. Br., also replied, and said he was pleased to attend and wish the new lodge "God speed." The Grand Officers were always ready to earn the gratitude of the brethren for the positions they held. Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., had invited all the boys of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to enjoy their annual sports at Kempton Park, which would be an incentive to them, and, if fine, would be an enjoyable outing.

"The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Officers" was next submitted by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said he had the pleasure of meeting the Deputy Prov. Grand Master a month ago at the consecration of the Carrington Lodge in their province, which was the first opportunity he had of hearing the splendid manner in which Bro. Brownrigg performed the ceremony of consecration. That he was rapid there could be no doubt, and none could equal him, for it was an exceptionally good trait in his character. In welcoming the Prov. Grand Officers, every founder thanked them most earnestly for any inconvenience they might have been subject to in order to be present.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, D.P.G.M., in response, said it made him feel quite young again to attend and consecrate a lodge in the neighbourhood of Aylesbury. It was about 23 years since he became a Bucks Mason, and at that time there were four lodges in Bucks, the senior being the Buckingham Lodge at Aylesbury. He felt they had not lost time since then, from a Masonic point of view, for that was their tenth lodge, of which number he had consecrated nine. He was sorry not to have been able to sweep the board, but he could not consecrate the tenth because he was the first W.M., but he did all the prompting. Something had been said regarding speed. As they were in Derby week, he might say that, allowing weight for age, he was prepared to gallop any three.

Bro. J. E. BOWEN, Prov. G. Sec., congratulated the members on the formation of this—the third lodge since he had been Prov. Grand Secretary, and he heard that three more lodges were likely to follow. He urged the founders to see that new members were kindly men who would not form a bone of contention, but tend to promote harmony and good feeling.

Bro. J. WILLIAMS, Prov. G. Treas., also replied.

Bro. H. JOWETT, P.P.G.W., acting I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said he had always considered himself an old friend of the W.M.'s, although he only met him face to face some three months ago. He had, however, heard of Bro. James Stephens, who had a much greater sphere in London than they had in the province. The W.M. had been a point of emulation for him to work up to, so that when he met him he considered he had met an old friend. Bro. Stephens was an array of Past Masters in himself and it augured well for a happy year of office. The founders had done well in choosing so able a Mason as W.M., and he was proud to have the privilege of acting as the I.P.M.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, W.M., in response, said: I thank the I.P.M. sincerely for the more than kind observations he has made. As he has kindly said, we have known each other personally but a few months, but from the record I had heard of him and his work, and from his kind-hearted nature, I was sure that in meeting him I was meeting one of a true fraternal brotherhood. I met Bro. Jowett at the founders' meeting, and, from the kind and generous spirit in which he and all the founders entered into the spirit of the undertaking, the success of the lodge was to my mind assured. The acting I.P.M. has said I have done much in Masonry in London, and perhaps I have done a little more than some and less than others. I have ever striven to make myself agreeable in London, and I hope in extending my Masonic friendships into this province, I shall number many and many more members of the province amongst my friends. I will do everything that lies in my power to procure the success of this lodge, and will strive to the utmost to meet the wishes of the members. I may tell you that this is the fifth lodge in which I have been in the happy position of founder. There are very few brethren present that can say they have been founder and officer of five. I am in the proud position, as you have heard, of being W.M. of two lodges, and, in addition to that, I am M.E.Z. of two chapters. I think that is a record of which I may reasonably be proud. I only hope my Masonic experience in the past will only induce me to go on further. I again thank you one and all, and assure you that I earnestly hope we shall have the success in the lodge which we all most earnestly wish and desire.

"The Visitors" was next cordially given, and evoked suitable acknowledgments from Bros. MARTIN, P.M.; J. J. THOMAS, P.M.; H. DAVIE, P.M.; and COCKRILL, P.P.G. Treas. Norths and Hunts.

In giving "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. said there was no order in existence could boast three such Institutions. He might tell them that his wife acted as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and took up over £300, which was the fourth individual list. He would give 10 guineas for himself and 10 guineas for his wife for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and would be happy to serve as Steward in conjunction with the J.W., Bro. Sims. He hoped the brethren would assist them in making the total sent by the lodge—consecrated one month before the festival—one that would be remembered.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, in replying, said his task was somewhat easy as they had heard two excellent speeches from Bro. Cama and the W.M., both of whom had done so much to further the prosperity of the Institutions. He appreciated very cordially the invitation extended to him to visit this lodge and witness its consecration, the kind manner in which he had been received, and the generous treatment accorded him. He congratulated the province on having such a lodge added to its roll, and congratulated the lodge on having as its first W.M. a very dear friend of all who knew him, and one who would stick to the members and help them in any time of difficulty, as he had helped them in their prosperity that day. Bro. George Everett, who is Treasurer of the Boys' School Sports Fund, would have been gratified to have been present, and to have thanked the brethren for the sum of £5 fcs. which had been collected that evening, and which would go far towards adding to the zest of the boys in their sports. The Masonic Charities not only represented the three Institutions, for they had the Board of Benevolence, which dispensed large sums of money, amounting to something like £10,000 in a year. Apart from that, they knew that in London and in many provinces there were benevolent funds in connection which also dispensed large sums not to be calculated. They knew what a grand Institution the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was, providing for 500 old people, and giving them an annuity which placed them in comparative affluence. The Craft had fully recognised that, and the magnificent sum of £67,000 had been collected. They knew the Girls' School was most excellently managed, and the girls were turned out fitted to take any position in life. In the Boys' School they were trying to do the best they could for a similar number—265—and trying to turn them out to make good husbands for the girls. The W.M. had alluded to the fact of the coming Festival of the Institution, and had prophesied a very large total. Speaking as the executive officer, and knowing and recognising in the fullest and most generous spirit the amount given last year to relieve the Institution from an impending calamity, knowing that the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution had drained the pockets of all Masons, he was modest enough to think that if he received anything like a sum of £8000, the Craft would say—"Well done, good and faithful servant." The W.M. had given liberally, and his wife had done the same, and in conjunction with the S.W., the W.M. was going up as Steward to represent this new lodge. That brought to his mind a very bright and prominent future throughout new lodges. A new lodge years ago was something like 20 years before it could give to Masonic Charities, but such was not the case on the present occasion. At the Carrington Lodge at Amersham recently three brethren volunteered to serve. The W.M. had pointed out to the members their duty, and he was sure the brethren would not send their W.M. and S.W. up empty-handed. He thanked them very much for the kind reception accorded the toast, and he knew they would do all they could to help in the good work. The Institution for Boys was the poorest of the three, for they started each year with less than £1000 assured income. He hoped, therefore, that the brethren would do their best, and that this lodge would not be backward on the 29th June.

"Prosperity to the recommending Lodge, and the Health of the W.M. and Wardens" was given, and acknowledged by Bros. PALMER, W.M. elect, and SHERWIN, of the Buckingham Lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The Officers," and referred in grateful terms to the great assistance rendered by Bro. Poulton, acting I.P.M., and the J.W. and other officers.

Bro. SIMS, J.W., responded, and with respect to his joint Stewardship for the Boys' School said the total subscribed was £48 5s.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant and successful meeting, which will long be remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present.

The musical items were contributed by Madame Florence Winn, Miss Emily Squires, and Bros. Arthur Strugnell, Egbert Roberts, and Alex. Watson.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held by special appointment at the Masonic Hall, Malton, on Thursday, the 19th ult., when there were present:

Comps. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.S.N. England, as Grand Superintendent; T. B. Whythead, 1611, P.P.G.H., P.G. Std. Br. England, as Prov. G.H.; W. H. Rose, J.P., 660, P.P.G.H.; Col. R. G. Smith, 1010, P.P.G.H.; W. Tesseyman, 57, P.P.G.H.; Mark Rooke, 236, P.G.J.; M. C. Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G.S.E.; R. R. Hawley, 250, P.G.S.N.; S. Border, 236, P.G. Reg.; R. J. Smithson, 660, P.P.G. Reg.; Geo. Kirby, 236, P.P.G. Reg.; Col. H. Fawcett-Pudsey, 1010, P.G.P.S.; W. Wilson, 660, P.P.G.P.S.; J. A. Manners, 602, P.P.G.P.S.; Richard Beevers, 57, P.P.G.P.S.; R. W. White, 312, P. 1st A.G.S.; W. H. Attlay, 312, P.P. 1st A.G.S.; Geo. Chambers, 1248, P. 2nd A.G.S.; John Marshall, 660, P.P. 2nd A.G.S.; W. H. Falkingbridge, 312, P.P. 2nd A.G.S.; Edward Harland, 200, P.P. 2nd A.G.S.; A. T. B. Turner, 1611, P.G.S.B.; Jas. R. Ansdell, 1605, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. J. Robinson, 236, P.P.G.S.B.; Christopher Palliser, 236, P.P.G. Std. Br., as P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas M. Goldie, 660, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John B. Nicholls, 660, P.P.G. Std. Br.; James Buckle, 660, P.P.G. Std. Br.; William Winn, 543, P.G.D. of C.; James Matthews, 57, P.P.G.D. of C.; A. W. Walker, 660, P.P.G.D. of C.; Martin M. Westerby, 294, P.P.G.D. of C.; D. Morley, 294, P.A.G.D. of C.; John Mackall, 57, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; J. W. Webb, 2134, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; C. G. Padel, 1611, as P.G.O.; Thos. B. Redfearn, 2134, P.A.G.S.E.; F. J. Lambert, 1010, P.G. Janitor; together with many Principals, Past Principals, and members of the various chapters in the province.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at York on the 23rd April, 1891, were taken as read, and confirmed.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Grand Superintendent, and from Comps. J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.H.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.P.G.H.; W. H. Porritt, P.P.G.H.; W. Reynolds, P.P.G.H., P.G.T.; Joseph Todd, P.P.G.J.; W. B. Richardson, P.P.G.J.; H. Onslow Piercy, P.P.G.J.; E. Corris, P.P.G.S.N.; W. C. Whiteside,

P.P.G.S.N.; J. T. Belk, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Watson, P.P.G. Reg.; J. T. Seller, P.P.G.P.S.; Geo. Ayre, P.P.A.G.S.; W. J. Watson, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. H. Moody, M.E.Z. 200.

The annual balance-sheet was then read, which having been audited and found correct was unanimously adopted.

The various chapters in the province, all of which were represented, then communicated.

The PROV. GRAND S.E. read a letter from the Prov. Grand Treasurer, expressing regret at his present inability, from indisposition, to attend, after which the PROV. GRAND J. proposed the re-election of Comp. W. Reynolds, which was seconded by Comp. C. PALLISER, P.P.G. Std. Br., and carried unanimously.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND H. proposed a vote of sympathy with the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Reynolds, in his illness, with the sincere hope that he might speedily be restored to perfect health, which was seconded by the PROV. GRAND J., and carried unanimously.

The following Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested:

Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.S.N.	England	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. H. Falkingbridge, 312	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" M. C. Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. England	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" T. S. Brogden, 236	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. G. Lucas, 660	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thomson Foley, 294	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Thomas Thornton Davis, 2134	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. Norwood Cheesman, 1611	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Thomas H. Dunn, 200	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Thomas Albert Haigh, 1511	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Samuel Middleton, 200	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. W. Tindell, 1605	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" William James Marshall, 660	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. B. Redfearn, 2134	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" F. J. Lambert, 1010	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The PROV. GRAND J. on behalf of the Britannia Chapter, No. 312, gave Prov. Grand Chapter a cordial invitation to hold the annual convocation next year at Whitby.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT returned thanks for the invitation which he should have much pleasure in conveying to the Grand Superintendent.

