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RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

While the bulk of the London lodges are enjoying the rest from labour to which they are so justly entitled, the brethren in the Provinces have been busying themselves in holding or preparing for their annual meetings, the number of Provincial Grand Lodges and Chapters which have been held during the past few weeks being very considerable, while in the course of the next few months many more are due, of which it will be our privilege to furnish reports more or less ample and interesting. One of the earliest of these meetings to which it seems desirable to call attention was that held at Cirencester on the 1st inst., when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire met under the presidency of its Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P. This Province, though, as our readers are aware, it is a comparatively small one, is nevertheless imbued with an amount of zeal in the performance of its duties which reflects on it the greatest credit; and as its respected chief will a few days hence preside as Chairman at the Boys' School Festival, there was a fuller attendance than usual. The annual reports, especially those of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, were in all respects satisfactory, and on the motion of the D.P.G.M., Bro. VASSAR-SMITH, it was unanimously agreed that a sum of 100 guineas should be voted towards the funds of that Institution. On the same day was held at Wellington the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire, the chair being occupied by Bro. Viscount DUNGRYAN, Prov. G. Master, who must have been extremely gratified both by the number of brethren who were present and the favourable nature of the reports of the principal executive officers of his Province. On the 2nd instant the town of Bedford was the scene of a numerous and important gathering of the Craft, the day and place having been appointed for the installation of Bro. Lord AMPHILL as Prov. Grand Master of Bedfordshire, in succession to Bro. Col. WILLIAM STUART, who, when in 1885 his Royal Highness the Grand Master was pleased to constitute the county of Bedfordshire as a Masonic Province, had the honour of being chosen to fill the office of Provincial Grand Master. On this occasion the ceremony of installing Bro. Lord AMPHILL as Bro. Col. STUART's successor was performed by Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master, and, though the Province is a small one, with but six lodges on its roll, the proceedings of the day were such as to justify the hope that its career under its newly-invested chief will be exceptionally prosperous. On the 10th instant a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held in the Town Hall, Twickenham, for the purpose of enabling the brethren to express their sympathy and condolence with Lady BURDETT and her family on the death of Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., who received his patent of appointment as the first Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex on the 1st December, 1869, and under whose auspices the province had so largely increased both in number and importance. A reference to our issue of the 27th February last will show that at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, which had been held a few days previously at the Criterion, Piccadilly, an illuminated address contained in a silver gilt casket, was presented to Sir FRANCIS, partly in commemoration of the Provincial Mark Lodge having been constituted rather more than 21 years previously and so attained its majority, but chiefly in recognition of his many and important services during that period. On that occasion the Provincial Secretary read a short descriptive account of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge since its constitution, which concluded with these words—"Long may Sir FRANCIS BURDETT live to be our Provincial Grand Master and share in the prosperity of this Provincial Grand Lodge!" Unhappily, the wish thus cordially expressed, and as cordially echoed by all present, as well as by all who had the privilege of knowing our late distinguished brother, has not been fulfilled, and he who was able to preside at the meeting referred to, and in spite of his weight of years, take an active part in the proceedings, has gone for ever from our midst, to the deep and enduring regret of all the lodges and brethren over whom he had presided with such ability and kindness for so long a period. Thus the special meeting at Twickenham a fortnight since was one of grief and sorrow for the loss of their beloved chief, of whom his Deputy, Bro. RAYMOND H. THURPP, spoke no more than the truth when he said that Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT was "earnest and firm in purpose, determined to discharge all the important duties connected with his office conscientiously and well, and exerting all his power to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Province, and the comfort and happiness of the brethren, rewarding merit, encouraging the younger brethren, and especially inculcating the principles and tenets of the Craft." The same ideas were expressed in the letter of condolence which the meeting resolved on addressing to Lady BURDETT, and in which stress was laid on "the judgment and tact and the gentle sway" with which their late ruler

had presided over them, but more especially on the fact that "while firmly maintaining the dignity of his high office, he was ever ready to extend the right hand of brotherhood to the humblest member of the Province, thus endearing himself to all who knew him." These few expressive words cannot fail to prove a strong consolation to the lady they were addressed to, while the feeling which prompted this genuine tribute of respect will no doubt influence the tone of the annual meeting which will be held at Teddington to-morrow (Saturday), when for the first time in the history of Middlesex as a Masonic Province, the chair their beloved chief was wont to fill will be vacant.

There are three other meetings of a similar character which have been held. On the 9th instant the brethren of Northants and Hunts met at Stamford under the banner of the Lodge of Merit, No. 466, and Bro. the Earl of EUSTON had the pleasure of congratulating them on the progress made during the past 12 months. His lordship announced that a further addition would be made to the Province in the shape of a new lodge at Kingsley Park, Northampton, and also expressed the hope that as he had been invited to preside at next year's Festival of the Girls' School, the brethren would rally round and support him as they had done when Chairman of the Benevolent Institution. On the same day the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire assembled at Newark, the main business being to instal Bro. Lieut.-Col. NEWTON, who had been appointed to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master in place of the late lamented Bro. the Rev. F. VERNON BUSSELL. Here, at the outset, the chair was occupied by Bro. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary, and the patent of appointment having been read, Bro. Lieut.-Col. NEWTON was duly installed in office, and received the hearty congratulations of the brethren. Subsequently a handsome testimonial and address were presented to Bro. H. GEORGE for his valuable services to Freemasonry in the Province. The other meeting took place at Exeter on the 6th instant, when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire met, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount EBRINGTON, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The statistical returns showed a substantial increase in the number of subscribing members, of whom there were reported to be 3254 distributed amongst 52 lodges. The position of the Provincial Educational Fund was spoken of very favourably, but it was resolved that steps should be taken to strengthen the FORRESCUE Annuity Fund—the merits of which do not appear to be sufficiently known—by circulating the last report of its Committee of Management among the members of the Province.

From this brief summary of the proceedings at sundry Provincial Grand Lodges held during the present month, it is manifest that in the Provinces as in London the Craft is growing stronger and more prosperous every year, nor have we any doubt that this statement will be fully confirmed by the reports we shall publish in due course of other Provincial gatherings which are on the eve of being held.

## THE PROVINCE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The centenary celebration of the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, which was held at Grantham on Thursday, the 9th inst., passed off with very considerable *éclat*. There was a very full attendance of Provincial Officers, Present and Past, as well as of the 24 lodges on the roll, and sundry visitors, among the most prominent brethren present being the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M.; Bro. Major William H. Smyth, J.P., D.L., Prov. G.M., and Bro. Jas. Fowler, J.P., D.P.G.M. The meeting took place under the banner of the Doric Lodge, No. 362, which met on this auspicious occasion at the Theatre Royal. In the first instance, the brethren assembled at the Guildhall, whence, after partaking of light refreshments, they marched in procession to the Theatre, where Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the presidency of Bro. Major Smyth, and the business proper to such occasions was transacted. But the main attraction of the meeting was the performance by a select choir and orchestra of brethren of Mozart's Masonic Cantata which was composed in 1792, and most successfully rendered throughout. Subsequently, Provincial Grand Lodge attended Divine service in St. John's Church, Spittlegate, while the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with a banquet at the Exchange Hall, the usual and the special toasts being duly honoured by the large and enthusiastic array of guests. We do not think the event could have been more appropriately celebrated, and we heartily congratulate our brethren of Lincolnshire on the success of the gathering. They have been busying themselves of late years with all kinds of Masonic work, but most especially with that which is associated with Benevolence and Charity. Formerly they had amongst them one of the

great literary lights of Masonry—Bro. the Rev. GEORGE OLIVER, D.D., who, though he cannot be accepted as a trustworthy historian, well deserves to be remembered for his services in behalf of Masonic literature. Moreover, the present respected Provincial Grand Master is the occupant of an office, to which on its creation Bro. the Rev. William Peters—the solitary Grand Portrait Painter of our Grand Lodge—was appointed, and which since his time has been held by such distinguished brethren as Bro. W. H. White, Grand Secretary; the second Earl of Yarborough, who, as Senior Grand Warden of the year, presided as Chairman at the Jubilee Festival of the Girls' School in 1838, and was Deputy Grand Master of England from 1846 to 1856; and the present Duke of St. Albans, who ruled the Province from 1862 till 1878, when he was transferred to Nottinghamshire. Thus the Province can look back with pride both on a century of useful work as well as on a succession of able rulers, and we trust that the prestige it has acquired will be handed down intact through many successive generations.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bath, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. R. C. Else, P.G. Std. Br. England, supported by Comps. W. Long, P.G.H., and J. Burnett, P.G.J. There are 10 chapters in the province (three of them in Bath), and they were all represented, some of them in force. The presence amongst them of Comp. E. White, P.Z. 41, was a source of great pleasure to the members of the local chapters, and their pleasure was enhanced by the fact that the esteemed companion was placed by the Grand Superintendent in the chair of Third Principal of the province. It is worthy to note that Comp. White passed the first chair in his chapter 51 years ago, viz., 1841, and his acceptance of Provincial Arch rank at 90 years of age (or nearly so) is probably without precedent in Masonic annals. It is an honour which reflects honour alike on companion, chapter, and province.

The usual business of the Provincial Grand Chapter having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Officers for the year were invested, the following being the complete list:—

Comp. R. C. Else, P.G. Std. Br. England	...	Grand Supt.
" W. Long (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.H.
" E. White, P.Z. 41	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. Noke, P.Z. 53 (re-appointed)...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. Newton Fuller, P.Z. 53	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" B. H. Watts, P.Z. 53 and 379 (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Peach, Z. 41	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. F. Norris, P.Z. 291	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" H. Culliford Hopkins, Z. 379	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. Haddon, H. 261	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" L. H. Rugg, Z. 329	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Parker, P.Z. 285	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. A. Crosse, J. 446	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Macfarlane, H. 41	...	Prov. G. Org.
" M. H. Clarke, H. 1750	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. J. Salter, 53	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" S. Bigwood, 41 and 379	...	Prov. A.G. Janitor.

The customary banquet followed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 18th inst. Owing to the recent decease of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the companions appeared in Masonic mourning. Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, Prov. Grand H. in charge, presided, supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers and others:

Comps. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, as Prov. G.H.; H. C. Weld, Prov. G.J.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; J. G. Langton, Prov. G.S.N.; F. W. Levander, Prov. G. Treas.; W. H. Matthews, Prov. G.P.S.; J. D. E. Tarr, Prov. 1st A.G.S.; H. H. Hooper, Prov. G.S.B.; H. S. Sworth, Prov. G.D.C.; S. Jacobs, Prov. A.G.D.C.; W. J. Porter, Prov. G. Org.; John Gilbert, Prov. G. Janitor; J. M. Stedwell, P.P.G.J.; J. Tickle, P.P.G.J.; D. W. Pearse, P.P.G.R.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S.; F. C. Austin, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. W. Bilby, P.P.G.R.; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.S.; W. G. Kentish, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.S.; G. L. Wingate, P.P.G.S.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Dare, P.Z. 946; A. Tomlin, jun., J. 1503; S. Richardson, 1293; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; J. P. Houghton, P.Z. 382; A. G. Fidler, P.Z. 1237; W. R. Shutt, J. 1549; E. Smith, J. 382; C. Watkins, Z. 1293; H. Higgins, P.P. G.D.C.; A. Blenkarn, S.N. 1326; G. R. Langley, Z. 1326; A. Leighton, 1326; R. J. Potter, H. 1326; W. P. Hay, Z. 1194; J. G. Garson, M.D., P.Z. 1691; Burcham Cooper, P.Z. 1366; T. Wallace Ingram, 946; R. Poore, S.N. 1423; P. H. Davis, 1793; and many others.