The PROV. GRAND SCRIBE E. delivered the following address:—

Companions, it is difficult to compress within the limits of a short address all one would like to say concerning even any particular branch of the study of Freemasonry. We have known many brethren who, perhaps belonging to lodges situated at a distance from the great centres of Masonic life and influence, consider that by assembling at their lodges periodically, and occasionally assisting in the conferring of the regular Degrees, they are really participating in all that the Craft affords of interest, and doing what is required of its followers. These practically view Masonry as confined within the four walls of their own lodges, being quite ignorant of and indifferent to its practice in more extended regions. To such brethren a mere enumeration of the varied fields of Masonic labour would prove novel and instructive. Our art comprises many special departments, each of which finds its adherents, and it will be strange indeed if the inquiring Craftsman zealous of acquiring knowledge in his science, cannot find amongst some of these the peculiar line adapted to his tastes and opportunities. There is, for instance, the ardent ritualist, whose aim is to ensure correct and exact verbiage in the rendering of our ceremonies, together with the authorised lectures appertaining to the several Degrees. Here we may observe that an intimate and thorough knowledge of these lectures, as taught in a good lodge of instruction, will give an extended view of the tenets of the Craft, and enable the pupil to take an active part in lodge working more speedily than by any other method of instruction since explanation accompanies practice. Next comes the legal student, who must keep himself carefully informed upon the jurisprudence of the Craft, which is in many respects essentially different from that of other institutions—the Book of Constitutions, the *Lex non scripta* of the Fraternity, and the decisions of Grand Lodge, with the deliverances of its officials, are his text books. Then we meet with the visiting brother, who by quiet observation whilst visiting other lodges is able to compare their different manners and customs and to contrast their variations. He will usually be found to be a reader of the Masonic press, and is in touch with the topics of the day. We note next the Masonic archaeologist, who is frequently a literary man and a great authority on the value of the "small rare volume, black with tarnished gold," dear to collectors; who is ever on the look-out for ancient documents, written in almost illegible characters with faded ink; he traces out of the obscurity in which they have so long been hidden, the ancient constitution rolls of the Fraternity, formerly the sole literary productions of the Craft, and of which curious relics upwards of 30 have been recovered during the last 20 years. This class of Masonic collectors include in their studies not only manuscripts and books, but also portraits, prints, caricatures, diplomas, jewels, medals, seals, glass, pottery, and clothing, relating to the various branches of Freemasonry in all countries and of various periods. It has been recently stated that the literature of the Craft is contained in about 6000 books and pamphlets. Next appears the brother who specially devotes his energies to the support of the great Charities of the Order. All honour to this worthy man, who gives himself, and induces others to give likewise, for the relief of the poor and aged, the widow, and the orphan. Surely he may be said to lay up treasure in heaven. Although the Masonic Charitable Institutions are not really essential parts of the Craft, and are but of recent development, they are the most striking features by which the good of Masonry is testified to the world, and go far to silence the cavils of detractors. Certainly no Mason is justified in neglecting the plain duty incumbent upon him to support Masonic Charity, and it is sad to notice year after year in the lists of applicants for relief how few have themselves (whilst in prosperity) contributed to these grand Institutions, from which they are now anxious to receive support. We will now mention what may be termed the social Mason, who flourishes chiefly in large centres. He is the diner-out—the club man—one who seeks to be a member of Committees, audit meetings, &c. He is generally a good singer and an adept at post-prandial oratory. He is active, energetic, and often a valuable brother, but occasionally becomes officious and overbearing. The last in our group of typical Masons is the brother who, although not a proficient in the higher regions of Masonic thought, and perhaps unable from want of early education to fully comprehend the teaching of its philosophers, is yet one of nature's gentlemen, and a Mason who has laid hold upon the genuine spirit of Freemasonry. We have known such an one, venerable in years, a constant attendant at his lodge and chapter, modest, correct, and exact in his bearing, courteous and gentle to all, seeking no office or promotion, honourable and upright in his business, exercising a pure and simple faith, at length calmly yielding his tranquil spirit to his Maker, beloved and revered by his brethren. His end was peace. And, whilst more fortunately situated, brethren may become famous as ritualists, lecturers, authors, legal authorities, archaeologists, Charity Stewards, or merely social members, none can ever thoroughly fulfil their Masonic obligations

unless they unite with all their varied gifts the spirit of the true Craftsman, whose characteristics we have endeavoured to indicate. It will not be out of place here to utter a few words upon the duties which Masons owe to their lodges at the present time. The Craft being now very popular, our doors are besieged by applicants for admission. Let us take care not to open them too widely. Not all the stones brought from the quarries are fit for the temple, some have natural defects which cannot be overcome, and the Lord's work must not be carried on with inferior metal. Let such remain outside. The sanctuary cannot be polluted with the sound of gavel and chisel, fashioning into shape that which ought to have been perfected before passing the overseer's scrutinising gaze. In like manner candidates for Masonry should be men who are fully capable of appreciating the beauties of the Craft, and are able and willing to take their proper share in its duties and responsibilities. The profane, the drunken and dissolute man, should never be permitted to approach our temples and to share our privileges; nay even further, the ignorant, the rough and discourteous clown, the selfish and covetous man is no fit associate for the sons of light. We should set up a more lofty ideal of what a Mason ought to be, and make it a great favour to obtain admission to our Order, which should be restricted entirely to those, whether in high or humble stations of life, whose lives are virtuous and whose names respected. Such companions, are the thoughts of one who, viewing the present aspects of the Craft has ventured to lay them before his companions for their acceptance in this annual convocation in the hope that they may find a response in the hearts of some present, and serve to advance in even a slight measure their appreciation of our time-honoured Fraternity.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT stated that he had received a letter from the Grand Superintendent, expressing his lordship's regret that he was unable to attend, owing to official engagements in Ireland; he trusted, however, to be present at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT proposed a vote of thanks to the Principals and companions of the King Edwin Chapter, for the hospitality and kindness extended to Provincial Grand Chapter, which was seconded by Comp. WHYTEHEAD, P.P.G.H., carried by acclamation, and acknowledged, on behalf of the King Edwin Chapter, by Comp. W. H. ROSE, P.P.G.H.

Comp. G. J. ROBINSON, P.P.G.S.B., proposed a vote of thanks to the Prov. G.S.E., for the truly eloquent and instructive address which he had delivered that day, and which he was assured would be profitable to all the companions present. This was seconded by Comp. W. WINN, P.P. G.D.C., and carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

An excellent banquet was subsequently served at the Talbot Hotel, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, under the banner of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 95. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, the Dep. P.G.M., and about 60 of the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren from various parts of the province.

The usual business having been transacted, the Prov. Grand Master appointed his officers for the year as follows:

Bro. J. Noble, W.M. 276	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Brown, York Lodge, T.I.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Thos. Marshall, W.M. 281	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" John Rennard, W.M. 291	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" G. Chambers, W.M. 95	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. E. A. Pitman, Chap. 277	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Marshall, P.M. 277	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. W. Walker, P.M. 277	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Highmoor, P.M. 291	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. T. Stewart, S.W. 337	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. R. W. Parnell, S.O. 95	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. J. Smithson, S.W. 277	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. P. Cochrane, J.W. 276	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Wood, J.W. 281	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" George Lamb, J.W. York Lodge, T.I.	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. A. Atkinson, J.W. 337	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. F. Watson, Org. York Lodge, T.I.	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. J. Marshall, S.W. 277	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" S. Wallgate, Sec. 277	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. Archey	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. C. Williamson, 95	...	...	
" T. A. Atkinson, 337	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Stockdale, 277	...	...	

An invitation from Middlesbrough was accepted for next year's meeting.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE SARNIAN MARK LODGE, No. 425.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., the small island of Guernsey was the scene of a ceremony such as its Masonic annals fail to record anything previous of a similar character. Doubtless we must take it for granted that Mariners Lodge, No. 108, founded in 1784, was duly consecrated. Unhappily, the destroying hand of time has obliterated all records of this ceremony. As regards Doyle's Lodge, No. 84, that was consecrated in 1806 by a W.M. of Mariners Lodge, who received authority from the Athol Grand Lodge to call together a Provincial Grand Lodge, and to assume the rank of a Provincial Grand Master for three hours, and no longer. Consequently the consecration of the Sarnian Lodge by the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, assisted by such distinguished brethren as Bros. Robert Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C.; Gordon Miller, P.G. Treas.; Carter, P.G.S.B.; and Major C. W. Carrell, G. Steward, was an event sufficient to arouse the interest of the whole Masonic fraternity of the Channel Islands, and to stimulate them to give as cordial a welcome as possible to those distinguished visitors from Grand Mark Lodge.

Mark Masonry was first introduced into Guernsey by Bro. Dr. Cockburn, who has always been an ardent supporter of this Degree, and who as long ago as 1873 received Past Grand rank for his services to the Order at Gibraltar. Through his exertions the Sarnian Lodge was founded and consecrated on the 3rd instant, under peculiarly happy circumstances.

The Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, who is a P.M. of the Cæsarean Lodge of Mark Masters, came over to attend the ceremony, and his example encouraged a very strong contingent of the members of the Cæsarean Lodge to brave the unpleasantness of a smart breeze and a choppy sea, and to come over also. It is almost needless to state that in the hands of the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, and with a Director of Ceremonies like Bro. R. Berridge, with Bros. Gordon Miller and Carter as Wardens, and Bro. Major Carrell guarding the portals, the beautiful ceremony lost none of its solemnity, none of its impressiveness.

The musical arrangements were most ably conducted by Bro. Nicholls, and Bro. the Rev. G. V. Pickering acted as Chaplain.

Towards the conclusion the Consecrating Officer installed the W.M., Bro. Balfour Cockburn, who at once proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Geraghty, jun. (Bro. Bichard unable to attend on account of a sad family bereavement), as S.W.; Lovell, as J.W.; Le Page, M.O.; G. V. Pickering, S.O.; W. Stranger, J.O.; Nicholls, Treas.; Quick, Sec.; Rowcliffe, S.D.; and De Jausserand, J.D.

Before closing the lodge, the W.M. stated he had a most pleasing duty before him, and that was to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, the Consecrating Officer, and to the other Grand Officers who had accompanied him from London. It was useless for him to enlarge upon the manner in which the ceremony had been conducted. He felt assured that all present had been deeply impressed by it, and he could only say that as regards himself and as an old Mason he had never witnessed that ceremony so charmingly or so faultlessly delivered as it had been that evening by Bro. Matier. In concluding, he begged that the Consecrating Officer and the other Grand Officers would allow their names to be inscribed on the roll of the lodge as honorary members.

This was seconded by Bro. Lovell, the J.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. MATIER, in a few most appropriate words, responded for himself and the other officers.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren repaired to the banqueting hall below the lodge, where an excellent supper had been prepared under the direction of Bro. Brady, of the Channel Islands Hotel, and after which the usual toasts were given and received with enthusiasm.

It is perhaps right to add that no less than 21 brethren of the Cæsarean Lodge were present, including Bros. F. Godfray, W.M.; Stone, P.M.; Bois, P.M.; de Carteret, Le Cronier, Hespivadoux, Hamling, Secretary, and many others, whose names we were unable to obtain. Bro. Boucaut, Justice of South Australia, descended from one of the oldest insular families, and who had not visited the island for over 51 years, was present, as was also Bro. Rev. H. Holden, from Jersey.

Upwards of 50 Mark brethren sat down to supper—a very excellent gathering indeed for so small a place.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

### WITH THE WEARERS OF THE "ROYAL BLUE."

[BY ONE OF THE "CRAFT."]

We are indebted to the *Kingston and Surbiton News* for the following interesting and sympathetic sketch of the Prize Day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls:—

I was not among the privileged company who paid a visit last Saturday to Portsmouth Dockyard to witness the smartness of the wearers of the royal blue there to be found; but a few days previously I had the pleasure of seeing nearly a couple of hundred in royal blue dress go through a series of movements and manœuvres which for precision could not be surpassed by any of her Majesty's navy.

Though not found on board a ship, the wearers of the royal blue to whom I refer belong to a craft, which though "all abroad" is never "at sea," and they are the objects of the solicitude of a host of friends in every quarter of the globe.

To be explicit: the sight to which I allude was witnessed at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, situate so close to Clapham Junction that day by day thousands of eyes see the pile of buildings, and very many point to them with pride as "Our School." In that Institution at the present time 263 girls, daughters of members of the Masonic Fraternity who have passed away, find a home, the like of which is hardly to be found in any land.

Four years ago the School celebrated its Centenary, and to mark that memorable epoch in its history no less a sum than £51,500 was contributed, mostly by members of the Order on the occasion of the Festival.

It has been the custom to invite subscribers and their friends to the School a few days prior to the Annual Festival, when the prizes awarded to the pupils are given to them. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was the President of this year's gathering, which took place on the 18th inst., and on the 16th he, with H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, attended at the School, the latter having consented to hand the awards to the successful ones.

Many readers of the *News* are Masons, and I hope the majority of them help in one way or other to keep this School going. The Kingston lodges have done their part nobly of late years, and the senior member of the senior lodge is not only a Vice-Patron of the Institution, but his wife also stands in the same position, to do which she was stirred by a visit to the School on the occasion of a distribution of prizes. My hope is that this notice may induce others, if not to do likewise, at all events to qualify as Life Governors or become regular subscribers.

Three years had passed since I last visited the School, and so on this occasion I saw for the first time the grand hall which has been built, and in which the ceremony took place. It is a noble edifice, and well named after the beloved Princess who is the consort of the Grand Master of the Order—Alexandra Hall. On either side of the floor space are recesses, with raised seats, which on the day of which I write were filled as to the greater number by wearers of the "royal blue." Each child wore a dress of that colour, and snowy white apron and bib with cross straps behind, the strictest uniformity being observed. Around the four walls of the hall runs a gallery in bays, which was crowded with those fortunate enough to obtain the necessary tickets; while all the available space on the floor was filled with chairs, which quite failed to provide sufficient seats.

On one side of the hall was a dais, in front of which stood a table loaded with the prizes, and opposite were ranged eight pianos in crescent form, the necessity for which was clear by a glance at the printed programme.

Fully an hour before the time fixed for the opening of the proceedings visitors began to arrive, and were marshalled to their seats by courteous Stewards bearing wands of office. Among them were many holding high rank in the Order, who exemplify in their life and actions one of its chief principles—Charity.

Punctually at 4 p.m. the Royal visitors entered the hall, and as they were escorted to their seats by the Earl of Euston, Sir John Monckton, and others, the children sang a verse of the National Anthem, accompanied on the piano by one of their number, and conducted by Mrs. Rowarth, the singing mistress, who handled the *bâton* with an ease and a confidence worthy of the veteran Barnby or Costa. That over, a little girl was led to the Duchess to present her with a handsome bouquet, and I was told that she, though an inmate of the School, is a Life Governor, her father having so qualified his daughter during his life, and when in circumstances which permitted him to give the money. There is no parallel case in the Institution.

The programme proper opened with the singing of the chorale "Now thank we all our God," which was rendered with touching sweetness. Clear enunciation and pure pronunciation were most noticeable features in this and the other pieces sung by the children collectively.

No sooner was the chorale ended than girls were seen coming from all quarters and seating themselves at the pianos—three at each, 24 performers in all. There was no copy in front of any of them, but the music mistress sat on the right wing, sheets in hand, and all being still we heard "One, two, and"—with a crash and a bang down came 48 hands on the keys, and off they went into a lively trio by Kramer. The only guidance the young folks had was the counting of the beats at the opening of each movement. The other pianoforte pieces were—quartette by 16 players, Chopin's Valse in E minor by 8, and Haydn's Symphony No. 13 by 16. It was not all rattle and noise, but really a skilful and tasteful performance, and before leaving the Duchess had the teachers of singing and piano brought to her that she might compliment them upon the proficiency of their pupils.

Recitations were given most effectively by four girls, who had to speak their lines in the presence of such famous elocutionists as Lady Monckton and Mr. Edward Terry.

The distribution of the prizes made a break in the entertainment, and in that Bertha Dean was the heroine, carrying off the gold medal for proficiency, with £5 added by bequest of an old friend of the School, and four other prizes. Bessie Locke was next, taking the silver medal for good conduct, with £5 added, and three other prizes. The award for amiability of temper, which goes by vote of the whole School, went to Jane Edmunds, who was greeted with applause from all the girls as she went up to take the prize.

A very effective little speech was made by the Duke of Connaught before leaving, in which he complimented and congratulated all round, plainly stating that he had not expected to find such a school, and so high a degree of proficiency.

Then came an interval for tea, and it was very nice to see mothers and daughters going about the place, while many old pupils revisited what had been to them a second home. Every part of the Institution was thrown open to inspection, and the girls who were not taken up with attendance on relatives or friends were on the alert to offer to conduct ladies, and gentlemen too, through the dormitories and corridors. In ample proportion to the inmates there are bath rooms, while in the grounds is a spacious swimming bath. One of the sights on this day is to see the girls at tea in their own hall, but the meal is soon over, for there is much to be done.

I was particularly struck with the confidence and affection which appears to exist between those in authority and those under them. It was easy to recognise members of the teaching staff, even if they had not been decorated, as they were, with remarkably pretty sprays of pink bloom; and around them clustered the "wearers of the royal blue" in a manner which showed the indwelling of a love which casteth out fear.

But the interval for refreshments and promenade is over, and the well informed ones make their way back to the Alexandra Hall to secure positions whence they may view the succeeding part of the day's proceedings. The floor has been cleared, and across it go three of the girls under the direction of a governess, making mysterious lines and crosses with chalk, the purpose of which is made plain later on.

The time-table says "6.30, calisthenics and marching," and before then every inch of standing room which commands the area is taken up. The hands of the clock reach the half-hour: there is a noise of feet without, some such a sound as was heard when the Pied Piper of Hamelin drew the children after him; two young ladies seat themselves at a piano close to the entrance, and Miss Davis, the well esteemed Head Mistress—who has filled that post for so long that I will not write the figures to denote the number of years—stands with her eyes on the dial. The hands denote 6.28 p.m.; Miss Davis makes a sign, the sound of the piano is heard, and at either doorway is seen the leader of a column of "wearers of the royal blue." On they come, a little dot leading through each door, stepping out firmly in slow time. The pace quickens, and in they come, increasing in stature, but all erect and carrying themselves as correctly as the most exacting drill sergeant could desire. They form across the hall in rows of ten, each column working to the centre, every one falling into exact alignment at regular distances. The music ceases and there is just time to count 18 ranks of 10 each, in all 180, before Miss Davis, standing at the head, utters in a low clear voice one word. Instantly all go through a series of movements which I cannot describe without being wearisome. Sufficient to say that the spectators are treated for half-an-hour to a display of calisthenics and marching which repeatedly elicited their plaudits. The manœuvres in close formation were simply marvellous to be exhibited by a regiment of girls, and cheer after cheer greeted them as, without audible word of command, they executed intricate evolutions with a precision that regular troops could scarcely surpass. The piano kept going all the time. In this way a half-hour quickly passed, and then "liberty hall" was proclaimed. The strains of a waltz soon set the little feet, and bigger ones too, going in the mazy dance until 8.30, when the children, having said their adieu to relatives and friends, once more formed up and marched off to their dormitories, soon to be wrapped in slumber after the excitement of the day.

This is a very brief sketch of what I saw at the Masonic School for Girls. I rejoiced to look on what was being done for the children of brothers gone before, and felt well repaid for what little I may have done in behalf of one of the three excellent Institutions of the Order. The demand upon the space of the London daily papers did not permit of the publication of much else beyond the Duke of Connaught's speech. At the Festival which followed two days later due testimony was paid to the labours of the worthy brethren who have helped to make the School what it is, and to the zeal with which the Secretary (Mr. Hedges) looks after the affairs generally. The amount of donations announced was £10,002, and when it is remembered that already this year the members of the Order have contributed over £65,000 to the Benevolent Fund, those outside its pale will perhaps admit that there is something more in Freemasonry than meets the eye.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

We are glad to learn that a very substantial increase has been made on the Board of Stewards for the 94th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 29th inst. The Board musters nearly 300 members, and when the appointed day comes round we shall probably find that several names have been added to the list. The London lodges are

but poorly represented, notwithstanding that several have appointed Stewards since we last wrote on the subject, while considering the number of Stewards from the Metropolitan district, the Unattached brethren are more numerous than usual.

But if London is weak the Provinces are exceptionally strong, their representatives constituting not far short of two-thirds of the whole Board. The Chairman's Province makes a brave show, nearly every one of its lodges, two out of its three R.A. chapters, a Rose Croix chapter, and a K.T. preceptory having at least one, several more than one, and one as many as 10 Stewards acting in their behalf. Nearly all the Home Counties are fairly represented, considering the heavy demands made upon them by the Benevolent Jubilee, while, under the circumstances, there is a fair contingent of brethren from Provinces more remote from the Metropolis. Altogether about three-fourths of the Provinces will take part in the Festival, and there are, in addition, a few Stewards from Districts abroad.

But though the outlook for the 29th instant is so far satisfactory, we must caution our readers against expecting a large return. We have every confidence that the Stewards will exert themselves to the utmost of their ability, but what we have said in reference to the Girls' School Festival as to the difficulty they would experience in compiling heavy lists will appeal with even greater force to the Festival which is now approaching.

Bro. Ashley, of Bath, has discovered in the minutes of the old Cumberland lodge, No. 41, the interesting fact that the Earl of Cork, great-grandfather of the present Prov. G. Master of Somersetshire, Viscount Dungarvan, was initiated in that lodge on the 6th of November, 1787, and frequently attended its meetings afterwards.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire held its centenary meeting at Grantham yesterday (Thursday). The first lodge was held at Grantham on 21st June, 1792, when the Rev. W. Peters was installed P.G.M. This brother for valuable services rendered to Grand Lodge was honoured with the title of "Grand Portrait Painter," a distinction conferred for life, and whose office has never again been filled. Every brother in the province has received a handsome notice of the meeting in the shape of a Masonic design, which, in addition to the usual emblems, contains a picture of Grantham Church, and medallion portrait of each P.G.M.—six in number—connected by a chain suspended from the keystone of the arch. The design is the work of Bro. W. Mortimer, of Lincoln, and will doubtless be preserved as a memento by every brother who attends the lodge. An interesting feature of the gathering was a performance of Mozart's Masonic cantata, by choir and orchestra. We hope to give a full account of this interesting gathering next week.

Bro. Col. and ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Thomas Clarke are inviting the W.M. and brethren of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, besides many distinguished members of the Craft, to a garden party at their residence—The Gables, Upper Hamilton-terrace—on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., from 4 to 7.

We congratulate our esteemed contemporary, the South Australian Freemason, on the steady progress it has made since it was first published some four years ago. It is a well-written and well-edited journal; its articles are always characterised by perfect fairness and good taste; its complement of news is always interesting, and the articles and paragraphs it quotes from its Masonic contemporaries are invariably selected with judgment. We trust it may be continued with advantage to the Craft in South Australia and to the advancement of its own good name for many a long year to come.

The first number of its fifth volume contains a full report of the "Welcome Social" given by the brethren to Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, Past G.M. and Pro G.M. of South Australia, on his return home after an absence of 14 months. The meeting, though not so numerously attended as had been expected, appears to have been in all respects a thoroughly representative one, and Bro. Way must have been immensely gratified by his reception after so prolonged an absence. The speech of the evening was, of course, that of our distinguished brother, who, as those of our readers who were privileged to hear him on sundry occasions during his stay in England know, is an eloquent and effective speaker, and who described in admirable fashion his

many Masonic experiences while on his travels. Bro. Way spoke in complimentary terms of the heartiness shown him while visiting the "Old Country," referring more particularly to his visits to the Royal Alpha, the Empire, and the Prince of Wales Lodges, as well as to his reception by our Grand Lodge. Such speeches as his are well calculated to strengthen the bond of goodfellowship between English and South Australian Freemasonry.

He also described at some length his experiences among the American lodges, nor did he omit to express his deep sorrow at the untimely death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, or to pay a just tribute of respect to our late Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, of whose services to Masonry he spoke in the highest possible terms. Our South Australian brethren have good reason to be proud of the distinguished brother who presided over their Grand Lodge during its infancy, and who is still able, and as willing as he is able, to render it all the service in his power.

We learn from the statistical report which was presented at the annual communication, held in Detroit on the 26th and 27th January last, of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, that the number of lodges on the roll is 369, with an aggregate membership of 33,098. There was a considerable balance of receipts over expenditure at the close of last year, and the General Fund amounts to \$25,306. Bro. William P. Innes was elected Grand Master in succession to Bro. John Q. Look, and Bro. Jefferson S. Conover has taken the place of Bro. Innes as Grand Secretary.

There are eight lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Utah, with a total membership of 544. The money in the treasuries is stated at close on \$14,300, and the value of lodge property at \$7650, and the amount disbursed in Charity during the past year was considerable. At the annual communication in Salt Lake City in January last Bro. Watson N. Stirling was elected Grand Master, while Bro. Christopher Diehl remains at his post of Grand Secretary.

The Craft in Virginia appears to be in a very thriving condition. Its oldest lodge dates from the year 1757, and there are nine other lodges on the roll which had their charters granted between the years 1768 and 1793. The last annual communication of Grand Lodge was held in Richmond, under the presidency of Grand Master Wayt, in December, 1891, when 142 lodges out of the 231 on the roll were represented. The number of subscribing members was reported as 10,574, showing an increase over the previous year of 644, while the finances appear to be in a satisfactory state. Bro. Wayt has been succeeded as Grand Master by Bro. William H. Pleasants, and the post of Grand Secretary is still held by Bro. William B. Isaacs.

Our correspondent in Cape Town writes, under date May 18th, that active steps are being taken to restore the fabric of the Lodge de Goede Hoop Temple, the destruction of which, with its priceless Masonic treasures, on the 21st February, we recorded. The lodge is a wealthy one, and the centre as well as the mother of Masonic working in the Cape, and neither care, reverence, nor money will be spared to make the new temple worthy of its traditions and its objects.

## Reviews.

### MASONIC GUIDE OF NEW ZEALAND FOR 1892.

The editor of the *New Zealand Craftsman* has compiled this useful directory, and made it as indispensable for the English, Scottish, and Irish Lodges as for those under the wing of the new Grand Lodge. The system adopted by the editor has some advantages undoubtedly, as it is easy to discover these officers of the new Grand Lodge who reside in the several provinces, but we should much prefer seeing them all under one group, and in due order, according to precedence, rather than distributed as they now are. Under *Auckland* there are 15 lodges, *Wellington*, 24; *Canterbury*, 16; *Otago and Southland*, 12; and in *Nelson, &c.*, 5; making 72 in all under the new Grand Lodge. Those lodges which prefer to remain under their mother Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland number 54, 12, and 29 respectively, or 95 in all; and all these are duly attended to in the directory, just as those under the new organisation. These numbers, however, are much under those supplied for England in our official calendar, for instead of 54 the large number of 87 appears, and possibly the numbers returned for Scotland and Ireland are also below the official reports of their Grand Lodges, but even as stated by the editor of the *New Zealand Craftsman*, there are 95 under the mother Grand Lodges, and only 72 under the new or rival Grand Lodge, so that the latter body is clearly in the minority. That being the case, we fail to understand the position of those Grand Lodges who have recognised the opposition organisation.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Euphrates Lodge (No. 212).**—The last meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when Bro. M. Chandler was raised and Bro. G. Payne was passed. After making arrangements for a summer outing and banquet, the brethren retired to refreshment. A most delightful evening was spent, short speeches and plenty of music being the order. The programme was under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, and the artistes were Miss Masie Riversdale, Miss Alice Andrews, Miss Benson Gilbert, and Mr. A. Ruby. Miss Riversdale sang in her best style, and with great pathos Mattei's "Dear Heart," her other songs being sung with her usual *éclat*, her fine voice being greatly appreciated. Miss Benson Gilbert sang with charming effect two lively songs—"The Zuyder Zee" and "I couldn't, could I." Her distinguished appearance and naive style of rendering the same made a great impression on her hearers, who greatly applauded her efforts. Miss Alice A. Andrews, a young and clever contralto, sang her songs quite artistically and with much expression. The humorous songs were delegated to a new singer, Mr. A. Ruby, whose extremely comic rendering of "The Whistling Coon" and other songs caused roars of laughter. His whistling certainly was marvellous, and the reception he met with was well deserved. Bro. Haskins has to be complimented upon giving the lodge members an unlooked for musical treat.