After the Prov. Grand Chapter had been formally opened, and the roll of chapters called,

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Prov. G.H. in charge, stated that before proceeding to the further business of the convocation, he desired to make a few remarks in reference to the great loss the province had sustained by the decease of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. At the recent special Provincial Grand Lodge a vote of condolence was duly passed to Lady Burdett and family, and he did not think that a similar vote was necessary on this occasion. He would, therefore, simply move the following resolution, to be recorded on the minutes: "This Provincial Grand Chapter, having heard with deep regret the irreparable loss the province has sustained in the death of the Grand Superintendent, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., desire to place on record their appreciation of his services as the head of the province, his zeal for the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry, and his

courtesy and kindness at all times shown to the companions of his province."

Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. SAUNDERS, acting Prov. G.H., stated that he felt on occasions of this kind that feelings were perhaps best expressed by the fewest words; and he would, therefore, simply second the proposition.

The report of the Audit Committee was taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Comp. R. H. THRUPP announced that he had appointed Comp. J. G. Garson, M.D., P.Z. 1691, as Prov. G.J., and he was obligated and invested accordingly.

Comp. J. TICKLE, P.P.G.J., proposed Comp. R. W. Shutt, J. 1549, as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The proposition was seconded by Comp. D. W. PEARSE, P.P.G.R., and carried unanimously.

The following companions were then invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. W. H. Lee, 1423	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" John P. Houghton, 382	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" William R. Shutt, 1549	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Harry Parnell Hay, 1194	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Alfred G. Fidler, 1237	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Charles Watkins, 1293	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" A. Toulmin, jun., 1503	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" C. H. Köhler, 1423	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Arthur H. Scurrah, 2048	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Edmund Dare, 946	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Wm. John Porter, 1793	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" G. J. Dunkley, 1503	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Gilbert	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. Capt. T. C. Walls, G. R. Langley, and J. D. Tarr were nominated by the Prov. Grand H. in charge to serve on the Audit Committee, and Comp. R. W. Bilby, W. A. Scurrah, and J. Gordon Langton were elected by the companions as members of the same.

A vote of thanks was given to the Lebanon Chapter for the use of the furniture, and acknowledged by Comp. LANGLEY, M.E.Z.

A similar compliment was paid to Comp. F. W. Levander, P.P.G. Treas., in acknowledgment of his services during the past year.

Comp. LEVANDER briefly responded.

Several letters of apology and regret were afterwards read by the Prov. Grand S.E., and Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

Owing to the recent decease of the Grand Superintendent the usual banquet was dispensed with.

### THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

An informal inspection of the progress made with the building of the Imperial Institute took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., when a large party of representatives of the public Press of Great Britain and the colonies, invited by the Executive Council, were conducted through the interior by Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, General Secretary, Bro. Sir Somers Vine, Assistant Secretary, and other members of the staff. They were shown the council-room, the conference-room, reading-rooms, writing-rooms, and news-rooms, where fellows and visitors will find copies and files of all the principal newspapers, and will be kept *au courant* by the electric agencies now in vogue with commercial, financial, and other intelligence of the day.

They also had the opportunity of inspecting the loan collection of India art metal work and woodwork contributed by the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Northbrook, the Countess of Mayo, and other owners of some of the choicest and richest artistic treasures of the Orient. The collection far exceeds in vertu and variety anything of the kind ever seen in this country, including as it does inimitable works of Indian art designed and executed as national presents on great national events, such as the marriage of the Heir to the Throne and her Majesty's Jubilee.

Another typical room is one in the artisans' exhibition, where a beginning has been well made with specimens of plumbers' work from Newcastle and Dundee. But what is to be seen now represents but a very small portion of what will be on view when the Queen inaugurates the institution in the spring of next year. In the meantime it is worth noting that the total outlay upon the buildings and their appurtenances as they now exist, or are in course of completion, stands at £279,000. An addition of £80,000 to the building fund will be required before the Great Hall, the West Stairway, the Library and Conference Hall, and the two Colonnades can be constructed; when entirely finished the expenditure on the building will be represented by about £360,000. When the inspection was over, refreshments were served, Bro. Sir F. Abel being a most genial host, and, in the course of his remarks, drawing attention to the great interest taken by the Queen and the Prince of Wales, in his capacity as President, in the promotion of this great enterprise.

WILLIAM WHITE.—Grand Secretary of England ("Moderns"), with James Heseltine from November 1st, 1780, and from May 3rd, 1784, sole Grand Secretary for many years. On the 9th May, 1810, his son was appointed Junior or Joint Grand Secretary, but was not privileged to serve long in that capacity with his father, the latter soon after having died. Bro. White, sen., was initiated in the "Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge" (then No. 2), on March 8th, 1770, and was S.W. of the "Emulation Lodge" (then "regenerated"), December 21st of the same year, serving the office of Master in 1771, 1772, 1774, and 1777. Of this lodge he was a most active member, and founder of a lodge of instruction "to promote a knowledge of Masonry" under its wing. It is not easy now to rightly appreciate and estimate the services of our veteran Grand Secretary, but assuredly much of the prosperity of the Society was owing to the able discharge of his manifold duties. Bro. White was also W.M. of the "Grand Stewards' Lodge" in 1780, having been Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards in 1775.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

## THE KNIGHTS HOSPITALLERS.

Recently, in an idle moment, I ran across an old book, giving an account of the Knights Hospitaliers, or Knights of Malta, as they were subsequently styled, a few extracts from which book may be of interest to members of the Masonic Order of Knights Templar. The book is entitled "Observations made in a Journey through part of the Low Countries, Germany, Italy, and France. . . . By John Ray, Fellow of the Royal Society. . . . London: Printed for John Martyn, Printer to the Royal Society, at the Bell in St. Paul's Churchyard, 1673." The author, in the course of his observations on the island of Malta, quotes the following inscription over the gate of Valetta, embracing the founding and building of that city:—

"Fr. Jo. di Valetta Sacrae Domus Hospitalis Hierosol. M. Magister, periculum anno superiore à suis militibus populoque Mebitæo in obsidione Turcica peressorum memor, de condenda nova urbe, eaque mæniis, arcibus & propugnaculis ad sustinendam vim omnem propuls and o'sque invinici Turcæ impetus ant saltem reprimendos munienda, inito cum Proceribus consilio, Die Jovis 28 Martii 1566, Deum omnipotentem Deiparæque virginem & numem tutelare D. Joannem Baptistem Divosque cæteros multa precatus, ut fanstum felixque Religioni Christianæ fieret, ac Ordini suo quod inceptabat bene cederet, prima urbis fundamenta in monte ab incolis Sceberas vocato jecit, eamque de suo nomine Valettam (dato pro insignibus in Parma miniata aureo leone) appellari voluit.

"Fr. Antonius de Paula M. Mag. invictiss. Conditoris tanteque rei monumentum P.C. Anno ab Urbe Fundata 68."

Then follows a description of the Castle of St. Elmo, in which "are imprisoned such knights as have committed any misdemeanour, and held in restraint longer or less time, or further proceeded against according to the merit of their fault." Next he writes:

"The Alberghi, or Halls, of the eight several nations (Lingue they call them) of the Order. The nations are French, Italian, German, English, Provençal, Auvergnois, Castilian, and Aragonian. These Albergs are most of them fair buildings like colleges, and in each of them is a public hall, wherein the knights of each nation dine and sup as many as please; the others have their parts demensum sent to their lodgings, or dispose of it otherwise, as they see good. The Seignior of each nation is superior of the Alberg, Grand Prior of his nation of the Great Cross (*Gran Croce* they term it), and one of the Privy Council to the Great Master. These are distinguished from the rest by a great white cross upon their breasts, made of silk, sown into their garments. Heer is an Alberg for the English nation, or rather a piece of ground enclosed with the foundation of an Alberg, the walls being scarcely reared up. This ground, we were told, some of the citizens would have bought and built upon, but the Grand Master and Council refused to sell it, not despairing it seems that one day our nation may be reduced again to the obedience of the Romish Church."

After describing the armoury, the Grand Master's palace, slaves' prison, and other buildings of the city, our author details the charitable occupation of the knights as under:

"The Hospital (*Infirmaria*) is a fair building, which they are now enlarging. The sick persons are served by the knights, viz., such a number of knights are appointed to carry them their meat daily with cap in hand, which thing we saw them do in this manner. The meat was all brought into the middle of a great room where many of the sick lay. Then one of the knights (the Steward I suppose he was) read the names of the sick one by one out of the Physician's bill, wherein was prescribed each sick person's diet. As he read a name, the cook, his part whose name was read, and dishing it up delivered it to one of the knights, who carried it to his bedside, where stood a stool covered with a napkin having bread and salt upon it. This duty their very name intimates to belong to them, viz., knights, i.e., servants of the hospital, and therefore, we may be excused if we have been more particular and circumstantial in describing the manner of it. If any of the Order falls sick, he is not to stay in a private house, but must presently repair hither, where he is most carefully tended, one or two knights being appointed to be always by him."

Of the Grand or Great Masters of the Order subsequent to its being removed from Rhodes to Malta, in the year 1530, when the Emperor Charles V. granted the knights the island, the writer enumerates 17, numbered 43 to 59. The name of No. 43 was Phillip-puis de Villiers Lisleadham, a Frenchman, who "brought the religion into Malta Anno 1530, being the 43 Grand Master from the first institution of the Order." He died August 21, 1534. Another Grand Master's name is at the foot of the quoted inscription. He is No. 55 on the roll of Grand Masters, a "Gascoigner," chosen March 10, 1636, and died June 9, 1663. The nationalities of the other 15 Grand Masters are:—Italians, French, and Gascoigners, three each; Aragonians, two; and Auvergnian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Majorca, one each. Not one Englishman, the reason for which will have been noted. Another extract from the book, giving some few particulars of the Grand Master and his *entourage*, will suffice:—

"The Great Master of the Order is now Prince and supreme governor of the whole Island. . . . The Government is managed with that prudence and justice that the Island is now in a very flourishing condition, the inhabitants enjoying a great deal of freedom and security; being also in their carriage and conversation among themselves and to strangers since the coming in

of the Order very civil and courteous, however formerly they may have been branded for the contrary; so that few subjects live more happily than they do.

"The Great Master when he goeth abroad is attended by many of the knights and 2 or 3 pages, of which he keeps (as we were told) about 24. The knights of the Order are always uncovered in the presence of the Great Master, excepting those 16 which are of the *Gran Croce*: they take place, of what birth or quality soever they are, according to their seniority from the time of their admission, so that there is never any difficulty or question about precedence. All the knights are of noble or gentle extraction, none being capable of admission but such as can prove their gentility for three or four descents. The Great Master wears a black short Gown with hanging sleeves, the rest of the knights are habited as they please at home, but when they go in *Curso* (as they call it) upon the Gallies they wear the proper habit belonging to their Order. The number of knights was said to be between 2000 and 3000, of which for the most part reside in the City the major part, except when the Gallies are abroad. The name of the Great Master at our being there was Nicolaus Cottoner of Majorca, and I suppose he is still living, not having since heard of his death."

The Abbé de Vertôt, in his history, cognate to the foregoing, records that the Order of Knights of Malta (who were originally called the Hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem) took its rise about 1099, from which time to 1118 their whole employment comprised works of charity and care of the sick. In 1118, like the Knights Templars (the younger Order of the two), the Hospitaliers took up the profession of arms, in combination with the practice of Charity, occupying themselves at one time in attending upon the sick, and at others in warring against the Turks and Saracens. Thus they took the title of Knights Hospitaliers. Both Orders (Templars and Hospitaliers) fought in conjunction with the troops of the Crusades. Then disputes and jealousies arose, and the two Orders eventually came to blows. At last they were driven out of Palestine, and both Orders found a refuge in Cyprus, till they separated, the Hospitaliers remaining on the island, next taking up their quarters in Rhodes, and finally in Malta. It may be added that the 48th Great Master of the Knights Hospitaliers was Frater Joannes Di Valetta (founder of the city), a Gascoigner, elected in 1557, and died 11 years after, on the anniversary of the day of his election. It was during his rule that Malta was invaded by the Turks. His name, it will be seen, heads the inscription over the gate of the city of Valetta, which was "besieged by the Turks, who were notably repulsed."

W. F. LAMONBY.

## BRO. THE REV. H. PRICE ON FREEMASONRY.

## SPECIAL SERVICE AT NORMANTON CHURCH.

In accordance with an earnest request from the brethren of various lodges, Bro. the Rev. Herbert Price, M.A., 253, P.P.G. Chap., conducted a special service at Normanton Church on Sunday afternoon, the 12th instant, when he delivered an appropriate and able address to the brethren. There was a good attendance, the congregation including the following: Bros. Alderman T. Roe, M.P., Councillors Marsden, Butterworth, and Hart; Bland, Walker, T. C. Eastwood, A. J. Flint, Gee, Ward, Bennett, R. Slater, A. G. Taylor, A. Brown, T. Hall, Thompson, R. J. Smith, Huggins, Bardill, Kirby, Carr, Baxter Pike, G. Fletcher, Evans, Varley, B. Toft, W. N. Toft, Cowlshaw, Whitton, Dr. Wright, and others.

The service was entirely conducted by the vicar, with the exception of the reading of the lessons, the first being read by Bro. Ward, and the second by Bro. A. J. Flint. The full surpliced choir was in attendance, and the offertories, which amounted to £5 13s., are to be devoted to the fund for supplying a new organ, and for the erection of a more suitable and convenient vestry.

The rev. BROTHER, whose address was most intently listened to, commenced by emphasising the fact that a true Mason is one who fears God. Without laying any claim to be a religion, the aims and principles of Freemasonry were undoubtedly religious. It never presumed to usurp the rights and privileges of the Church, but it might claim, and truly, to be the humble servant and handmaid of true and undefiled religion, in that it ministered to the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and although it did not cover the whole ground of their religious obligation, it did claim to assist its members to fulfil the Apostolic injunction which read: "Love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." All the spiritual wants of the human soul might not be satisfied by Masonry; it never claimed so much, but he said, speaking as a Christian minister, and with a full sense of his own responsibility, that there was nothing which of right belonged to Masonry which interfered in the slightest degree with the attainment of a perfect Christian character, there was nothing in Masonry itself which was out of harmony with the soul's deepest needs or highest aspirations. Whilst Masonry excluded no God-fearing man on the ground of his religion, seeing that it was not a religion itself, yet it embodied in its teachings the highest principles of the highest religion. "The Atheist," said the preacher, has no place in our community, for no man can cross our threshold without avowing trust in God. And if by inadvertence he did enter a lodge, he could not continue in our ranks, for all our beliefs are totally contrary to those of the fool that saith in his heart "There is no God." At considerable length Bro.

Price eloquently repudiated the fulminations of the Bishop of Rome, who had more than once done Freemasonry the gross injustice of classing it among the secret societies of the Continent whose aims were purely political and subversive of the existing order of things. This objection would not, said the preacher, be worth replying to did it not demonstrate the slender grounds on which the doctrine of Papal infallibility rested, seeing that in the Pope's references to Masonry he was so wrong in his facts, unjust in his suspicions, and utterly mistaken in his judgment. Above all things, continued Bro. Price, we are loyal; we are sensitive in our allegiance and devoted in our attachment to the person and authority of our beloved Queen. Were it not so, would the heir to the Throne himself put himself at the head of our Society, and in the forefront of our assemblies? Would he sanction, much less encourage his son taking office amongst us? If there be anything in this erring world that is infallible, it is the loyalty and patriotism of a true Mason; and, therefore, the converse must follow, if there be one thing that demonstrates fallibility in human judgment it is that charge or bull which confounds Masonry with treasonable societies. Secrecy, continued Bro. Price, was by no means the end of Masonry. It would be much more accurate to say that the end of Masonry was social fellowship and practical benevolence. The edifice of Masonry has for its foundations Fraternity and Charity. Referring to the practical benevolence of the Order, he need only mention the three noble Institutions in London, that for the orphan boys, that for the orphan girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to prove that Charity was not only taught but practised among them. He might say without irreverence that these monuments of Charity were Masonic sacraments, for they were outward and visible signs of Freemasonry's inward and spiritual grace. Hundreds of orphan children of departed brothers, hundreds of indigent brothers and distressed widows, had been preserved from want, and they had their prayers and blessings continually going up to heaven, whilst the world smiled and the Pope frowned. Nor could it be said that Masonic Charity was exclusively confined to their own Institutions. He called them to witness how Masonry had, in the world's great calamities and distresses, stepped forth to contribute its share towards their alleviation. In conclusion the preacher reminded his hearers that every institution in this sinful world, however noble its intentions, was apt to suffer from the inconsistent conduct of unworthy members, and exhorted them to strive to exemplify in their daily conduct the noble principles by which a true Mason was moved. He thanked them for their attendance at that service, which he had purposely divested of an elaborately ceremonious character. He trusted they would receive an expression of his thanks, and believe him when he said that no event during the year in which he had had the honour to sit in the Master's chair of the Tyrian Lodge would be more indelibly printed upon his memory than the gathering which had taken place that afternoon, and bind him in closer bonds of brotherhood with the Freemasons of Derby.

## BRO. J. ROSS ROBERTSON AT CHICAGO.

The *Chicago Daily News* says: Mr. J. Ross Robertson of the *Toronto Evening Telegram* is at the Auditorium, on his way home to Toronto.

"I have been up to Winnipeg, finishing up an eight-months' trip among the Masons of Canada," said Mr. Robertson to an *Evening News* reporter at the Auditorium, "and I am on my way home via Chicago and will visit your wonderful city for a day or two."

John Ross Robertson is the Grand Master of the Masons of Ontario. He has in his jurisdiction 21,000 members, and he has in the last eight months visited 350 lodges and has shaken hands with 15,000 members of the Craft. To do this Mr. Robertson has travelled over 25,000 miles.

It is not, however, John Ross Robertson's stand in Masonry that is his chief claim to distinction among the Canadian people. Throughout the beautiful Province of Ontario he is known as a newspaperman, as a success, as one who started as a "devil," and is now one of Toronto's wealthiest men, and, unlike many who acquire wealth by persistent effort, he has not become one of the sordid and grasping sort, and it is in this connection that his name is so often mentioned in his native city. His fame as a philanthropist extends throughout the breadth of the Dominion. The kindly nature of the man is so proverbial that the ragged newsboys cheer him and call him "de guvnor" as he passes them by with a friendly nod. Some years ago he conceived the idea of erecting on the island opposite Toronto a home for sick children. The scheme developed, and the Lakeside Home for Little Children became a reality, its birth being commemorated by a \$5000 check from the publisher. But Mr. Robertson was not satisfied with this, and a few years afterwards he supplemented this gift by the donation of \$25,000. With this sum one of the most perfect homes for little children in the world was established. Mr. Robertson travelled the globe over in search of modern ideas for this resting place for the "wee ones." It will accommodate 200 children, and is run in connection with the parent hospital for sick children in the city. In handing over the home to the hospital trustees, Mr. Robertson stipulated that the child of any Mason must be admitted free to the Lakeside. This clause was greeted with much favour by the Masonic Craft.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 5 o'clock. Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank; Masonic Mourning.

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Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.  
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June 21st, 1892.

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## To Correspondents.

The following communications amongst others unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGE.—Crichton, No. 1641.  
Installation of Col. Noel Money as Prov. G. Prior of Kent, Knights Templar.  
Installation of Rev. H. Cummings as Intendant-General of Kent, Red Cross.



SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1892.

## Masonic Notes.

It is a matter of formality rather than of necessity that we should remind our readers that the 94th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday next, the 29th inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire. We believe we have already drawn attention to all the salient points in connection with the School. We have set forth what it does in behalf of the sons of poor and deceased brethren. We have shown that it supports and educates upwards of 260 of their children, all of whom it does its utmost to train up in the way they should go; and that evidence in the shape of honours

and passes at the Cambridge Middle Class and other public examinations is annually forthcoming, which demonstrates clearly that these efforts are fairly successful.

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We have also made it our business to insist most strenuously on the claims for support on the general body of the Craft, to which the excellence of its training, and the success of its management under the new regime, entitle it; and at the same time—and by way of contrast to what it accomplishes so satisfactorily—to the meagreness of its permanent income, due, in chief measure, to the smallness of its invested capital. On these and other cognate matters we have spoken at length and frequently, nor do we think our readers will require that we should say more about them on this occasion.

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We may, however, congratulate the Secretary and Board of Management on having secured so numerous a Board of Stewards, of whom there are now some 310, not far short of 200 of them representing the Provinces, while the rest are London. The latter is slightly stronger than it was last week in the matter of lodges, but it is a long time since it has been so weak in this respect, and we must content ourselves with hoping that what the Metropolitan district lacks in numbers will be made good by the length and fulness of its lists.

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In fine, though we caution the brethren against expecting a large return—such a return as they would have been justified in looking forward to had there been no Benevolent Jubilee this year—we are not without some slight hope that subscriptions enough will be forthcoming to make good what is required for the year's expenditure. We know the Stewards will do their duty admirably and will spare no efforts to obtain all they can; and as it is clear that the Chairman's Province is putting forth all its strength in support of its Prov. Grand Master, we appeal most earnestly to our readers to do what lies in their power in furtherance of these efforts of the Chairman, the Stewards, and the Executive, so that there may be no raising a loan or trenching upon capital in order to provide the ways and means for the current year.