**Lodge of Finsbury (No. 861).**—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this lodge at the Great Eastern Hotel, E.C., on the 20th ult. The members present included Bros. H. M. Appleton, W.M.; Christopher Sims, S.W., W.M. elect; F. H. Inman, J.W.; E. G. Cherry, J.D.; H. Whitney, I.G.; W. Hindhaugh, I.P.M.; E. Legg, P.M. Treas.; F. Hallows, P.M. Sec.; W. Groome, P.M. D.C.; G. Leach, P.M.; S. T. Finch, P.M.; R. W. Byott, and many others. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; W. R. Baker, W.M. 1208; W. W. Burkett, P.M. 1208; W. Maxfield Mead, S.W. 1805; G. N. Thorpe, J.D. 1208; J. J. Wright, P.M. 1208; J. Cresswell, S.W. 1208; W. Cheesman, P.M. 2346; A. A. Clements, P.M. 1766; A. Jefferies, 1775; W. O. Kennett, P.M. 1208; B. Johnson, I.P.M. 1805; T. C. Seary, Org. 1957; P. W. Philpott, P.M. 1208; W. H. G. Rudderforth, P.M. 1668; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; and W. W. Lee, W.M. elect 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. J. C. Freeman was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. T. Benwick was passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. E. M. Slead and G. Wright were impressively initiated. Bro. Christopher Sims was next installed as W.M. by Bro. F. Hallows, P.M., and appointed the following officers: Bros. F. H. Inman, S.W.; E. G. Cherry, J.W.; E. Legg, P.M. Treas.; F. Hallows, P.M., Sec.; T. A. Stenner, S.D.; H. Whitney, J.D.; H. Groome, I.G.; W. Groome, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Hallows, P.M., and S. W. Vale, Stewards; J. Knight, A.D.C.; and Marx Gross, Tyler. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, and the usual toasts were subsequently given.

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., acknowledged "The Grand Officers," and expressed his regret at being late, as he always made it a rule to attend and see the working. He felt a peculiar pleasure in visiting that lodge; in the first place, because he saw in the chair as W.M. a brother well fitted to adorn it—a genial soul, a good man, and a thorough Mason at heart who would do credit to the lodge. In the second place, there were many members who were friends of his, and he regretted the absence of Bro. Salter. He was also pleased to be present to renew his acquaintance with the brethren of the Corinthian Lodge at Dover—many of whom had come to town for that occasion. The fact that that toast was so well received was appreciated by the Grand Officers, and they rejoiced to go amongst the brethren and testify by their presence the great interest they took in all that appertained to Masonry in general, and the principles of the Order in particular.

Bro. H. M. Appleton, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said the Lodge of Finsbury was very fortunate in having such a Worshipful Master as they had installed that evening. Bro. Sims, W.M., had recently passed through the chair at Dover, where his year had been a signal success. It therefore augured well for this lodge during the coming year. During the time Bro. Sims had been a Mason he had put his whole heart and soul in the work, and not only loved the work and all the details, but he had also acted as Steward on four or five occasions for the Masonic Charities, and was going up as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Worshipful Master desired the brethren to support him in that Stewardship, and he hoped they would do all they could. They had a great call for the Charities lately on the occasion of the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but they must put their shoulders to the wheel and see that the other Institutions were not neglected.

Bro. Christopher Sims, W.M., tendered sincere thanks to the I.P.M. for the flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast and for the cordial reception given it by the brethren. He could assure them he felt very proud of the high position in which he had been placed as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Finsbury. He should endeavour to do all he could to merit their kindness by carrying out the duties and business to the best of his ability. He should have but one object, and that the prosperity of the lodge and the comfort of the members, and he hoped that at the end of his term of office he should merit their approbation.

The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master," and said that, considering Bro. Hallows had but very short time in which to prepare the ceremony, he had performed it very creditably, and all present must have been deeply impressed by his able rendering.

Bro. F. Hallows, P.M., Sec., in response, said it was an unexpected honour to have the pleasure of installing the W.M. He regretted Bro. Salter was unable to perform that labour of love, and through that brother's illness the duty devolved upon himself. He thanked the W.M. for the manner in which he had eulogised his services, and hoped that Bro. Sims would have a successful year.

"The Initiates" was next honoured, and appropriately acknowledged.

Bro. Baker, W.M. 1208, replied for "The Visitors," and on behalf of the members of the Corinthian Lodge, Dover, expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to be present that evening. He congratulated the lodge on possessing such a Master as Bro. Sims, and he could speak with some authority, having witnessed the admirable manner in which that brother had discharged his duties, and also the impressive manner in which Bro. Sims installed him into the chair at Dover.

Bros. Kennett, P.M. 1208; Burkett, P.M. 1208; and J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, also responded.

Bro. Hallows, P.M., Sec., gave "The Masonic Charities," and said that through the Benevolent Association connected with the lodge 100 guineas had been sent up to the Masonic Institutions. He asked the brethren to cordially support the W.M. in his Stewardship.

Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast terminated a very enjoyable meeting.

**Temperance-in-the-East Lodge (No. 898).**—The installation meeting of this large and important lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. Armstrong, W.M., supported by Bros. H. Cooper, P.M.; Gordon, P.M.; G. Graveley, P.M.; Chapman, P.M.; G. Shearman, P.M.; H. W. Pulsford, P.M.; G. Sidders, P.M.; J. J. Carter, P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; H. J. Rogers, P.M.; A. G. Duck, S.W.; W. Bigg, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; E. F. Williams, S.D.; J. Pulsford, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Ringrose, I.G.; W. T. Legg, Stwd.; and H. Baker, Tyler. Among the large list of members present were Bros. G. T. Gardiner, T. W. Randall, P. Shapland, G. L. Mason, F. Vernon, J. Burke, W. Mills, W. Skipper, W. Gibson, J. Wagstaff, Jas. Douglas, J. T. Baker, D. Lewington, A. Aves, Richardson, C. Johnson, Kohle, H. W. Baxter, J. Smith, F. J. Burdett, J. Tarpin, W. T. Miller, J. J. Clark, S. Vinicombe, J. J. Shearman, J. W. Murray, A. Tatham, A. E. Curtis, W. D. Murley, W. F. A. Kelle, A. Hollingsworth, J. J. Olley, and J. K. Kinnipie, P.M. 1816. Visitors: Bros. E. M. Money, P.M. 28, P.G.S.; H. J. Day, P.M. 1457, P.G.P. Essex; J. R. Pasfield, P.M., Gooch, W.M., and S. Neville, P.M., of 781; A. Knight, P.M., H. T. A. Stewart, P.M., and A. T. Ives, P.M., of 1472; W. J. Musto, P.M.; W. J. Millington, P.M.; E. C. Knowles, P.M.; Sinclair, P.M. 1816; Geo. Parrett, W.M. 1259; J. L. Anderson, P.M. 554; J. La Feuillade, P.M. 1381; J. W. Taylor, W. T. Bell, W. M. Nifen, C. M. Nelson, J. Hancock, and W. Seage, of 781; J. Brinckes, P.M. 1158; T. Sidney Smith, 700; H. Webster, 1733; R. J. Scriven, 1489; C. A. Ward, 40; A. E. Jalloway, 554; J. Mills, 1765; A. D. Henderson, 688; J. M. Oxford and J. G. Horlock, 1816; B. H. Spencer, 1076; Chas. McKenzie and S. G. Bonner, 1382; R. Landland, 2398; J. Welsh, 1327; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Mills and Skipper were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Horsey, Ebson, and Phillips were initiated. Bro. A. G. Duck, S.W., W.M. elect, was then installed in the chair of K.S., and afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bro. W. Biggs, S.W.; E. F. Williams, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; T. S. Craze, S.D.; T. Ringrose, J.D.; H. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; W. T. Legg, I.G.; W. Bussey, F. Burdett, and J. T. Baker, Stewards; Puttick, Org.; and H. Baker, Tyler. Bro. Armstrong, who acted as Installing Officer, then delivered the several addresses to the W.M., Wardens, officers, and brethren respectively. Throughout the whole of the ceremony Bro. Armstrong carried out the various parts with his wonted precision, and delivered the addresses with impressiveness and fervour. He was ably assisted by Bro. Pulsford, P.M., who acted as D.C.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded by train to the Guildhall Tavern, where an excellent banquet had been provided for them. There being about 150 brethren present, a considerable number, under the good leadership of Bro. Graveley, P.M., as President, had to adjourn to another room, where their comfort was assiduously attended to. After the banquet they rejoined the main body, who by this time were ready for the toast list.

The loyal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were received with the usual honours.

Bro. Armstrong, I.P.M., then briefly and pointedly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him all success during his year of office. His past work in the various offices augured well for the future. He therefore heartily congratulated him on reaching the proud position he now occupied.

Bro. Duck thanked Bro. Armstrong and the brethren for the way in which his health was proposed and received. With such a good staff of officers he could hardly fail to carry out the duties of the chair in a satisfactory manner. For his own part he would use every endeavour.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Officer" was responded to by Bro. Armstrong shortly and to the point, expressing his pleasure in inducting so worthy a brother into the chair.

Bro. Pulsford, P.M., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said he could not rise without referring to the good work that had been done for the Charities by the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge in the past. They were Patrons of the Old People's and Girls' Institutions, and had almost reached the position of which any lodge might be proud, and for an East-end lodge they were afraid of no comparison.

Bro. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, said he thought that to be a member of an East-end lodge was a cause for congratulation. The East-end lodges had shown but very recently what splendid work they could do. For his own part he called upon the West-end lodges to look to their brethren in the East for an example. The Temperance-in-the-East, among other local lodges, had performed its part nobly. What they had done for the Aged Masons is well known, nor were they wanting in contributing to the success of the Girls' School at the last Festival. He trusted that the I.P.M., Bro. Armstrong, and the S.W., Bro. Bigg, who



were going forward as Stewards to the Boys' Festival in June, would not be wanting in the support that is always so nobly accorded.

For "The Initiates," the newly-made brethren briefly responded.

For "The Visitors," Bro. Money, P.G.S., successfully replied, expressing his pleasure in being present, and said he had been highly gratified with the efficient work in the lodge, and the hospitable way in which he and the other visitors had been received.

Bro. Beard, a member of the Board of Benevolence, expressed himself much to the same effect, and thought the general working of the lodge was beyond all praise.

Other toasts having been proposed and drunk, the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable evening.

During the evening a very pleasing musical programme was provided, under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper, P.M. 185, 2054, 2090, P.Z. 141, P.P.G. Reg. Herts, &c.

The grace "For these and all Thy mercies" was sung, and a selection of Irish melodies was performed by the Royal Criterion Hand-bell Ringers. In their due time the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were also sung. Without malice prepenze to the other singers, who all ably performed their parts, we may note that the honours of the evening were conferred on Madame Millie Malenoir, whose "Angus Macdonald" and "Ah well a-day!" were supplemented by "Leonora" and "Robin Adair" as encores. The now veteran elocutionist Bro. Arthur Wieland was very telling in his selection.

**Henry Muggeridge Lodge (No. 1679).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. G. Clark, W.M.; J. Bagot Scriven, Treas., W.M. elect; Boyce, S.W.; Woodhorpe, J.W.; Sack, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Sibley, S.D.; Hall, J.D.; Stampfer, P.M., D.C.; Sinton, J.G.; Elstab, Org.; Marsh, Tyler; Penny, P.M.; Street, P.M.; Reddall, P.M.; Allengame, Worthington, Strutt, Russell, Williams, Smith, Gomm, Wingrove, C. Wilkinson, Austin, and Crompton. Visitors: Bros. H. Birdseye, P.M. 715; R. W. Muggeridge, P.M. 1704; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; W. Englefield, P.M. 1321; W. Jordan, P.M. 1708; R. Sobel, 275, New York; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Mr. R. M. Crompton was then initiated. Bro. J. Bagot Scriven was very ably installed W.M. by Bro. G. Clark. The W.M. then presented Bro. Clark, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel and Past Master's collar and jewel in a very complimentary speech, which was very appropriately replied to by that brother. The officers were appointed for the ensuing year as above, except that Bro. G. Clark, I.P.M., was elected Treasurer. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then partook of a very excellent banquet, served by Bro. Clemow in his usual excellent style, which was much enjoyed.

The music at the banquet was arranged by Bro. S. W. Reddall, and gave great satisfaction to all the brethren.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. James J. Woolley, W.M.; Theodore H. Tilton, I.P.M.; W. Hancock, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; J. Skinner, S.D.; F. Jackson, I.G.; J. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, and G. A. Bergholz, Stwds.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; Fred. Kedge, P.M.; W. Villan, G. C. Sherwood, G. T. Atkinson, A. H. P. Snow, James Woodward, and others. Bro. A. Cogliati, 1559, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; A. Harris, J.D.; and many other brethren. The candidate for passing, Bro. S. Solberg, was prevented from being present on account of pressure of business. The Secretary read the by-laws of the lodge. Bro. W. Hancock, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and thanked the brethren in a few kind words for the great honour the lodge had conferred upon him, and promised to do his very best for its prosperity. Bro. J. B. Cumming was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, on behalf of Bro. J. B. Cumming, who was absent in France on business, thanked the brethren for their renewed confidence. Bro. R. F. Potter was unanimously elected Tyler. Bros. J. Allen, J. Coltart, and B. R. Paul were appointed Auditors to audit the accounts for the past year. On the motion of Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., a Past Master's jewel of the usual value was unanimously voted to Bro. James J. Woolley, W.M., in recognition of the able manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his year of office, and also for the way in which he had worked the ceremonies. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the kindness they had always shown towards him, and said it was a pleasure to know that his conduct during his year of office had met with their approval.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**Cordwainer Ward Lodge (No. 2241).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, under very depressing circumstances, owing to the sudden death of Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., the first Master of the lodge. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. S. Buck, and Bro. Hirshhorn was, after the usual preliminaries, passed to the Second Degree. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Frank Taylor, P.M., was passed. The resignation of Bro. Col. Cowan was received and accepted with regret. It had been arranged for the late Bro. Taylor to perform the ceremony of installation, at the request of the W.M., but that duty was undertaken by the Secretary, Bro. Henry Lovegrove, who installed Bro. J. H. Hepburn, C.C., P.P.G. Treas. Middx. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. J. R. Reep, S.W.; F. W. Potter, J.W.; C. S. Buck, I.P.M.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; A. T. Hawkins, S.D.; R. Greening, J.D.; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, I.G.; A. Wright, D.C.; Mason, Soper, and Loxley, Stwds.; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren dispersed, the customary banquet being postponed until the autumn.

**Hiram Lodge (No. 2416).**—The meeting of this, the architects and surveyors' lodge, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 25th ult. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. F. R. Farrow, S.W.; F. A. Powell, J.W.; T. E. Mundy, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Ebbetts, P.M., P.G.O., Secretary; W. T. Bonner, S.D.; G. Elkington, J.D.; H. G. W. Drinkwater, I.G.; J. O. Abbott, T. C. Yates, and others.

Messrs. A. F. Wrighton, W. West, and S. Jackson were duly initiated into Freemasonry, and Bros. W. Heelis and H. J. Pain were elected joining members. Dinner followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

DONCASTER.

**St. George's Lodge (No. 242).**—The first meeting under the newly-installed W.M. was held in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, on Friday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. F. Webb, W.M.; J. Fitzgerald, I.P.M. (acting S.W.); W. Blake, J.W.; J. Forth, P.M., Sec.; T. Foster, J.D.; F. H. Buckland, I.G.; H. White, Org.; G. J. Smith, S. Lester, and J. W. Turner, Stewards; A. Parkin, P.M.; F. Rand, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. D. Walker, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. Wilkie, P.M.; J. Greaves, J. Rayner, J. F. Hanson, C. Swales, E. T. Smith, C. Hopkinson, H. J. Pawson, and W. Mason and J. Hirst, Tylers. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Senior, 179, New South Wales; W. J. Sanders, 59 (S.C.); and J. Constable, S.W. 2259.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, and the Secretary having introduced several matters respecting the lodge premises, the discussion thereon was adjourned until July.

After a proposition, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where refreshment was provided.

FRIZINGTON.

**Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Bro. J. Wakefield, P.G. Tyler, W.M., in the chair, supported by about sixty members and visitors. The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. One candidate was balloted for and initiated, when Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec., was invited to the chair, and Bro. Wakefield presented Bro. William Robinson, W.M. elect, for installation, and he was duly installed, and invested the following as his officers: Bros. W. Shaw, S.W.; J. Armstrong, J.W.; Rev. J. Tyson, P.P.G. Chap.; G. Dalrymple, Treas.; W. Brown, Sec.; E. Jackson, S.D.; R. Douglas, J.D.; W. H. Jenkinson, I.G.; Dr. Routledge, D.C.; and Jas. Toye and R. James, Stwds. Bro. John Barry, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W., gave the customary address in his usual able manner. The W.M. then invited Bro. Dalrymple to present Bros. H. Hartley, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., John Wilkinson, P.M., P.G. Purst., and John Wakefield, P.G. Tyler, I.P.M., each with a Past Master's jewel, with a suitable inscription upon them. Bro. Dalrymple said it was not at all necessary to use many words anent this presentation from the lodge, as it was for regular attendance during their year as Master, good workmanship, a willingness at all times to support the Masonic Charities, and above all that which was the keystone of our whole Masonic structure—good harmony. The three brethren thanked the members of Arlecdon Lodge for their quite unexpected gift, and said it was one they should ever hold in high esteem. The Secretary was ordered to read copy of patent received from the Prov. Grand Secretary informing the members that Bro. Geo. J. McKay, J.P., Past Grand Std. Br., had been appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the province, and Bro. Dalrymple, Prov. Grand Secretary. Bro. Robinson, W.M., said it gave him much pleasure to move that the hearty congratulations of Arlecdon Lodge be sent to Bros. McKay and Dalrymple on the high distinction conferred upon them, which was seconded by Bro. Hartley, P.M., and carried with applause. With "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of 54, then sat down to an excellent banquet at the Parkside Hotel, the newly-installed Master in the chair, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. Dr. Lacey, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Wilkinson, P.M.; J. Webb, J. Singers, J. Bewick, T. L. Nicholls, H. Watson, J. Baraganath, Rev. J. Tyson, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, 119, P.P.G. Chap.; E. G. Hughes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Heathcote, P.M. 1989, P.G. Steward; L. Rumney, J. Tilford, W. Kewley, E. M. Edgar, J. Bell, J. Sumpton, J. Holmes, W. Lowery, J. McHarry, P.M.; E. M. Farrin, Dr. Braithwaite, P.M. 1267, P.P.J.G.D.; Geo. Wilson, W.M. elect 1267; A. Moordaff, J. Lowery, W.M. 1267; J. Stout, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Little, 962; A. W. Turner, P.M. 2285; T. G. Roxby, 1400; and others.

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Royal Arch.

**Rose of Denmark Chapter (No. 975).**—The quarterly meeting was held at the Star and Garter, New Bridge, on the 4th instant, when there were present Comps. Bentley Haynes, I.P.Z.; C. J. Blasby, P.Z.; S. Brooks, P.Z., Treas.; G. Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; W. Dodd, P.Z., S.E.; A. Skene, 1st A.S., as S.N.; Woodbridge Biggs, P.S.; T. T. Willcox, 2nd A.S.; Breadmore, J. Ambrose, E. Fox, E. J. Goddard, A. J. Shotton, C. W. Bennett, and Gilbert, Janitor.

The chapter having been opened, the first business was the election of a First Principal, to fill the place of Comp. Chalfont, deceased, who was only installed in March last, and Comp. Blasby, P.Z., was unanimously elected, and inducted into the chair. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Capel Smith, 2032, and, proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted, Comp. Haynes taking the chair of H., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Sapsworth. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Comp. Chalfont was passed unanimously.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions dined together as usual.

**Rose Chapter (No. 1622).**—The regular meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; Thos. Grummant, acting J.; J. W. Kirby, Treas.; John Loader, S.E.; W. Dawson, acting S.N.; J. H. Pullen, P.S.; G. Thompson, 1st A.S.; J. Whiteman, Janitor; J. Bladon, G. H. Lewis, F. G. Choveaux, T. R. Cass, F. W. Pearce, J. Dunn, W. G. Jeffrey, E. A. Rice, T. H. Salmon, G. C. Pike, and L. J. Derham. Visitors: Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; C. H. Stone, 1275; and C. J. Coombs, J. 975.

The minutes of consecration and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. E. A. Rice, G. C. Pike, and T. H. Salmon were exalted in a most perfect manner by the M.E.Z. Ten guineas were voted from the chapter funds, and placed on the list of the M.E.Z., who stood as Steward at the Girls' Festival, which speaks well for so young a chapter. Comp. Choveaux was elected honorary Organist. A letter was read from Comp. F. W. Williams, J., excusing his absence through unavoidable circumstances.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Venables.

Banquet ended, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were most tersely given by the M.E.Z. and most loyally received.

That of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given in high terms of commendation, and received most heartily by the companions.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was then given by Comp. Martin, H., who said it gave him intense pleasure in presenting the toast, especially as that was the anniversary of his natal day. He would state the M.E.Z. was one of the most genial and kind hearted Masons living, which was evidenced by the enthusiasm and extraordinary good feeling shown him both in the lodge and chapter, and also in the Star Chapter of Instruction, of which he was the esteemed Preceptor. He never tired in teaching all who came to him, which teaching was given with much courtesy. He (Comp. Martin) owed his position to the excellent teaching received at the hands of the M.E.Z., and he trusted that he might be spared for many years to enjoy the friendship of the M.E.Z. in the future as in the past. He hoped the three exaltees would emulate their respected M.E.Z., as the whole of the companions desired to do.

The toast having been received most enthusiastically, the M.E.Z., in reply, heartily thanked the companions for their kind expressions. He was exceedingly pleased and much gratified in spending his 49th birthday in company of the companions of the Rose Chapter, and he hoped to live long to see the chapter flourish. He had every reason to be gratified at the success the chapter was attaining, and so long as the companions so loyally supported him (he being the father of it), it would go on and prosper, which was his most earnest desire.

The toast of "The H. and J." was given in terms of great pride and pleasure at the hands of the M.E.Z., and responded to most ably by Comp. Martin, H., reflecting the whole of his Masonic career upon the M.E.Z., whom he had to thank most heartily for all that he had done for him, thereby enabling him to fill the honourable position of H. of the chapter.

"The Exaltees" was given by the M.E.Z., remarking the great honour and privilege he felt in presenting it. The three exaltees that evening were only just of age to admit of becoming Royal Arch Masons, and he would state that three more worthy brethren could not be found. Of their ability in Craft Masonry all knew their worth, and he was confident that they would prove themselves most worthy of the Rose Chapter.

Comps. Rice, Pike, and Salmon most ably responded, one and all remarking it would be their earnest endeavour to emulate such excellent officers as they had seen that evening, and also endeavour to carry out to their fullest the splendid principles so excellently propounded to them.

Comp. J. H. Pullen, P.S., then presented the M.E.Z., in the name of Mrs. Venables, with a splendid bouquet in honour of his birthday, wishing him very many happy returns, which the M.E.Z. most kindly accepted and acknowledged.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed in most becoming terms, and was ably responded to by Comps. Grummant, Stone, and Coombs.

"The Treasurer and S.E." was given in most praiseworthy terms, and was responded to by Comps. Kirby and J. Loader.

That of "The Officers" the M.E.Z. gave most commendably, and Comps. Pullen, P.S., and Thompson, 1st A.S., in responding, acknowledged most suitably the kind terms expressed by the M.E.Z.

The Janitor's toast closed a most successful and intellectual meeting.

The following assisted with some excellent harmony: Comps. G. Thompson, Stone, Choveaux (pianist), Derham (flautist), and F. Williams.

Mark Masonry.

BIRMINGHAM.