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There are two other functions in connection with the Institution for Boys to which it is desirable we should call attention. The first is the annual athletic sports which, by the kind invitation of Bro. Everett, Past G. Treas., will be held at Kempton Park to-morrow (Saturday) at 2.30 p.m. There will be two special trains provided, one of which will convey the boys and the Board of Management and their friends, leaving the Wood Green Station of the Great Northern Railway at 11.10 a.m., and calling at Ludgate Hill (Metropolitan platform), at 11.40 a.m., and Wimbledon at 12.20 p.m., and arriving at Kempton Park on its return journey at 7.30 p.m., the return fares chargeable being first class 4s., second class 3s., and third class 2s. The other special is timed to leave Waterloo (North) Station (No 8 platform), at 12.45 p.m., calling at Vauxhall (12.50), Clapham Junction (12.55), Richmond (1.5), and arriving at Kempton Park at 1.25. It returns at 9 p.m., calling at the stations mentioned and at Twickenham. Fares for the double journey, first class 2s., third class 1s. 6d.

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The other function is the distribution of prizes by the Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, at the Institution, Wood Green, on Tuesday next, the 28th instant, after which, we believe, an operetta will be performed by the pupils. We trust all will go well.

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The Masonic Hall in Golden-square was the scene of an unusually brilliant muster in connection with the Royal Order of Scotland, on Wednesday, when Bro. the Earl of Haddington, who is Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Order, attended and installed Bro. the Earl of Euston as Provincial Grand Master of London and the Metropolitan Counties. A full report of the ceremony and of the banquet which followed is in the press, and will appear in our next week's issue.

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The customary visit by the Festival Stewards to the Asylum of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon was paid—in part—on Wednesday, when, as the weather was fairly bright, there was a full attendance of brethren and ladies. The other part of the visit will be paid to-day (Friday), this unusual arrangement being rendered necessary by the large number of brethren who acted as Stewards at the Jubilee.

A complimentary banquet was given at Freemasons' Hall, Singapore, on the 27th April last, to Bro. E. H. Khory, a prominent member of the Fraternity in the Straits Settlement, on the occasion of his departure on a visit to this country. Bro. Sir Charles Warren, District Grand Master, occupied the chair, and Bro. Khory made a very eloquent speech in responding to the toast of his health.

A correspondent has favoured us with a letter in which he complains that brethren when attending Prov. Grand Lodge meetings no longer observe the ancient and laudable custom of appearing in black suits, with silk hats and white gloves. At one of these gatherings which he recently attended, he tells us there were several brethren, and even some Prov. Grand Officers, who wore light trousers, a few light coats as well, while the silk hat was in many cases set aside in favour of the common "billy-cock." We cannot explain why or how this neglect in the matter of costume has arisen. We believe the rule on these occasions is that "morning dress" should be worn, and we can only suppose that the brethren who adopt the garb of which our correspondent very properly complains, must either have allowed themselves a good deal of latitude in their interpretation of the expression, or else that they do not quite know what is intended by "morning dress." But though we cannot account for the old style having fallen into bad odour with some brethren, we quite agree with our worthy correspondent that those who attend these important meetings should appear in the garb of gentlemen.

## Correspondence.

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

### LODGE RETURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If "K." will turn to Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry," Vol. II., pp. 486-488, he will find the history of these returns. "K." seems to think the Act requires the returns, and may impose a penalty for the omission to send them in. This is an incorrect way of looking at it. The combined effect of 37 George III., c. 122, 39 George III., c. 79, and 57 George III., c. 19, is to render illegal a society which administers an oath not required or authorised by law, and to render the members liable to be proceeded against either summarily or by indictment, and to punishment, in the former case, by three months' imprisonment, or a fine of £20, and in the latter case by transportation for seven years, or imprisonment for not exceeding two years; the person in whose house or apartment the meeting is held is liable for a first offence to a penalty of £5, and for a second offence to the penalties before mentioned; and if the meetings are held on licensed premises the licence may be forfeited.

Under the two latter Acts, however, exception is made in favour of lodges of Freemasons, provided that "this exemption shall not extend to any such society or lodge, unless the name or denomination thereof, and the usual place or places, and the time or times of its meetings, and the names and descriptions of all and every the members thereof, be registered with such Clerk of the Peace . . . on or before the 25th day of March in every year."

The "inconvenience" of not making the return would be the inability of the members, if proceeded against for the penalties under the Act, to claim the benefit of the exemption in favour of Freemasons.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 987.] FREEMASONRY IN SHROPSHIRE.

I heartily congratulate Bro. Graham on his very valuable addition to the roll of lodge histories. The information respecting the lodges in Shropshire is exceedingly interesting, and discloses great care and judgment on the author's part. It is a pity that such works should have but a limited circulation, as one notes that only a few copies remain unsold. No doubt intending purchasers will at once secure them; probably a second edition may then be forthcoming. There is no reason whatever for doubting that the Lodge of Friendship, Bridgnorth (p. 11), was erased by Grand Lodge on 9th April, 1783. This was duly recorded in the official Grand Lodge proceedings of that year, and noted in the Grand Lodge Calendar for 1785, &c., as being one of the "lodges erased since the alteration of the numbers in 1781 for not conforming to the laws of the Society." Bro. Graham is quite correct in stating (p. 21) that the Grand Lodge Calendar has antedated the Rev. F. H. Egerton's appointment as Prov. Grand Master for Stafford by five years. From some notes made by me several years ago, it is clear that the Rev. Francis Henry Egerton was appointed Prov. Grand Master for Shropshire on 1st May, 1786, and that on the 13th April, 1791, another patent was issued to him confirming the appointment of 1st May, 1786, for the county of Salop, and also appointing him,

in addition, to be the Prov. Grand Master for the counties of Stafford, Flint, Denbigh, and Montgomery. The reference, therefore, under Staffordshire in the present Grand Lodge Calendar should be corrected, and an addition made of the fact that the Rev. F. H. Egerton was also Prov. Grand Master for the other three counties named. The patent for Sir Andrew Vincent Corbet, Bart. (p. 33), was dated 2nd September, 1843, the official record having this note "returned his patent, refused to act." In any subsequent edition perhaps Bro. Graham will correct the following:—(a) The original number of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity (p. 153) is stated to have been No. 10. This lodge was formed in 1723, when no numbers were used. In 1729 its first number was 13; in 1740 it became No. 12; and in 1755 (not 1756) No. 10. (b) In the "List of Extinct Lodges" (p. 51), Nos. 1 and 2 refer to the same lodge, which was erased on 29th November, 1754, but re-appeared on the Engraved List for 1756, and was finally erased on 27th January, 1768. Will Bro. Graham kindly explain what he considers the irregularity was (p. 155) in "raising" on December 3rd, 1821, a brother who was "passed" on November 5th? Was not the interval of "one month" referred to in the Books of Constitutions from 1815 to 1841, held to be a lunar month of 28 days? Since 1847 the phrase "one month" has been altered to "four weeks," which is, of course, much more explicit; but I am not aware that the conferring of Degrees with an interval of a lunar month prior to 1847, was ever held to be irregular.

JNO. LANE.

## Reviews.

### MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATION, 1892.

An important feature of this Centenary celebration was the production of an unique and ornate volume combining the official programme and catalogue of the fête, with much valuable and interesting literary and historical matter. This work was kindly undertaken by Bro. Thomas Stuart, 125, who generously presented an *édition de luxe* of 5000 copies to the Committee, for sale during the fête; and subsequently Bro. Stuart wisely determined to extend the scope of this work so as to render it not only a necessary guide to the celebration itself, but a volume of historical interest to the Order, a worthy souvenir of so important a Masonic event, and a text book of permanent value to Masons generally. With this object in view, he has introduced amongst its varied contents a succinct illustrated history of the schools since their foundation, a valuable epitome of the progress of the Order in Ireland, and a much needed record of the annals and notabilia of the leading Irish lodges, with artistic portraits of their prominent officials. Owing to the handsome volume being so little known in England (save by the few brethren who attended the celebration), scarcely any copies have been sent to this country, but now they may be had from the author, Bro. Thomas Stuart (*Commercial Buildings*, Dublin), for 2s. each. That is to say so long as the edition is not exhausted, and as the work will not be reproduced, at least not in its present form, we strongly advise all Masonic students and Honorary Librarians to speedily procure copies. The histories or sketches of the Dublin lodges, including the Grand Master's, founded in 1749, are most interesting. The oldest in the city is No. 2, of 1731 (erroneously stated to be of 1727, as Bro. Stuart points out), the senior lodge in Ireland being No. 1, of Cork. The author declares No. 6, the "Temple," to be the oldest charter in Dublin, its warrant being dated 1730, and it has continued on the roll from then to now. We wish much that Bro. Stuart would send us a transcript of this charter of A.D. 1730, as it is one year earlier than any Bro. Hughan has published, and it would form an attractive addition to our "Notes and Queries" department. The information respecting the Provincial Grand Lodges is invaluable, and beyond question the like of this souvenir has never been hitherto obtainable in connection with this Grand Lodge. Though the portraits are numerous all are good, and as all the proceeds go to the Institution, Bro. Stuart has proved a good friend to the Institution.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, the 16th instant, when a large attendance of members and visitors assembled. The lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. John Hooper, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was also read and adopted, which showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position. Bro. James Merrett was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. John Piper was passed. Bro. Dr. William St. Michael Raw, J.W., who had been unanimously elected W.M. at the last regular lodge, was then presented to the W.M., and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very ably performed. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. John Hooper, I.P.M.; H. T. Raw, S.W.; H. Neville, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M.; Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M.; Sec.; T. R. Cass, S.D.; A. W. Le Creu, J.D.; E. Morson, I.G.; E. Salter, D.C.; F. W. Pearce, Stwd.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. Bro. H. A. Stunt, at the request of the I.P.M., then impressively delivered the addresses to the W.M. and the officers.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, at which about 40 were present.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with enthusiasm, Bro. John Hooper, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and, in doing so, congratulated the members on their having so excellent a W.M., who had already at the banquet shown how ably he could preside, and he was sure he would take a great interest in his work in the lodge, which he hoped would be as large as that he had to do during his year of office.

The W.M. in reply, thanked Bro. Hooper for his kind words in proposing the toast, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it, and he assured them he would do his utmost to carry out his duties to their satisfaction, and for the good of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, which was responded to by Bros. E. A. Caspard, W.M. 1665; F. Hilton, P.M. 1622; Frank Williams, P.M. 101; and E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2353, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey.

Then followed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Hooper," and, in proposing it, the W.M. complimented him on having performed the arduous work of the year in a most able manner and to the satisfaction of every one of the brethren, who to show their appreciation of his excellent services to the lodge had voted him a handsome jewel, which he had the greatest pleasure in presenting to him and fixing on his breast, trusting that he might live long to wear it, and be able to give his services to the lodge for many years to come.

Bro. Hooper thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their appreciation of his work as W.M.

After the toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. E. C. Lister, and "The Officers," responded to in due course by each, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

Besides the officers named, the following were among the brethren present: Bros. A. J. Martin, P.M.; T. W. Spencer, E. A. Rice, Miles Thompson, W. Wright, G. C. Pike, W. Orton, T. G. Hobley, A. Smith, and A. Sey. The visitors were Bros. J. H. Pasmore, J.D. 2205; A. F. Caspard, W.M. 1665; E. T. Wright, S.W. 1158; H. Wood, J.W. 101; J. M. Openshaw, 172; J. Hentsch, P.M. 211; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; F. Hilton, P.M. 1622; Rushton Odell, 2077; E. A. Hubbard, 879; H. A. Joy, Treas. 2271; Frank Williams, P.M. 101; H. C. Turner, S.D. 1622; W. Hill, 1512; W. W. Stephens, 2308; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2353, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; and J. Spicer, P.M. 1261.

The Worshipful Master had provided an excellent concert, in which Miss Rosa Best, Miss Florence Venning, Mr. Arthur Harvey, and Bro. Rushton Odell took part, and some excellent quartets and songs were given, Bro. Stunt, P.M., assisting in the humorous element, and songs were also given by Bros. Hobley and Broadway. Bro. Rushton Odell acted as musical director in his usual able manner.

**Rose Lodge (No. 1622).**—The last meeting of the session of this flourishing South London lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. H. G. Martin, W.M.; J. H. Pullen, S.W.; S. J. Derham, J.W.; J. N. Kirby, P.M.; Treas.; J. T. Loader, P.M.; Sec.; T. Pickett, W. Castledine, T. E. Webb, P.M.; S. W. Ballard, F. E. Choveaux, F. Hilton, P.M.; J. Garner, P.M.; W. Jeffery, P.M.; J. Dunn, P.M.; G. W. Niblet, W. Dawson, Geo. Thompson, W. T. Nelthropp, R. Brambleby, J. H. Reap, J. Hight, J. Hay, G. Plomer, L. Meyer, R. W. Harden, W. E. Jeffery, and F. Williams. The visitors were Bros. J. Hill, P.M. 1658, P.G.S.B. Surrey; R. Millikin, 43; E. A. Rice, 1330; C. H. Stone, 507; J. Bladon, W.M. 1839; W. M. Isaacson, 1628; F. H. Salmon, 1475; R. J. Vincent, 1641; W. Briant, 101; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the W.M. in an excellent manner raised Bros. Niblet, Brambleby, and Plomer. Bro. Pullen, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. N. Kirby, P.M., re-elected as Treasurer; and Bro. Thomas Bowler again elected Tyler. Bros. W. Dawson, George Thompson, and Reap were elected Auditors, and the following were named to form the Benevolent Fund Committee: Bros. Webb, P.M., Petherbridge, W. Dawson, G. Thompson, and Reap.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet, served by Mrs. Venables in her usual good style, which was much enjoyed.

On the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received.

Bro. Jeffery, I.P.M., proposed in suitable terms "The Health of the W.M.," who on rising to respond received quite an ovation. He stated that he had endeavoured to do his duty and had tried to follow his predecessors. He thought it a special favour and a great honour to be the Master of such a lodge. The Past Masters of that lodge would not pass anyone they thought incompetent, and he hoped he had given them satisfaction. It was the practice in the lodge for the outgoing Master to install his successor, and he would do that. That was the last time he would preside as W.M. and he thanked all the officers and members for their assistance and kindness he had received during his term of office.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they had some distinguished ones present, and he gave them all a cordial and hearty greeting, and coupled the names of Bros. Voisey, Bladon, and Vincent.

Bro. Voisey, in reply, stated that the Rose Lodge was well known for its good working, charity, and hospitality.

Bro. Bladon also replied.

Bro. Vincent, in reply, said he felt sure that the W.M. elect (Bro. Pullen) would keep up the prestige of the lodge.

Bro. Bryant replied in a humorous speech.

In giving the next toast, "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master stated that they had borne the burden and were the sole cause of the lodge being the great success it was. He had received every assistance, and could not have done without them, and he coupled the names of Bros. Garner, P.M., and Hilton, P.M.—the latter the founder of the Rose Chapter.

Bro. Garner, in reply, stated that he was with the lodge when it first started 16 years ago, and he was proud to see that it had continued a great success.

Bros. Hilton, P.M.; Dunn, P.M.; and Jeffery, P.M., also replied in suitable terms.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. paid a tribute to those excellent officers—Bros. Kirby, P.M., and Loader, P.M.—who did all in their power for the welfare of the lodge.

Bros. Kirby and Loader replied to the effect that what they did was to them a pleasure and honour.

The next toast—"The W.M. elect"—was, the W.M. observed, the toast of the evening. He was pleased that Bro. Pullen had been unanimously elected. In the lodge of instruction he had made himself thoroughly efficient, and he would keep up the reputation that the lodge was always well "mastered." He (the W.M.) had introduced Bro. Pullen as a member of the lodge, and he was more than proud that he would be his successor.

Bro. Pullen, the W.M. elect, responded. He wished he was better able to express himself. The Rose Lodge had made a great name in South London. His aim would be to carry on the lodge as it had been hitherto done; if he could do that he would be more than satisfied. Freemasonry was the means of cementing friendship. He had received many kindnesses from the Past Masters, and was sorry that Bro. Rose, P.M., the founder of the lodge, was not present that evening. He loved the lodge, and did not know how to thank the brethren for electing him, and he would do his utmost so that no one should ever regret being a party to the honour that had been conferred upon him.

The next toast, "The Officers," was given by the W.M., to which Bro. Derham, J.W., ably responded.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, after a very pleasant and happy evening.

The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bros. Hay (who gave, by special request, "Mona" and "Queen of the air" in excellent style), Kirby, P.M., Jeffery, I.P.M., and Derham, ably accompanied by Bro. Choveaux.

**Evening Star Lodge (No. 1719).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held under somewhat exceptional circumstances on Monday, the 13th instant, at Freemasons' Hall. The W.M., Bro. Wm. A. Valon, P.M. 429, had anticipated the pleasure of initiating his son into Masonry during his present term of office, and being also President of the Incorporated Gas Institute, the annual meeting of which was fixed for the ensuing day, availed himself of the opportunity to invite the brethren connected with the Institute, as well in London as in the provinces, to attend the lodge and receive his hearty greetings both as Freemasons and members of the Institute over which he presides. The invitation being freely accepted, a large representative and influential gathering was the result. Unfortunately, a dispensation could not be obtained (the W.M.'s son wanting three months of full age), which prevented the carrying out of Bro. Valon's expectation in connection with the proposed initiation, but he nevertheless determined to receive his friends in Masonic spirit and fashion.

Amongst the numerous assemblage were Bros. W. A. Valon, W.M.; David W. Sugg, S.W.; J. S. Tamburini, J.W.; Michael D. Lines, Chap.; James Glaisher, P.M., P.S.G.D., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; H. T. Bailey, S.D.; A. Stephenson, J.D.; Wm. Sugg, P.M., D.C.; James Gibb, I.G.; H. J. Davis and J. Randall, Stwds.; Walter King, P.M.; T. A. Martin, P.M.; T. A. Greene, P.M.; T. E. Priestman, Alfred Richards, J. H. Sheldrake, J. Ely, J. T. Simmance, S. Spencer, John West, Alfred Wood, T. Cash, C. H. Beadle, W. Poore, R. Sandell, and others. Visitors: Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1216; W. Littlewood, P.M. 662; D. M. Nelson, P.M. 32; P.S.G.D. Scotland; Robert Hunter, P.M. 1088, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; W. Duff, P.M. 1561, P.P.G.S.B. W. Lancs.; Henry Thomas, P.M. 2322, P.P.G.D. E. Lancs.; S. Scott Young, P.M. 226; Chas. M. Ohren, P.M. 452; J. Braddock, P.M. 581; T. W. R. White, P.M. 1168; J. S. Nicholls, P.M. 1244; J. Lowe, P.M. 107 and 707; Donald Macpherson, P.M. 163; G. W. A. Lartze, P.M. 57; John E. Williams, P.M. 163; J. Cookcroft, P.M. 226; G. G. Saville, P.M. 219; F. J. Bird, P.M. 1567; Aubrey M. Ohren, W.M. 452; H. E. Cockell, P.M. 507; C. W. Davis, P.M. 1216; J. Reed, 35; G. Goadley, 311; C. Meiklejohn, 2385; C. S. Ellery, 53; H. W. Carter, 1297; C. Armitage, 280; B. Ely, 1028; W. W. Hutchison, 1513; W. H. Gandall, 191; John Ineson, 551; E. W. Layton, 235; E. J. Eveson, 938; S. Bark, 2101; H. B. Chamberlain, 1364; E. W. Richmond, 613; H. T. Burrows, 786; John Greenwood, 219; W. J. Russell, 463; J. Davis, 77; H. Rogers, 1073; J. A. Drake, 2321; T. Duxbury, 381; W. W. Hutchinson, 151; W. F. Broadberry, 1950; A. J. Wright, 1897; F. Russell, 382; F. Davison, 2128; J. W. Pearson, 1567; R. W. Cooper, 509; J. Acton Butt, 74; T. Giles, 35; H. J. Dutton, 1796, N.S.W.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and after brief preliminary business the W.M. expressed his regret that the contemplated ceremony of initiation could not be carried out as he had intended, as an opportunity might have been thereby afforded for his provincial friends to form some estimate of lodge work in London. He believed, however, he could mitigate the disappointment by enlisting the services of a distinguished brother then present, and whom he expected they would be pleased to hear during the interval which must necessarily elapse before the hour appointed for their reception at table. They had doubtless heard of Bro. James Stevens and his edifying lectures on Masonic ritual and ceremonial, and he would now ask that worthy brother to occupy the time at disposal by affording them Masonic instruction in connection with the First Degree. Bro. Stevens, who, on rising to respond to the Worshipful Master's request, was very cordially received, then engaged the earnest attention of the large gathering. He explained that his lectures or addresses usually occupied as much as, sometimes more than, two hours in delivery, and feared that he might find condensation far more difficult than extension. Such fear, however, need not have been entertained by the lecturer, for he was enabled to introduce a considerable number of interesting points in relation to the esoteric work of the lodge, and to rivet the attention of his audience whilst enlightening them on many topics at present the subjects of much controversy. On the conclusion of his address the applause of the brethren evinced the satisfaction with which his remarks had been listened to. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Walter King, I.P.M., and supported by Bro. David W. Sugg, S.W., the following vote of thanks was carried with acclamation and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge: "That the brethren, having listened with great pleasure to the learned remarks of Bro. James Stevens in his lecture just given, desire to record their appreciation of his deep thought and study of the ritual of Freemasonry, and while recording their thanks to him on this occasion, trust that at some future time they may have the pleasure of listening to further portions of his lectures, which are so

interesting and edifying to students of Freemasonry." Bro. Magnus Ohren, Sec., then announced that a dispensation to permit the brethren dining on this occasion in Masonic regalia had been granted to the W.M.

The lodge was closed, and the large company shortly afterwards re-assembled at the Holborn Restaurant, where a very excellent dinner was served.

After the cloth had been cleared, and grace sung, the toast of "The Queen" was given by the President in brief but effective terms, and received an enthusiastic response.

In submitting that of "The Prince of Wales and other Members of the Royal Family," the President remarked on the close identification of the M.W.G.M. and his relatives with all matters of social importance as well as with the affairs of Masonry, and acknowledged the obligation under which important institutions of the present day were placed by their devotion to their respective interests. Such services were so well known to the company he addressed that not much more than simple introduction of the toast was at any time necessary to ensure its cordial acceptance.