**Charity Lodge (No. 430).**—The installation of the second Master of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., in the presence of a distinguished body of Mark Master Masons. Letters of apology were received from Bros. the Marquess of Hertford, Pro G.M., Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire, who is an honorary P.M. of the lodge; Rev. Trevor Parkins, D.P.G.M.; David Rose, P.S.G.W.; T. R. Arter, P.J.G.W.; other Provincial Grand Officers, and brethren from the Provinces of Warwickshire and Staffordshire. The brethren present were Bros. William Hillman, P.S.G.W.; Sergeant-Major Woods, P.G.D.C. Staffordshire; Captain Burrough, J.O. 408; Dr. Wright Wilson, P.G. Sec.; J. Candelent, I.P.M. 318, P.J.G.O.; Samuel Jenkins, W.M. 318, P.P.J.G.D.; W. A. Parker, Org. 318; J. Attwood, R.M. 115, P.G.S.; C. D. Eaton, J.D. 115; G. N. Milward, Sec. 115; Howard Jennens, 115; Rev. W. H. Poulton, M.A., P.G. Chap.; R. O. Wills, Org. 174, P.G. Org.; and the officers and brethren of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bro. W. Hillman, P.P.S.G.W., and the installation ceremony

was performed by Bro. Edward Mallard, S.W. 115, P.J.G.D., one of the founders and the first W.M. of the lodge, the new Master being Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, S.D. 115, P.G. I. of W. After the installation ceremony, which was performed in a perfect manner, the Installing Master was presented by Bro. W. H. Poulton, Chaplain of the lodge, and P.G. Chap., with a Past Master's jewel, which bears the following inscription: "Presented to Wor. Bro. Edward Mallard, Provincial Grand Mark Deacon Warwickshire, by the officers and brethren of the Mark Lodge of Charity, No. 430, in recognition of his services as one of the founders, and his zeal and ability as first Worshipful Master of the lodge, also as a mark of fraternal esteem and regard. 1st June, 1892." The P.G. Chaplain, in presenting the jewel, bore testimony as Chaplain of the lodge to the admirable and exemplary manner in which the Installing Master had performed the duties of Master, and conducted the affairs of the lodge during the first year of its infancy, and to the zeal and ability which he had displayed in founding the lodge, and also to the success which he had achieved in inducing the other founders to join him in furnishing the lodge in a most complete manner, and with the most costly and beautiful working tools, officers' jewels, books, and other necessary paraphernalia, adding that he was perfectly satisfied that the lodge had been fixed on a sure and lasting basis, honourable to the builder, and that the future prosperity of the lodge was fully assured by his untiring and successful efforts, and the worthy Chaplain expressed a fervent hope that the Installing Master might long be able to boast of being the oldest Past Master of the lodge as well as the oldest subscribing Past Master of the Charity Craft Lodge, which he was fond of asserting. The Installing Master, in replying, expressed his great satisfaction that he had obtained the esteem and approbation of his brethren, and assured them that as long as he lived he hoped that it would be his earnest desire as it was then to keep his connection with the lodge, and to do the utmost in his power to secure its future prosperity and promote the happiness of his brethren.

After the ceremony was over, a most excellent banquet was partaken of by the whole of the brethren, the vice-chairs being filled, in the absence of the S.W., by Bro. Councillor Walter Waters, J.W., and Bro. Sir James Sawyer, M.O.

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in his usual eloquent and felicitous manner, referring to the great impetus that had been given to Masonry in general by the patronage of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and her noble son, the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, and to the brotherly kindness and assistance always so willingly and graciously bestowed by the Grand Master whenever required or in his power.

The toast of "The Pro G.M. and Prov. G.M., Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. Sir James Sawyer, M.O., who took an opportunity of paying a very eloquent tribute not only to the Masonic virtues of the M.W. Pro G.M. but to his high descent and honourable career, and further pointed out that the noble family of Seymours (part of whose arms the lodge bore on their banner by the noble marquess's kind permission) had in time past the distinction of furnishing not only great and distinguished statesmen but had even produced occupants of the throne of England, and for that reason he considered it a very great honour for any W.M. to be able to sit under such a banner, and a very great honour to the lodge as well as to the whole body of Mark Master Masons throughout the world. The speaker also assured the brethren from a personal and intimate acquaintance with the M.W. Pro G.M., of his sterling good qualities as a country gentleman, landlord, and employer, bearing testimony to his invariable goodness of heart, charitable acts, and kindly demeanour, not only to his equals in station, but to all those over whom he had authority, and whose duties and services and whose good fortunes brought them in contact with him in any way. The worthy Bro. Sir James Sawyer finished an eloquent speech with a most excellent tribute to the virtues and principles inculcated in Masonic ritual, and although he admitted that he was a very young Mason in comparison with those around him, said that he wished he had started on his Masonic career earlier in life; that he had been so impressed with the genuine tenets and principles of the Order he had imbibed that he felt justified in saying that they were second only to those taught by Christianity, and in exhorting the brethren present to become closer and more earnest and zealous advocates, practitioners, and exponents of the great objects and sublime teachings of the Institution which was gradually spreading its branches over the whole face of the globe, to the great benefit of the human race.

Bro. Councillor Waters, J.W. and acting S.W., proposed "The Health of the W.M. and the Installing Master," eulogising the many good qualities of both, and bearing testimony to the two prosperous years just completed by the W.M. in the chair of the Charity Craft Lodge, to the greater zeal he had infused into its members, the many charitable acts he had personally been guilty of, and to the beneficial effects of his good example to the brethren of the lodge. He also spoke in very kindly terms of appreciation and approbation of the Installing Master, instancing his own experience 10 years ago, when the Installing Master raised him to the Sultime Degree of a Master Mason, and saying that the deep impression made by the impressive manner in which the ritual was then given had lasted to that day, and had ever since stimulated him to persevere in acquiring Masonic knowledge.

The W.M., in responding, said that, although he had only just completed his second year of office in the chair of the Charity Craft Lodge, he only felt his appetite whetted for a further happy year's connection with the brethren of the Mark Degree, who were, of necessity, all members of the Craft lodge, and assured the brethren that he would exercise the utmost power and ability he possessed in still further increasing the high reputation of the lodge, which the Installing Master had prophesied at its consecration would soon become the premier lodge of the province, and which certainly, it appeared to him, had a near prospect of fulfilment. He also thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and hoped that all the good wishes expressed by the mouth of the eloquent S.W., his dear and esteemed brother, and by the heartiness with which the toast had been received, might be fulfilled so far as the Charity Mark Lodge was concerned.

The Installing Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for the most enthusiastic and cordial reception of his name, and assured them that he would do the utmost in his power to assist the Worshipful Master, and he hoped many succeeding Worshipful Masters, in doing all he could for the great cause they had at heart, and further assured them that the fact stated by the S.W., if it were one—and he dared not doubt it after the assurance given—was alone a sufficient reward to him as a Mason for any and all the exertions he had ever put forth in the great and glorious cause.

Bro. the Rev. W. H. Poulton, M.A., P.G. Chap., Chap., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," further expatiated upon the sublime principles and great objects of the Institution, and endorsed the statements of Bro. Sir James Sawyer, who had been his intimate and dear friend for upwards of 30 years, that the objects of Freemasonry were second only in importance to those of religion, and were, he said, calculated to promote and further the interests of the whole community. He also thanked the visiting brethren for coming amongst them, and assured them that the hospitality of the lodge had already become proverbial.

Bro. Hillman, as the senior P.G. Officer present, and as one of the oldest Past Masters of the province, after thanking the W.M. and officers for their generous hospitality, eulogised the general conduct of the Installing Master as a Mason, and said he had worked with him in various Degrees, Craft, chapter, and Mark, and that he had always been a great admirer of the zeal and ability displayed by him in the various Masonic ceremonies in which he had seen him work, and added that the installation of the W.M., Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, that evening had been performed in the most exemplary manner, and with greater perfectness and proper rendering of the beautiful ritual than he had ever witnessed or experienced during the whole course of his Masonic career. The worshipful brother also expressed his opinion that he had never listened to so eloquent an address or so high an eulogium of the principles of Masonry as that which had been uttered by the worthy brother, Sir James Sawyer, and congratulated the Lodge of Charity upon having so many earnest and zealous Masons as members.

The toast of "The Visitors" was also responded to by Bros. W. H. Parker, Sergeant-Major Woods, J. M. Milward, and C. D. Eaton, each speaker endorsing the opinion of Bro. William Hillman as to the excellent example set by the W.M., Installing Master, officers, and brethren of the lodge.

After the other usual toasts, interspersed with excellent vocal and instrumental music by the Provincial Grand, Craft, and Mark Organists, and other brethren, the proceedings were brought to a close amidst a unanimous expression of opinion by the brethren that a more enjoyable Masonic evening had never been spent by any of them.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. D. G. Imlay, W.M.; H. S. Wellcome, S.W.; J. Hart, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; W. Freemantle, S.D.; Jas. Passmore, J.D.; M. M. Taylor, I.G.; H. H. Nuding, Dr. Frost, Jas. Corp, D. D. West, H. Sands, A. Leighton, Morris Evans, and J. Tidmarsh. Visitor: Bro. Byworth, 1420.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sands volunteered to act as candidate, was examined, entrusted, and retired from the lodge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The explanation of the tracing board was rendered by Bro. A. Leighton. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Jas. Corp worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Byworth was proposed as a joining member. Bro. H. S. Wellcome was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. He appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of raising and the 6th Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; S.W.; J. Banks, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M.; Preceptor; D. S. Long, P.M., Sec.; W. Hide, S.D.; R. J. Williams, J.D.; H. G. Pearson, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M., and R. Reid.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. having risen, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. C. H. Stone, W.M.; Pullen, S.W.; Gaze, J.W.; Hilton, P.M.; Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; E. A. Rice, Sec.; T. C. Turner, S.D.; W. Hill, J.D.; Pike, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; Hooper, Clarke, Fisher, Salmon, Orton, Hubbard, Sercombe, Telling, Derham, Mattock, P.M.; Holey, and Youens.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, and Bro. Salmon, acting as candidate, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Salmon was passed in due form. The lodge was called off and on, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Edlestein, W.M.; H. Campbell, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M.

1543, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; J. Powell, J.D.; Major E. J. Reed, I.G.; S. N. Isaacs, Stwd.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; C. G. Wetzlar, P.M. 141; T. M. Lambie, M. Rosenberg, and W. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rosenberg acting as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ferguson was appointed Deputy Preceptor, and unanimously elected an honorary member, and having expressed his thanks for the compliment, stated he would conform strictly to the ritual and avoid innovations. Bro. Campbell was elected W.M. for the next meeting—officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Edlestein for the admirable manner he had presided as W.M. for the first time, and he acknowledged the compliment. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., when there were present Bros. Hardiman, Preceptor; Bircham Cooper, P.M. 1441, W.M.; Carter, S.W.; Wallace Ingram, J.W.; Martin D. Wills, S.D.; Bradbury, J.D.; Walter H. George, I.G. and Sec.; Higerty, Edwards, and others.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, with a slight alteration, read and confirmed. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Edwards, as a candidate to be raised to the Degree of a M.M., was duly examined, and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Edwards was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. Carter, P.M. 1444, was elected to the chair for the next meeting. On the proposition of Bro. Higerty, P.M. 1444, P.P.J.G.D. Surrey, Bro. Walter H. George was re-elected Secretary; and, on the proposition of Bro. Hardiman, Preceptor, Bro. Martin D. Wills was unanimously elected Assistant Secretary. The Preceptor proposed, and Bro. Carter seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Bircham Cooper for his excellent working in the chair, which was warmly appreciated by the brethren present. The W.M. rose for the third time, when nothing further offering, excepting relief to a brother in distress, the lodge was duly closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Duncan, J.D.; C. M. Coxon, I.G.; and W. Rapley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Rapley being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hancock, W.M. elect 2191, who rehearsed the investiture of officers. This ceremony was again rehearsed by Bro. Coxon, W.M. elect 2278. Bro. Hancock resumed the chair, when Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Duncan being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed, and adjourned until the first week in September.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; R. W. Jones, S.W.; J. Rowe, J.W.; W. Hancock, acting Preceptor; Geo. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; R. Sandland, J.D.; E. Harris, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. Kirk, A. Bullen, J. H. Warwick, N. Dukas, C. Morrell, E. J. D. Bromley, J. S. Cater, W. T. Bates, J. Wise, T. Hawken, W. Downes, F. W. Buxton, G. H. Reynolds, H. J. Keen, G. A. Bergholz, E. Evendine, MacLion, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. J. Keen having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. G. H. Foan vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Hancock. Bro. J. Wise 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 Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. MacLion, 1623, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. R. W. Jones, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. T. W. Heath, W.M. 1642, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; T. Kington, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; G. W. T. Kirkham, S.D.; Lewis Beale, J.D.; W. E. Kington, I.G.; H. G. Danby, W.M. 1050; J. R. Hubbard, P.M.; W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602; and H. R. Elkin.

The lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hubbard acting as candidate. Bro. Elkin offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; T. C. Dyer, S.W.; T. E. P. Bell, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; E. J. Gibbs, J.D.; Philip Howard, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P. G. Std. Br. Middx.; E. Clare, and Walter Dew.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Clare then offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree,

and the ceremony rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Dyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. E. Clare was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; L. J. Powell, S.W.; W. S. Whiteley, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (*pro tem.*); R. J. Williams, S.D.; E. Fox, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; J. H. Cummings, P.M., Stwd.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. A brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. W. Hillier, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**WALTHAMSTOW LODGE (No. 2192).**—Under the patronage of its distinguished President, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Essex, this Masonic college is becoming famous for its excellent working, and is increasing in popularity, now numbering nearly 300 members. On Monday, the 30th ult., at The Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, between 60 and 70 expert Craftsmen were in attendance to witness the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. James Pinder, P.M., occupied the chair, and conducted these interesting and intricate Lectures in a most perfect manner, ably assisted by the following: Bros. W. Shurmur, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; J. De Casseres, P.M.; J. Groome, J. Iven, P.M.; W. Knight, B. Steward, J. Knight, L. Simonous, J. Oxley, P.M.; H. F. Bromhead, P.M.; C. H. Bestow, and H. Harris. It was proposed by Bro. W. Shurmur, seconded by Bro. W. Peter Allen, that a very hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bros. J. De Casseres, J. Oxley, B. Steward, J. Knight, H. Whitney, H. Harris, and L. Simonous for the admirable and efficient help in working the Sections, and they were unanimously elected honorary members. Thirteen brethren were elected joining members, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—The meeting of this excellent chapter for instruction in the Royal Arch Degree, held on Friday evening, the 27th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., was of more than usual interest, in consequence of its being the final attendance of Comp. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, prior to his leaving London permanently to reside in the West of England. The evidence of the esteem and regard in which this worthy companion is held by his Masonic associates was manifested by a large attendance of companions from distant parts of the Metropolis and its suburbs, and the numerous letters of fraternal good wishes from most unwilling absentees.