Bro. T. H. Martin, P.M., P.G.D.C. Herts, by request of the W.M., proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," particularly referring to the zeal and attention with which the two first-named personages performed their respective duties, and generally to the able support given by the latter to the promotion of the welfare of the Order. He congratulated the Evening Star Lodge on the close connection with them of two Past Grand Officers in the persons of Bros. Glaisher and Magnus Ohren, and coupled their names with the toast.

Bro. Glaisher, in response, delivered a most effective speech, in the course of which he expressed his entire agreement and satisfaction with the lecture which had been delivered in lodge that evening by Bro. Stevens, whom he counselled to continue his efforts to secure a more perfect understanding amongst the Craft of the true meaning and intent of the ritual. Many Grand Officers would not have been the useful Freemasons they had proved themselves to be if they had not given attention to such matters as had been so forcibly brought to the notice of the lodge on that occasion. Meetings like that made the blood tingle, and he could but wish there were many more of a like nature. Whether their working was known as "Emulation" or by any other name, it was necessary to secure its universality that it should be pure and understood by all, and he sincerely hoped that the lecturer's exertions to that end would be attended by deserved success.

Bro. Magnus Ohren, a past President of the Gas Institute, who was loudly called for, expressed his thanks for the compliment paid to him, but stated that it was not etiquette for more than one Grand Officer to reply to the toast, which had been so ably responded to by Bro. Glaisher.

Bro. D. M. Nelson, P.S.G.D. Scotland, proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers of England," stating his great pleasure with the evening's proceedings, and, calling on Bro. R. Hunter, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, to respond, concluded an effective speech by leading the brethren in the delivery of a "Scotch fire."

Bro. Hunter's response, on behalf of the large number of provincial brethren, who answered his call to rise, was also effective and generally to the purpose.

Bro. S. Scott Young, P.M. 226, in a genial speech, interspersed with much humour, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge and President of the Gas Institute," remarking that his combined position at the moment certainly had "light" for its object. In the lodge, founded in 1877, Masonic light was under his guidance and direction; in the Institute, founded in 1864, material light and illumination were his special care, "light serving to make darkness visible." He highly complimented the W.M. on his arrangements for the successful gathering together of the members of his lodge and the members of his institute for that evening's special function, and was glad to be enabled and permitted to intimate to his hearers an early approaching promotion which would enhance the Worshipful Master's power to do service to Masonry, it being the intention of the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, to appoint him a Grand Warden of that province at the ensuing Provincial Grand Lodge meeting.

This announcement was hailed by the brethren with much applause, and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

In response, the Worshipful Master said that a difficult task devolved upon him in attempting to express his deep sense of the honour conferred alike by his lodge and the members of the institute he presided over. He was glad to be enabled to say that both lodge and institute were now stronger than they had hitherto been, and was most pleased to find himself surrounded by so many who had confidence in his endeavours. That confidence was shared by him towards themselves, and as long as they said it both lodge and institute should succeed.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. W. Sugg, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey, who considered he had reason to be proud, as well for the W.M. as for himself and the lodge, that the association of the Masonic members of the Gas Institute on this occasion had been so agreeably and successfully accomplished, for brethren of importance from all parts of the kingdom, and many other parts, had accepted their welcome and expressed satisfaction with the work in lodge and their entertainment at table. Their visitors were a large majority of the company, but in welcoming them he knew that what might be wanting in numbers on the part of the lodge would be fully made up for in the heartiness of the welcome extended. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. Chamberlain, 1364, on behalf of the London visitors, and W. Littlewood, P.M. 662, on behalf of those from the provinces.

Those brethren replied in suitable terms, and with congratulations to the W.M. on present success and future prospects.

The remaining toasts were of the usual character at Masonic gatherings, and were duly honoured.

A choice selection of music was given, in which Mesdames Agnes Raymond and Adeline Paget and Bro. H. E. Cochell took part. Bro. C. M. Ohren, in the absence of the bass artist, most efficiently supplied his place. Bro. Chas. M. Ohren, who is an accomplished amateur vocalist, admirably sang the bass part in the quartets, and gave a very excellent rendering of "The Arab's farewell to his steed," which was deservedly applauded. Mr. C. Spencer West gained great applause for a flute solo, which was unanimously encored. Bro. H. J. Dutton presided at the piano. In the course of the evening Bro. James Stevens recited

Bro. Rob. Morris's poem, "The level, plumb, and square," and in his customary capable manner secured the delighted attention of his hearers. In every respect the proceedings of the evening went off well, and will be long remembered by those who were privileged to be present.

#### St. Mark's College Lodge (No. 2157).

A regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Holborn Restaurant, W.C., on Friday, the 17th inst. There were present Bros. John Tidmarsh, P.M. 2163, W.M.; Wm. Goulden, S.W.; Alfred Preece Lye, B.A., J.W.; Rev. George W. Gent, M.A., Chap.; Rev. C. J. Smith, M.A., Asst. Chap.; Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, Treas.; John Stanton, Sec.; James Easterbrook, M.A., P.M.; J. Raper-Phillips, S.D.; R. H. Catling, J.D.; A. Streeter, D.C.; G. H. Heathcote, I.G.; W. T. Thompson, B.A., Stwd.; W. Whiteman, Tyler; H. R. Elkin, J. Parry, T. Simpson, and J. H. Stanton. Bro. W. A. Cocks, S.W. 2163, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. James J. Shakespeare and Frederick J. Lovell, and this proving unanimous, they were initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M., assisted in working the ceremony. Bro. Easterbrook, P.M., presented the working tools, and the W.M. delivered the charge. The brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the coming year. Bro. W. Goulden, S.W., regretted that he should have to stand aside this year owing to his having been elected to the chair of his mother lodge. Bro. A. Preece Lye, B.A., J.W., was then unanimously chosen, and he thanked the brethren very sincerely for the great and unexpected honour that had been conferred upon him. Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Whiteman was unanimously re-elected to the office of Tyler. Bros. Gent, C. J. Smith, and Parry were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. On the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the Treasurer, it was unanimously resolved to present Bro. Tidmarsh with a Past Master's jewel as a memento of his year of office and in recognition of the highly efficient services he had rendered to the lodge. The brethren learnt with great regret that the absence of Bro. O'Connell, P.M., was caused through severe illness. The Secretary was instructed to write to him assuring him of the sympathy of the brethren and of their hearty good wishes for his speedy recovery.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet.

#### Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).

A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this lodge held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 21st inst. Bro. J. J. Woolley, W.M., was supported by Bros. Walter Hancock, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Herbert Reynolds, J.W.; J. Skinner, S.D.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; J. B. Cumming, P.M., Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; and F. Jackson, J.D. The other brethren present included Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; General Curson Smyth, P.G.M. Illinois, U.S.A.; R. G. Langley, W.M. 2381; F. Herold, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. Coltart, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Elvin, P.M.; Dr. Orwin, P.M.; F. Kedge, P.M.; Alfred J. Peck, Ernest Van Putton, J. M. Murphy, J. B. Grieve, P.M., I.G.; A. H. P. Snow, C. Verdier, Dr. Bowie, Dessen, A. Harris, J.D.; Victor Thomasset, J. B. Crump, P.M.; A. S. Thomson, A. C. Gifford, Frederick Norton, Curtis D'Alton, A. Cogliati, H. Vilain, J. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, D.C.; Hanson, A. C. Dowding, P.M.; S. Johnson, P.M.; H. Jowett, W.M.; W. S. Lincoln, S. D. Boundell, H. Lewis, F. Lockett, P.M.; G. Sheerwood, G. H. Foan, J. W. Davis, J. Woodward, Orilton Cooper, J. W. Hughes, J. McDiarmid, A. G. Wulff, B. H. Paul, Asst. Stwd.; E. Dalzell, G. T. Johnson, Lowenfeld, J. Polly, Allen, P.M.; Thos. Denne, C. M. Coxon, S. Spooner, H. W. Schartau, Org.; W. Bradford, S. Solberg, John Allen, Asst. Stwd.; R. A. Bush, P.M.; H. Machin, R. Machin, Bentley, Crick, Steinman, Lyle, Piper, Murray, Chapman, Hills, F. Jackson, S.D.; Baron de Bush, A. Bush, Stanley Machin, W. Volckman, J. Ball, T. Adams, P.M.; D. Lyle, P.M.; Baughan, Gibson, P.M.; Block, Weaver, Bowles, Clark, P.M.; Smith, Simpson, Baker, P.M.; Cohou, P.M.; Dunn, P.M.; J. Williams, H. C. E. Hirsch, Winter, Abel, Richardson, Thrall, Jenkins, Loftus, H. E. Saunders, E. P. Bertini, G. A. Bergholz, Stwd.; W. Downes, and W. W. Lee.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and letters were read expressing regret for inability to attend from Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M.; the Grand Sec., Bro. E. Letchworth; the Assistant G. Sec.; Bros. Sir Jacob Wilson and R. Dawson, of the Board of Agriculture; Bro. Gen. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; and others. Mr. Verdier was then initiated. Bro. Walter Hancock was presented as W.M. elect, and was installed into the chair by Bro. J. J. Woolley, who rendered the ceremony in a careful and able manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. James Woolley, I.P.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; John Skinner, J.W.; Rev. John S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Chap.; John B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; F. Jackson, S.D.; A. Harris, J.D.; John B. Grieve, I.G.; C. O. Burgess, D.C.; H. W. Schartau, P.G.O. Middx., Org.; Gustave A. Bergholz, John Allen, and Bernhard K. Paul, Stewards; and Robert F. Potter, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. J. Woolley, I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge, and was appropriately acknowledged. On the motion of Bro. Reynolds, P.M., Sec., Bro. Gen. Curson Smyth, Past G.M. Illinois, U.S.A., was unanimously elected an honorary member. The W.M., in presenting Bro. Curson Smyth with the jewel which accompanies the honorary membership of this lodge when conferred upon distinguished Americans, said that from time to time the Anglo-American Lodge had been honoured with the presence of many distinguished brethren. The lodge was formed for the special purpose of entertaining such brethren and they were always heartily welcomed. In the name of the lodge he was deputed to attach the jewel to Bro. Curson Smyth's breast, and ask him to be good enough to accept the honorary membership. Bro. Gen. Curson Smyth, P.G.M. Illinois, U.S.A., assured the brethren that this token of their brotherly esteem and friendship touched him in a very tender spot. He had been familiar, perhaps more so than most of his American friends, with the organisation and purposes of their lodge, and if he desired to visit one lodge more than another in Great Britain it was the Anglo-American Lodge, because of his reading of it in the *Freemason*, which journal he had



read for many years past. He was therefore somewhat familiar with English Freemasonry. He had travelled in the far East—the place of light, but he could assure them it was a very dark place now; he had been up the Nile, nearly into the Mahdi's land, to Syria and bathed in the Red Sea, and from there through Athens, Constantinople, and Paris to London. Everywhere he had met with the most cordial, fraternal, and brotherly greeting. He had learnt to appreciate Freemasonry as the Freemason who remains at home never could appreciate it, because he knew not the warm-hearted, generous, brotherly love which existed everywhere among all true Freemasons. In the city of Philadelphia, where he resided, if a man desired to travel 300 miles west, which took him across the Alleghany Mountains, he would ascertain who had friends there and secure letters of introduction. Those letters were necessary in their boyhood days, for Freemasonry was under a cloud then. Now all was changed, not only in the United States, but in Great Britain and all over the civilised world, and he who bears the impress of a gentleman and a man upon his countenance, if he was true to himself and his manhood, and was a Freemason in truth and spirit, could pass into the best society in the Universe. He was discovered in London, he knew not how, by Bro. Langley, and he presumed he belonged to that brother by reason of original discovery. Bros. Hughtan and Speth had been very kind to him, and Bro. Murray Lyon from Scotland had given him notice of his intention to take him to Stirling. It was true he had worked with the Craft and for it to the best of his ability for more than 30 years. He had been honoured with all the grades of Freemasonry including the Royal Order of Scotland and the Knights of Constantine, but there was no honour in Freemasonry equal to that of a W.M. The W.M. was the most honourable position in the ancient Order save that of the Grand Master. He had the honour of being Grand Master for several years of a little jurisdiction only second to Great Britain, numbering over 45,000 true Freemasons—the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He wished to make his acknowledgments for the distinguished honour conferred by making him an honorary member, and he desired to do so from the bottom of his heart. He came close enough to be a member, having been born in Carlisle, all his family having served in the Army or Navy. He should be happy to furnish this lodge with some of the proceedings of his own Grand Lodge, and also to present it with the bronze semi-centennial medal of that body.

Propositions having been received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where an excellent banquet was well served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards heartily honoured.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., replying for "The Grand Officers," said they could point in that body to some of the noblest, some of the most honoured men, who felt that the cause of common humanity and universal brotherhood was an attraction for them, and that in serving Masonry they were promoting that which was congenial to their better feelings. With regard to the rest of the Grand Officers, he was satisfied all present would agree that the ship had not been badly managed, considering her course had been prosperous. Since the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the throne of the Order, the Craft had been prospering, and he trusted would prosper, and they might be well assured that not only had the M.W. Grand Master been well advised by the body of brethren he had called around him, but that the tone Masonry took, and was taking, was an earnest of the position it was destined in the future to occupy. Long might that continue, and might that progress be a guerdon of future attainments. One of the most encouraging signs of the times was lodges like this which bound the brethren together over the great Atlantic, and it was a most hopeful sign that the universality of the brotherhood was being recognised. In times past the narrow idea of nationality was supposed to stop all sympathy, but they felt now in Masonry that those creeds were not consistent with the great traditions of the Craft, and that in uniting two of the great English-speaking nations in one happy band under the mystic tie, the Anglo-American Lodge was setting, and the Grand Officers were delighted to think it was so, an example not merely in theory, but in the practice of their Masonic principles.

Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., also briefly replied.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States and Dominion of Canada," and said that considering the lodge was formed to be a bond of brotherhood between English and American Masons, that toast was always introduced. They were honoured with the presence of Bro. General Smyth, whose name he would couple to reply.

Bro. General J. C. Smyth, P.G.M. Illinois, in response, said that a distinguished American Statesman once in attempting to describe the grandeur, magnificence, and power of Great Britain, said that the English drum-beat accompanied the sun round the globe. English lodges were in all quarters, and English Freemasonry preceded civilisation round the globe. Their ancient Craft was one of the most powerful agents of civilisation of the present age. He was happy indeed to be with them and say that a Freemason—a true and worthy Freemason—was his brother, no matter from what clime he came or what creed he belonged to. As a Past Grand Master of Illinois, the great empire state, with its unbounded agricultural and mineral resources, unequalled by any piece of land of equal area—he gave them the hearty greetings of 50,000 Masons, and on behalf of the 48 Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada, he gave fraternal greetings, and wished them God-speed in their labours of humanity.

Bro. J. J. Woolley, I.P.M., next gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said the Worshipful Master was well recommended, from the simple fact that during the time he had been with them they knew his working, and he would make as brilliant a Master as any they had had. He hoped every member would support Bro. Hancock, W.M., and make his year a successful one.

Bro. Walter Hancock, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the short but pungent way in which he had proposed the toast. As most of the brethren knew, from the time he entered the lodge he had taken the most thorough warm interest in it, not only as an English lodge, but for the noble purposes for which it was started. He could only thank them most cordially for the kind reception given the toast, and assure them that he would strive to the utmost of his strength and ability to perform the duties of W.M. with the same fidelity and zeal that they had been performed by the I.P.M. and his highly esteemed friend, Bro. Kedge.

"The Initiate" was next honoured, after which the Worshipful Master gave "The I.P.M. and Past Masters." He said Bro. Woolley, I.P.M., had thrown life into the lodge during his year and had performed the ceremonies well. No brother had felt more interest or devoted more zeal or had done his work more perfectly than Bro. Kedge, who retired from the office of W.M. with the cordial good wishes of all the brethren. He could only regret that Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M., was unable to attend, for he was the father of the lodge.

Bro. J. J. Woolley, I.P.M., said that with respect to the duties he had performed, including the installation ceremony, he had simply done his duty, and having done it to their satisfaction he was amply repaid. The handsome jewel given him would be prized as long as he remained in the lodge, and he hoped it would be his pleasure to do everything he could to enhance the honour of that lodge.

Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., said that from the earliest foundation of that lodge his energies had been directed to its service. He had endeavoured to do his duty in the several offices to which he had been appointed, and the reception given him on leaving the chair was a testimony of the satisfaction of the members. Their lodge had entertained a vast number of distinguished Americans, and on the present occasion they had been favoured from the other side. He had been appointed to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it was his ambition to take up one of the largest lists, if not the largest. He was happy to say he should take up over £145, but he wished to increase that total to over £150.

Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M. 3; Stimpson, and McDiarmid responded for "The Visitors," after which

The W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary and Officers," and said that in Bro. Cummings, Treasurer, they had an American brother who had devoted his best energy to the advancement of the lodge. It was well known to the members that the founding of the lodge, its working, and the success to which it had attained was greatly due to the hard work of Bro. George Reynolds, Secretary. No lodge had a more hard-working or zealous Secretary, for Bro. Reynolds had been fired with the importance and object with which it was founded. There was one object present in the minds of many, and that was the desire to see Bro. Reynolds occupy the chair.

Bro. George Reynolds, P.M., Sec., regretted that Bro. Cumming had been obliged to leave on account of ill-health, but their Treasurer reported a very favourable position financially. They had to thank the I.P.M. for the firm manner in which he had conducted the affairs during the past year. He thanked the W.M. from the bottom of his heart for the way in which he had spoken of him as Secretary, and in the coming year he should endeavour to perform those duties with the same sincerity he had done under previous Masters. That night they had another seal placed on the Anglo-American Lodge, and they had added another Grand Officer of the United States on their roll, which meant that the lodge was performing its duty in cementing that good fellowship which had existed between the two great nations. He looked upon that lodge as his child, and the feeling of goodfellowship was cemented when Bro. Skinner and he visited America. It gave them great pleasure to take to Bro. Shryock the honorary membership of the lodge, in return for which that distinguished brother sent a loving cup. The lodge was doing the good work for which it was started, having entertained 1200 visitors, and there was no lodge that had equalled that number in the same space of time. As for his duties, he should endeavour to carry them out in the same way as before. He had worked very hard, and if he was only spared with health and strength, if it was possible to work harder he would do so.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings, during which Bro. Herbert Schartau's Part Singers rendered some quartets and part songs in a very excellent manner.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**Hendon Lodge (No. 2206).**—The election meeting of this highly successful lodge was held at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, on Saturday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. A. A. Nottingham, W.M.; Lewis, I.P.M.; A. Scurrah, S.W.; W. Langley, J.W.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Hearne, S.D.; W. M. Parsons, J.D.; W. Powell, D.C.; A. M. Parsons, I.G.; F. W. Hearn, Org.; J. Hudson, Steward; R. Whitting, P.M.; Tyler; C. Johnson, J. Mason, Joseph Mason, T. Ling, G. H. Stansell, H. C. Parsons, Jabez Mason, G. Adam, J. H. Gunn, T. Dobbs, and J. Bucknell. The visitors were Bros. C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; F. J. Lackman, J.D. 780; W. Brett, 1305; R. Andrews, 35; and Geo. Griffiths, J.W. 1310.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. H. C. Parsons and T. Ling were passed to the Degree of F.C. in a highly creditable manner by the W.M. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. Bucknell, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was afterwards initiated very commendably by the W.M. A ballot was next taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. A. Scurrah, S.W., the Worshipful Master highly congratulating him on the result, which the S.W. most suitably acknowledged. Bro. Stiles, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Three propositions for initiation, all residents in Hendon, were tendered, which speaks most highly for the success of the lodge. It was proposed by Bro. Lewis, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Scurrah, P.M. and Sec., that a Past Master's jewel be voted to the W.M., Bro. A. A. Nottingham, for the excellent service he had rendered the lodge and the able manner in which he had performed his duties in the chair. The W.M. most cordially accepted the kind sentiments expressed. A telegram was read from Bro. Stiles, P.M., regretting his first absence from the lodge through illness. It was resolved that a letter be sent him wishing him speedy restoration to health. Bros. H. C. Parsons, T. Ling, and G. Adam were appointed the Audit Committee.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a capital repast supplied by the proprietor. Supper ended, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M. and as loyally received.

That of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was duly honoured.

In proposing the next toast, Bro. Lewis, I.P.M., remarked it was that of "The W.M.," which he was very proud to give, for it was a very pleasant duty indeed, and one which he for the last time would have the privilege of proposing. He would state that the W.M. had had a most

successful year of office, had brought in good and true men to the lodge, and in every respect had acquitted himself worthily, and when in a very short time he took his seat among the Past Masters it would be with honour.

The W.M., in reply, thanked all most cordially for the manner in which the toast had been given and received. He had endeavoured to do his best, and felt that he was just beginning to realise his position and getting used to the duties. However, he could assure the brethren as in the past so he would do all he possibly could to ensure the success of the lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Initiate" in very appropriate terms, feeling confident he would prove one of the most worthy in the lodge.

In reply, Bro. Bucknell thanked the brethren most heartily for such a cordial greeting, remarking that he was proud to become associated with such a body of brethren and their W.M., whom for years he had known as an upright, straightforward man, and he would endeavour to follow in the same manner, and carry out all he had heard that evening to the very best of his ability.

The toast of "The W.M. elect" was given most ably, and responded to in the same appreciative terms.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," the W.M. remarked, was one deserving of the greatest thanks of all the brethren, for they did splendid service.

Bros. Lewis and Scurrah suitably replied, and acknowledged the compliment paid them, and offered their assistance at all times to further the interest of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" received, at the hands of the W.M. and brethren, a most cordial greeting, and was appropriately responded to by Bros. Larkman and Griffiths.

That of "The Officers" was given by the W.M. in terms of strong commendation, who said he was grateful to them for their services rendered so ably.

This was replied to most suitably by all.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy meeting.

The following brethren added greatly to the harmony: Bros. F. W. Hearn, Org., Dobbs, Hearne, S.D., Griffiths, Jabez Mason, and H. C. Parsons.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BURSLEM.