Amongst the many present were Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, who officiated as H.; G. March, P.Z. 733, as J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; John Davies, 733, Treas.; J. C. Tilt, 862, S.N.; A. J. Turner, 1196, P.S.; J. Cox, 733, 1st A.S.; James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771; E. C. Mulvey, P.Z. 2246, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; C. G. Wetzlar, Z. 1604; J. Davies, Z. 733; W. E. Jameson, 176; J. R. Roberts, 1196; Samuel Cochrane, 3; H. Fortescue Williams, 742; O. W. Battley, 2246; G. Gregory, 862; W. Hillier, 834; and others. Of the companions unavoidably absent the following were named: Comps. J. Stephens, M.E.Z. 890; W. C. Williams, P.Z. 733; F. W. Levander, Prov. G. Treas. Middx.; A. C. Durrant, H. 276; R. D. Poppleton, H. 51; A. R. Rudall, 890; J. Woodbridge Biggs, 975; C. Hunt, and others.

The chapter was opened some half-hour before the usual time of meeting, Comp. Dean presiding, and the full ceremony of the Degree was worked in most perfect style, each officer ably delivering the portion of work allotted to him with correct enunciation and fitting emphasis. At its conclusion Comp. Dean addressed the chapter, expressing the regret which his necessary separation from his Masonic associates during many years would cause him, but, as that could not be avoided, he would let the memory of the past comfort him when at a distance from them. He considered it his duty to tender his resignation as a member of the executive, for he feared that his opportunities might be but few for again joining their assemblies. To this the chapter would not agree, and it was unanimously decided that Comp. Dean's name should not be removed from its present position, in the full expectation that whenever business or pleasure might require his presence in London he would avail himself of such opportunities for visiting the chapter. Many hearty expressions of goodwill, and best wishes for health and prosperity, fell from the most prominent of the companions present, and the chapter was closed in good time, to admit of Comp. Dean reaching his station of departure. It was altogether a very pleasant "send off," and the worthy recipient will doubtless look back upon the evening's proceedings with considerable satisfaction.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; T. Grummant, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; W. Dawson, S.N.; J. Pullen, P.S.; J. Hill, 1st A.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Styles, Dickey, H. Sadler, G. J. and G. Tyler; Mayo, Bannister, Addington, Mackley, S. Smith, Jackson, Lewis, Edmonds, Axford, Price, F. Williams, G. L. Moore, and Whiting.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals. Comp. Hilton installed Comp. Styles into the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. H. G. Martin into the chair of H., and Comp. T. Grummant as J. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comps. Styles, Dickey, Sadler, Mackley, and Whiting were elected joining members. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Hilton for so ably rehearsing the three installations and exaltation ceremonies, who most suitably acknowledged the compliment, stating the gratification he had of being assisted by such able officers. The chapter was then closed, and adjourned till September.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

The above annual supper took place at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on the 3rd instant, to commemorate the close of the session. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Carl Fleck, M.E.Z. 1275, the chair was taken by the Preceptor, Comp. F. Hilton, who was ably supported by Comps. H. G. Martin, Grummant, Loader, Addington, Cass, G. L. Moore, Meierhoff, Mackley, Derham, Choveaux, Lewis, Bladon, Voisey, Woodwell, Swinford Smith, W. Price, F. W. Williams, W. Briant, Murché, Pullen, Salmon, Pike, Rice, Wal Jeffery, Hill, Vincent, R. Davis, Stone, and Bro. Harcourt West.

On the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were exceedingly well given by the President, and received most heartily.

Comp. GRUMMANT, P.Z. 1275, in eulogistic terms, gave the toast of "The Worthy President, Comp. Hilton," remarking that his excellent qualities, both in Royal Arch and Craft Masonry, were so world-wide known that for his part it was superfluous to dilate upon them. The services he rendered week by week in the Star Chapter of Instruction endeared him to every companion with whom he came in contact, and no companion could more worthily fill the position of Preceptor.

Comp. PRICE, in the name of himself and Comps. Pike and T. H. Salmon, in a very graceful speech presented Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z. 1622, with a splendidly bound volume of the Sacred Law for the Rose Chapter, 1622, to mark their appreciation of him, by whom they were exalted the previous Saturday.

Comp. HILTON said he was quite at a loss for words to reply to the toast so ably put and feelingly responded to. He could not have been better pleased than to receive at the hands of such young and enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons this the Book of books. He thoroughly appreciated their kind sentiments, and should never forget the kindness of all the companions.

The next toast, "Our Noble Selves, the Star Chapter of Instruction," was given in a highly intellectual speech by Comp. R. J. VOISEY, Treas., who remarked that it had been very difficult to obtain instruction in Royal Arch Masonry in times past, several companions going to Greenwich and placing themselves under the splendid tuition of the late esteemed Comp. Bumstead. In time several worthy companions thought a chapter could be founded nearer home, which resulted in the formation of the Star Chapter of Instruction, which had been the means, under the able tuition of Comp. Hilton, Preceptor, of enabling the companions to do their respective duties in their chapters with great satisfaction. All were proud of the chapter, and also were convinced that they could not have a better Preceptor, and the companions thanked him most heartily for his great self-devotion and kindness, feeling sure under his guidance the chapter would go on and prosper.

Comp. HILTON, in reply, stated his love for the beautiful ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, hence his endeavour to leave Greenwich district for South-east London, where he was proud to state the chapter had proved to be most valuable. He would not forget from whom he had learnt the splendid ceremonies, viz., Comp. Bumstead, whose name was revered. He was grateful for the able support he had received; there had not been a blank night during the session, and he trusted the chapter would be the means of disseminating those excellent tenets which lay deeper in Royal Arch Masonry than in the Craft, and that the same good feeling would continue, and they would be linked together in that one indissoluble bond, and by so doing the chapter must go on and prosper.

"The Visitors" was next heartily given, and ably responded to by Comps. CASS, RICE, PIKE, and SALMON.

After the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E." had been given in terms of strong commendation, and ably responded to by Comps VOISEY and STONE,

Comp. C. H. STONE, S.E., gave a few statistics respecting the chapter. It had been established four years; number of members, 137; joined in the last year, 27; number of times open, 36; giving, with attendances of 528, an average of 14, which was a splendid result. The installations had been rehearsed on 17 nights in the session. By the weekly reports in the *Freemason* they had been spoken of in the Antipodes, and the companion, on his return to his native country, paid the chapter the earliest visit he possibly could. This would only be an incentive for him (the S.E.) to emulate their worthy Preceptor, and do all he possibly could for the chapter. He was delighted to remark that the companions of the Star Chapter of Instruction had unanimously voted £5 5s. from the funds to be placed on their esteemed Comp. F. Hilton's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was most praiseworthy for a chapter of instruction.

The toast of "The Host" was given in capital terms, and very suitably responded to by Bro. T. RUFF, the indefatigable manager.

Bros. Choveaux (piano), Derham (flautist), Swinford Smith, Harcourt West, and Stone added greatly to the harmony, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

There was a field day on Wimbledon Common on Tuesday, in which the Royal Horse Guards, the 2nd Life Guards, and the 17th Lancers took part, when a series of manoeuvres were successfully gone through in the presence of Major-General Lord Methuen, commanding the Home District. Nearly 1000 men and horses were on the ground.

Obituary.

BRO. A. H. TATTERSHALL.

We regret to record the death of Bro. A. H. Tattershall, of Mundania-road, Honor Oak, who died somewhat suddenly on Sunday, the 20th ult., whilst on a visit to friends near Paris. His remains were interred at Norwood Cemetery on Saturday last. The funeral cortège arrived at the cemetery at one o'clock, and was met at the entrance by the following members of St. George's Lodge and Chapter, No. 140, of which the deceased was a P.M. and P.Z., viz.: Bros. W. Noak, E. Johnson, Wallace, Forsyth, Nuding, Batchelor, G. Brown, Sec., also Bro. Hopekirk and his old friend and tried colleague, Mr. Taylor. Bro. Tattershall retired from H.M. Civil Service only at the end of last year, thus allowing but a brief enjoyment of a well-earned superannuation. His Masonic career is too well known to need comment. He was always foremost among the workers in the Craft, and served many Stewardships to the Charities. Bro. Tattershall attained the age of 71 years, and leaves a widow to lament his very great loss.

BRO. DR. R. JONES GRIFFITHS, P.M.

We deeply regret to record the death, on the 20th ult., of Bro. Dr. Griffiths, P.M. 1928, and H. elect 1928, a brother who was a very hard-working journalist, a barrister, and at one time a clergyman. Overwork was no doubt the primary cause of his illness, which, beginning earlier, set in with extraordinary severity on the death of his only child on January 12th. The funeral, says the *Journalist* of the 4th inst., "took place at Lewisham Cemetery on the 24th ult. Owing to a morning sitting of the House of Commons, and the concluding stage of the debate on the Local Government Bill, many of the deceased gentleman's colleagues who desired to be present were unable to attend. They were represented, as were many of the absent friends, by Bro. E. E. Peacock, the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, and by Bro. Joyce, of the *Shipping Gazette* (W.M. of the St. Stephen's Lodge). Among the floral offerings with which the coffin was covered were beautiful wreaths, from the W.M., officers, and members of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, in affectionate remembrance of their Past Master, Dr. Griffiths, from his colleagues in the Reporters' Gallery; and from the London District of the Institute of Journalists. We may add that Dr. Griffiths was an enthusiastic Mason, and was deeply read in Masonic lore. At the time of his death he was awaiting installation as Second Principal of the Gallery Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

BRO. JAMES WALKER.

Another member of the Gallery Lodge and Gallery Chapter passed away peacefully and quietly on Monday last. Bro. Walker, who was Treasurer of the Gallery Lodge Benevolent Fund, was, in his professional capacity London Editor of the *Glasgow Herald* and of the *Leeds Mercury*. Both papers had obituary notices of him on Tuesday. The *Leeds Mercury* says: "We deeply regret to announce the death, at his residence in Clapham yesterday morning, of Mr. James Walker, who for over 20 years had the management of our London office. Mr. Walker's health broke down about a year ago. He then took a voyage to Egypt, and came back feeling greatly benefited by the change. The severity of last winter, however, proved too much for him, and unfortunately brought on complications of a critical character. These rapidly developed, and it was seen two or three weeks ago that there was no chance of his recovery. No journalist was better known in Fleet-street. A capable writer, he was a man also of quick discernment, and had a thorough understanding of the requirements of newspaper work. He was held in high esteem by the members of his profession. His early career in the English provinces and journalistic work in Edinburgh and Glasgow, together with his long Metropolitan connection, made him known in press circles throughout the country. There are many journalists at home and abroad who can bear testimony to the value of his advice and his helping hand. He leaves a widow and four children." The funeral was at Honor Oak, on Thursday, and a list of those present will appear in our next.

BRO. MAJOR E. F. FERRIS.

We regret to announce the death, on the 30th ult., of Bro. Major E. F. Ferris, who during a long period of service in India performed his quota of Masonic benevolence while a member of the Allahabad Lodge, which during the mutiny was destroyed by fire. On his return to England our late brother, through circumstances over which he had no control, lost his all, and as a last resource at the advanced age of 73, appealed to his brethren, and only a year ago was elected to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, taking up his residence there last month. About three weeks since he was attacked with gastritis and angina pectoris, and gradually losing strength, expired. He was interred at the Croydon Cemetery on the 4th inst., leaving a widow and an only son to mourn his loss.

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The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, tomorrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m. The change this month from the first to the second Saturday is due to Bank Holiday on Monday.

We are asked to state that the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction have recommended their meetings at the Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, on Friday evenings at eight o'clock. Bro. Weedon is the Preceptor.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, having returned from visiting the Queen at Balmoral, will be entertained at luncheon at the Mansion House by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress to-day (Friday).

The Duke of Cambridge has expressed his intention of inspecting the London Rifle Brigade, of which his Royal Highness has been colonel for 32 years, in Hyde Park, to-morrow (Saturday).

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of York, and attended by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, landed at Dover on the return from Copenhagen on Tuesday afternoon, and travelled thence by special train to Charing Cross, which was reached shortly before 7 p.m. A large crowd had assembled, and respectfully saluted the Prince and his son as they drove off to Marlborough House.

A benefit has been arranged to take place at the Lyceum Theatre in behalf of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., when among the artistes who will appear will be Madame Sarah Bernhardt, Mr. Sims Reeves, Bro. Hare and the Garrick Company, Bro. Toole, Bro. Beerbohm Tree and the Haymarket Company, Mr. Alexander and the St. James's Company, and Bro. Henry Irving and the Lyceum Company.

The Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, Hull, on Wednesday night opened with much ceremony a new organ which has been built for the use of the Kingston and De la Pole Lodges. Bro. F. Bentley presided at the instrument throughout the ceremony and played a splendid selection of music. At the subsequent banquet Bro. H. Woodhouse, L.L.D., presided.

It has been resolved to celebrate the accession to the Masonic Throne of Scotland of the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington by a painting, which shall embrace portraits of the office-bearers and members of the Grand Lodge for the present year. The number of portraits included in the picture will be limited. Members who are not office-bearers will be depicted in the regalia of their respective lodges.—*Glasgow Evening News.*

The remains of Bro. James Fergusson, who died on Saturday, the 28th ult., aged 67 years, were interred in St. Nicholas' Churchyard, at Boston, on the 31st ult. Deceased was well known and respected throughout and beyond the Province of Lincolnshire. In his lodge he passed through all the chairs, and he held high provincial honours. Bro. W. H. Gane, W.M. of the Franklin Lodge, and upwards of 20 brethren of that and the Harmony Lodge followed their deceased brother to the grave. Deceased was also an active member of the Foresters and Oddfellows' societies.

The Editor of the *Gentleman* put to his readers the question—"Do Women desire to Vote for Members of Parliament?"—and asked them to vote thereon. The ballot, which has been open for several weeks, closed on Monday with the following result: 8301 voting "Yes," and 1158 voting "No," in answer to the above question. This is an interesting and useful indication of what Mr. Gladstone called the "womanly mind" of the kingdom upon the subject.

A book which should prove interesting reading to all Sussex people will shortly be published, entitled "A Peep into the Past: Brighton in the Olden Time." A fellow journalist of ours, Mr. John George Bishop, is the author, and if any man should be thoroughly conversant with the subject of Brighton past and present, it is certainly Mr. Bishop, as last week he completed fifty-three years of journalistic service on the *Brighton Herald*. We look forward with much pleasure to the perusal of this his latest work, "A Peep into the Past," the interest of which will be enhanced by the numerous illustrations and portraits which will appear in it.—*Sala's Journal.*

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., and Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremony of consecration at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus (Masonic Temple), on Thursday evening, the 23rd inst., at 7 o'clock precisely. The annual supper will take place immediately after the ceremony, Bro. G. H. Foan, W.M. 1614, Assistant Preceptor, in the Chair, Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1614, Secretary, Vice-Chairman. Tickets for the supper, 5s. each, can be had of Bro. G. Reynolds, 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

Chesterfield was the scene of a very interesting ceremony on Tuesday, when a large gathering of local and other notabilities and a vast concourse of spectators assembled to witness Mrs. Arkwright cut the first turf of the new Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway. The undertaking is a very popular one in the district and throughout Derbyshire, as it will connect Derbyshire with the agricultural districts in Lincolnshire on the one hand, and with the Manchester Ship Canal and the Mersey on the other, while at the same time it will afford an alternative route to London. It is hoped that the line will be completed in the course of the next three years.

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Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough and the Ladies Denison left London on Saturday last for their seat—Londesborough Lodge, Scarborough.

The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., have joined the Committee of Management of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction is now holding its meetings at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Talbot-road, Bayswater, W., on Friday evenings, at eight o'clock.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Mount Edgcumbe and Lady Edith Edgcumbe went on Friday, the 3rd instant, to Guy's Cliff, Warwick, on a visit to Lord and Lady Algernon Percy.

The Duke of Connaught, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Rifle Brigade, presided at the annual regimental dinner which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Friday evening, the 3rd instant.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe left Curzon-street on the 3rd instant for Vichy, where they will spend a month in order that his lordship's health may be benefited by the waters.

Friday, the 3rd instant, being the 27th anniversary of the birth of his Royal Highness the Duke of York, the bells in Windsor were rung, and a Royal salute fired in the Long Walk in commemoration of the event.

Bro. Sir Edmund Monson, the British Minister at Athens, who has been appointed to the same post at Brussels, will leave Athens on Sunday, the 12th inst., paying a visit by the way to Vice-Admiral Sir G. Tryon, commanding-in-chief the Mediterranean Squadron.

Bro. W. Vaughan Morgan, who was recently elected Alderman of Cordwainer Ward in place of Bro. Col. Cowan, resigned, was entertained at dinner at the Mansion House by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress on Friday, the 3rd inst.

The Duke of Northumberland having concluded his visit to Lord Algernon Percy, at Guy's Cliff, Warrick, proceeded last week to Albury Park, Surrey, where the rejoicings in behalf of the coming of age of his grandson, Lord Warkworth, eldest son of Bro. Earl Percy, have since been celebrated.

The Queen has ordered that the India medal for 1854, with a clasp inscribed "N.E. Frontier, 1891," shall be granted to the troops employed in the Manipur expedition, and a bronze medal and clasp for all authorised Government followers. But officers, soldiers, and others already in receipt of either medal, will receive the clasp only.

It is intended to erect an "Albert Edward Sailors' Rest" in the east of London as a memorial to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale. The Duke of York has expressed his approval of the scheme, and an appeal signed by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, Bro. Lord Brassey, Archdeacon Sinclair, Vice-Admiral Grant, and others has been addressed to the public in its behalf. The sum proposed to be raised towards this memorial is £10,000.

The Prince of Wales and his son, the Duke of York, left Copenhagen on Saturday evening last for Calais en route for London, travelling by special train *via* Fünen and Jutland. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied to the station by the King, the Crown Prince and Princess, the King of the Hellenes, the Duke of Cumberland, Princes Christian and Charles, Princess Louise, Princes John and William, and the British Minister—Sir Hugh MacDonell.

A meeting of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., for the purpose of electing candidates to be placed on the list for the election at the next Court of Governors of the Institution. There was a good attendance of members, including Bros. J. Houlding, E. C. Jones, G. Broadbridge, T. H. W. Walker, W. E. Cox, and J. T. Callow. In the course of the evening 13 candidates were elected, and none of the applications were refused.

A special appeal has been addressed to the public by the Archbishop of Canterbury (a Vice-Patron), Viscount Cranbrook (the President), and a number of distinguished physicians in behalf of the Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate, which was founded in 1891, and which has rendered incalculable service to upwards of 40,000 patients suffering from scrofula. It is the only hospital of its kind, and unfortunately, owing to the very serious annual deficit, its funds are at a very low ebb.

In addition to the marvellously attractive ballet of "Versailles," which certainly surpasses anything yet produced at the Empire Theatre of Varieties, the general programme is very strong, as will be seen from the following: Kelly and Ashby, Chinese laundry; E. Williams, cartoonist; Vesta Tilley, vocalist; "By the Sea," ballet; R. G. Knowles, the very peculiar American comedian; Marvell's Dogs; Armanini Quintette, mandolinists, &c.; Cinquevalli, juggler; Vanoni; Rose Sullivan, vocalist; Bedouins, Arab acrobats; Huline Bros., eccentric clowns; and Boisssets, in the laughable pantomime "The Wild West."

THE NEW TRAVELLERS' CLUB—which was opened on Monday last—is the latest addition to clubland. Built on one of the finest sites in London—97, Piccadilly—overlooking the Green Park, and furnished in the most sumptuous manner by Maple and Co., it possesses all the attractions that the most luxurious of mortals could desire, and, from the influential and experienced noblemen and gentlemen whose names appear as forming the Committee, we cannot doubt that it will be well and successfully managed. It is founded on similar lines to the Travellers' Club, which, like several of the oldest and most exclusive clubs, offers little or no chance of a member being elected within 10 or 15 years, therefore, the probability is that the New Travellers' will within a short time have its list full. We are informed that over 1500 noblemen and gentlemen have already been elected, and numerous candidates await election. Amongst other advantages the club contains numerous bedrooms for the exclusive use of members.

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A marriage has been arranged between the Earl of Southampton and the Lady Hilda Dundas, eldest daughter of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland.

It is said that the German Emperor has accepted the Queen's invitation to visit her Majesty in the Isle of Wight this summer, and that his visit will be timed to coincide with the Cowes Regatta, which is fixed for the 2nd August.

In the summons issued to the members of the Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland, the name of Bro. W. Glynes is given in error as T.R.S.T.A., when it should have been Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.P.G. Std. Br. Province of London.

The election of a successor to Bro. Sir P. De Keyser as Alderman for the Ward of Farringdon Without, resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. W. P. Treloar. A vote of thanks to Bro. Sir P. De Keyser for his services was also passed by acclamation.

Two fine roads are being laid out in South London, one will be 50 feet wide, Holmdene-avenue, and will connect Herne Hill with Half Moon Lane. About 150 houses of a superior class will be erected, under the superintendence of the surveyor to the freeholder, Bro. Henry Lovegrove.

The Queen has been pleased to place the use of the Royal box at the disposal of the Committee which is organising the concert in aid of funds for the relief of distressed foreign artists in England, which will take place at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, to-day (Friday), at 3 p.m.

The Princess Marie of Edinburgh, the eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and a grand-daughter of the Queen, has been betrothed in Berlin to Prince Ferdinand, nephew of the King of Roumania, and by special enactment the heir-apparent to that Monarch.

The National United Order of Free Gardeners commenced their annual meeting at Wednesbury on Monday under the presidency of their Grand Master. The address showed that there were 57,676 members, and funds amounting to £147,000, being an increase of £5000 over the previous year.

Brockwell Park, Herne Hill, was opened on Whit Monday by Lord Rosebery and some members of the London County Council. Nobody worked harder to secure the park for the people than Bro. Thomas Lynn Bristowe, M.P., P.M., &c., and it was extremely sad that a few minutes after Lord Rosebery finished speaking Bro. Bristowe fell dead on the steps.

The Earl and Countess of Cadogan gave a dinner party at Chelsea House on the 3rd inst., at which the guests included Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, the Marquis of Hamilton, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland, the Earl of Dalkeith, Bro. the Earl of March, Viscount and Viscountess Chelsea, Bro. Lord and Lady Burton, and Count Albert Mensdorff.

The annual Cart Horse Parade and Competition was held in the Inner Circle of the Regent's Park on Whit Monday. There were in all 596 horses with 483 drivers entered, there being 46 in the single horse two-wheel class, 363 in the single horse four-wheel class, 138 in the pairs, 33 in the teams of three, and 16 in the teams of four. Baroness Burdett-Coutts was to have presented the prizes, but was prevented by the death of her cousin, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and her place was very kindly taken by the Lady Mayoress. The parade and distribution of prizes were witnessed by crowds of people, and a vote of thanks to the Lady Mayoress, which was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, was passed by acclamation.

As the weather was brilliant, the number of people who availed themselves of the facilities afforded for enjoyment on Bank Holiday was enormous. The principal railway termini were thronged with intending excursionists, and Brighton, Ramsgate, Dover, Margate, and all the sea-side resorts within easy reach of the Metropolis were crowded with visitors the whole day through. The museums, parks, and gardens in London were also thronged. Some 23,000 persons visited the Zoological Gardens, and about 12,000 the South Kensington Museum, and half that number the Natural History Museum. Many also travelled to Windsor and inspected the State Apartments at the Castle, while Hampton Court, Richmond, Kew Gardens, the Crystal Palace, and other suburban resorts had each of them their full complement of holiday folk. It is long since the day sacred to St. Lubbock at this season has been the means of affording so much enjoyment to so many people. At the Crystal Palace the visitors mustered upwards of 46,000, while Venice at Olympia attracted over 30,000, and the International Horticultural Show, with Buffalo Bill's Wild West, the Cossacks, and the band of the French Republican drew nearly 44,000.

THE CHOVENI ZION—Lovers of Zion—Society, whose appeal appears in our advertisement columns, has been founded for the purpose of establishing agricultural colonies of Jews in Palestine and the neighbouring territories. The objects of the Society are such as to enlist the sympathies of members of all denominations, whether considered in their religious, in their humanitarian, or in their charitable aspects. The Society was founded, and is supported mainly by a great mass of Russian Jews settled in England; either for a permanence or, as they hope, for a short time only. They look to Palestine as the country suited above all ultimately to provide them with a home and with sustenance by agricultural labour. Several influential Jewish gentlemen, notably Samuel Montagu, Esq., M.P., J. S. Montefiore, Esq., J.P., the Rev. Dr. Adler, Chief Rabbi, and others, are doing all they can to assist in the objects of the Society, and are ably seconded by a number of provincial congregations. The programme of the Society is based on eminently practical grounds. There are no dreams of creating a Jewish kingdom in Palestine, nor of driving out the Turks, who have shown themselves most friendly towards the Jewish race. The plot of ground chosen by the Society for their first attempt is eminently suitable for the purpose. Major Conder, R.E., one of the greatest living authorities on the subject, who will shortly lecture in the Portman Rooms on "Eastern Palestine," fully approves of the selection made by the "Lovers of Zion."

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