**St. Martin's Lodge (No. 98).**—The regular monthly meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Municipal Buildings on Thursday, the 16th inst., when Bro. John Mason, W.M., was supported by the following: Bros. W. Garner, I.P.M.; J. Scarratt, S.W.; E. Pearson, P.M., acting J.W.; R. Dain, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; T. K. Pedley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; J. Beech, S.D.; R. Wilkinson, J.D.; R. Owen, I.G.; F. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. B. Davis, Org.; H. W. Critchlow, Stwd.; J. Boardman, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. Strange, W.M. 1942; Bradford, I.P.M. 2149; Finney, 2064; and Macauley, 1994.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Kelsall and Pointon were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Whitaker's, Black Lion Hotel, for refreshment.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Pedley, P.P.G.S. of Wks., Sec., proposed the toast of "The Newly-raised Candidates."

Bros. Pointon and Kelsall suitably responded.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. E. Pearson, P.M., who, on behalf of the lodge, gave the visitors a very hearty welcome.

Bros. Strange, W.M. 1942; Bradford, I.P.M. 2149; Finney, 2064; and Macauley, 1994, responded, and complimented the junior officers on the excellent manner they did their work. They also expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to visit the lodge.

Bro. Pedley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., proposed "The W.M." in felicitous terms.

Bro. John Mason, W.M., suitably responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable and happy evening.

Bros. J. B. Davis, Emery, Critchlow, and Macauley contributed songs and recitations, which added much to the harmony of the meeting.

### CHESHUNT.

**Gresham Lodge (No. 869).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, on Saturday, the 11th inst., under the able presidency of Bro. William T. Grant, W.M. The lodge was attended by a goodly number of brethren and visitors, including Bros. Chas. E. Keyser, J.G.D.; Chas. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec.; John Larkin, P.M., &c.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M., by special request, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Chas. A. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., to whom were presented Dr. A. E. A. Lathbury and Mr. C. A. Reeve for the benefit of initiation, the ceremony being performed in a most able manner. The W.M. then resumed the chair and passed Bro. W. B. D'Almeida to the Fellow Craft Degree. At the conclusion of this ceremony the W.M. proceeded to install the S.W., Bro. Banker, W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., Bro. Chas. A. Gompertz acting as D. of C. The admirable way in which this ceremony was performed deserves great praise, each officer performing the work without a hitch. The W.M. afterwards proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Dunn, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas. (for the 19th time); W. E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec. (for the 22nd time); C. E. Everett, S.D.; A. D. Mann, J.D.; F. A. Taylor, I.G.; W. R. Dixon, P.M., D.C.; Apelt and Rees, Stwds.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a good substantial dinner, provided on the premises, under the direction of the Curator, Bro. B. Mitchell. It is worthy of remark that the members cater for themselves, and by the aid of a Committee are enabled to entertain their visitors in a manner that does not disgrace the old baronial banqueting hall in which they dine.

The usual loyal toasts were well received as well as those more particularly pertaining to the Province of Hertfordshire, that of "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," being received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Bullock responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," in an interesting and eloquent speech, and finished by congratulating the members upon



the excellent work he had witnessed, and upon the magnificent place which had been appropriated for their lodge meetings by the late Rev. C. E. Mayo.

The next business was to present the retiring Master with a handsome jewel, unanimously voted by the brethren. This was done by the Worshipful Master in a short but very appropriate speech, and was suitably acknowledged by the I.P.M.

Some capital songs enlivened the evening, the brethren dispersing after having enjoyed a thoroughly happy day.

Among the visitors were Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.M. 404, J.G.D. England; Charles Bullock, P.M. 504, P.G. Sec. Herts; E. Bridgland, 1355; D. C. Gillespie, 754; S. Elson, P.M. 507; John Larkin, W.M. 1657; H. Newland, P.M. 28; W. Pearson, 163; W. T. Ross, 1708; J. Kift, 1791; J. H. Moggeridge, 1821; A. Canck, P.M. 1056; W. H. Hook, P.M. 186; C. F. Ellis, 1912; and J. C. Phillips, P.M. 1185.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### CLACTON-ON-SEA.

**St. Osyth's Priory Lodge (No. 2063).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 17th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Bro. W. F. Reed presiding. There was a good attendance of officers, brethren, and visitors, and the ceremony of passing Bro. C. F. J. Barker was neatly performed by the W.M. The ballot for the W.M. for the ensuing year was taken, and proved to be unanimous in favour of Bro. J. Starling, S.W. In announcing the result of the ballot, the W.M. referred in complimentary terms to the way Bro. Starling had hitherto assisted in the working of the lodge, and hoped his health would enable him to discharge the duties of the chair in that large and developing lodge. Bro. Starling suitably replied. The selection of Treasurer again fell on Bro. John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec., who has held the position without intermission since the consecration of the lodge in 1884. Bro. R. Pollard was also re-elected Tyler. The by-laws having been read by Bro. D. Mackenzie, the Secretary, a letter was read from Bro. M. H. Page, J.W., regretting having to resign that position, owing to his removal to Dedham. Sincere regret at the loss of Bro. Page was expressed, and, on the proposition of Bro. Allen, the resignation was accepted. It was resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Reed at the next meeting. The business terminated with "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 51, 1056, 1592, and 1799.

A banquet afterwards took place, and the usual Masonic toasts ably given. Harmony was well sustained by Bros. Berg, Finer, Wilkinson, C. V. Harman, Starling, and others.

#### DERBY.

**Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 8th instant, when there were present Bros. W. H. Wright, W.M.; J. Jones, S.W.; G. R. Ward, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; A. Butterworth, Sec.; W. W. Haywood, S.D.; S. Tinkler, J.D.; B. Toft, D.C.; W. Forman, Org.; H. J. Burdett and J. W. Whitton, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler; T. R. Gee, P.M.; Prov. G. Treas.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Copestick, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. Woodiwi, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Briggs, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; B. Varley, H. G. Wright, J. Riches, J. O. Cowlishaw, G. S. Sims, J. W. Cowlishaw, W. Todd, G. Tarver, A. Frazer, W. W. Bothamley, W. N. Toft, and A. Smith. Visitors: Bros. W. Mortimer, 1386; J. Rust, W.M. 107; J. B. Waring, P.M. 523, 2081; T. Gledhill, J.W. 258; Rev. H. Price, W.M. 253; A. Eaton, W.M. 802; W. H. Thompson, 19; F. F. Lehmann, 591; L. N. Simms, P.M. 591; H. J. Shelley, P.M. 1981; T. Clark, 68 (S.C.); E. Naylor, P.M. 1776; G. Davis, D.C. 2357; W. Leach, 408; J. C. Burbage, P.M. 319; T. Lawton, P.M. 220; W. Brennan, 673; J. Hall, 986; G. Fletcher, 1085; H. Slater, 802; E. G. Prothero, P.M. 237; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Cowlishaw was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a most impressive manner by the W.M. The sum of five guineas was voted to the widow of a former worthy member of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given from the Chair, and duly honoured, the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge" was responded to by Bro. W. J. Piper, P.M. 802, who together with Bro. J. Bland, P.M., who proposed "The Visiting Brethren," took occasion to refer in pleasant terms to the holding of the meetings of the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows in the ancient town of Derby, to which body the greater part of the visitors were accredited, and who had given the Arboretum Lodge the honour of their presence in such large numbers. Hope was expressed that their labours would have a happy and useful ending, and all be spared to return in safety to their respective towns.

Interesting responses were made by Bros. J. Rust, W.M. 107; J. B. Waring, P.M.; Mellow, Main, and others.

Various other toasts were proposed and heartily received, including "The W.M." and "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the visitors being delighted with their reception.

#### DIDSBURY.

**Doric Lodge (No. 2359).**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 13th instant, at the Didsbury Hotel. There were present Bros. C. E. Towell, W.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; Fred. Stretch, S.W.; John Fletcher, J.W.; G. Myers, Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.D.; J. M. Veal, J.D.; John Walker, I.G.; J. Sharples and J. Wards, Stewards; H. G. Ward, Henry Shuter, J. Lawrenson, W. Sharples, W. Jeppson, W. F. Clegg, R. Fitton, and J. J. Booth. Visitors: Bros. Ralph Betley, 1335, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Hancock, 992, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Nicholl, P.M. 1170, P.P.G.T. East Lancs.; W. W. Webster, P.M. 1713; W. Cole, P.M. 1588; S. Irwin Thomson, I.P.M. 2109; J. Woodward, W.M. 1325; John MacCallum, I.P.M. 1993; F. Batty, W.M. 2231; E. Locke, 1147; H. Pochin, P.M. 1375, P.P.G. Reg.; and Thomas Cavanah, P.M. 1633.

Bro. F. Stretch, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., Bro. Towell presenting the working tools in each Degree, and Bro. John Fletcher, W.M. 1070, addressed the Wardens and brethren. The W.M. invested

and addressed in a perfect manner his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. C. E. Towell, I.P.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.W. East Lancs.; Treas.; James M. Veal, Sec.; John Walker, S.D.; F. Thomas, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., D. of C.; N. F. Clegg, Org.; James Ward, I.G.; James Sharples, R. Fitton, W. Sharples, and F. Morgan, Stewards. Bro. John Fletcher, W.M., was appointed the Charity Representative. The Auditors' report of the balance-sheet was discussed and adopted, and we are pleased to record the very favourable condition in which the lodge stands in the second year of its existence. It is perfectly free from debt, having a cash balance in hand, and has contributed £35 to several Masonic Charities.

At the close of the installation the brethren had supper, when the usual toasts were given and responded to.

During the evening a most unique and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Clare Edgar Towell, I.P.M., which bore the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of the Doric Lodge, 2359, to Bro. C. E. Towell, P.M., for the zeal and ability with which he managed the affairs of the lodge during 1891-2."

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### DOVER.

**Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 199).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst., and a goodly number assembled, there being present Bros. T. A. Dartnall, W.M.; Watson Walker, S.W., W.M. elect; E. C. Fielding, J.W.; E. Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. D. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. W. Best, S.D.; H. H. Goodwin, J.D.; Walter Thomas, I.G.; Leonard March, Tyler; G. Church, P.M.; J. W. Busey, P.M.; G. J. Busey, W. W. Burkett, P.M. 1208; W. Sharp, P.M.; Miller Overton, Oxenham, Walter, Beach, Wynne, Norwell, and others. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Bent, P.M. 784, P.P.G. Stwd.; A. M. McIntosh, P.M. 1096; H. Drew, W.M. 1096; S. Sanders, P.M. 1915, P.G. Std.; W. D. Drake, W.M. 2195; J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563, Sec. 2036; and others.

The lodge was opened, and after preliminaries, the audit report was adopted. Bro. Terson, P.M., Sec., then installed Bro. Walter Walker into the chair in a very able manner, who very efficiently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. T. Dartnall, I.P.M.; C. E. Fielding, S.W.; W. J. Best, J.W.; W. S. Vickers, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; E. Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. D. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; H. H. Goodwin, S.D.; Walter Thomas, J.D.; F. W. Prescott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; F. A. Clarke, Org.; C. Miller Overton, I.G.; E. M. Stevens and A. Boyle, Stwds.; and L. March, Tyler.

The brethren then banqueted in an adjoining room, excellently served by Bro. Dartnall.

The usual Masonic toasts were proposed in a succinct but earnest manner by the W.M., and duly honoured.

The toast of "The Visitors" was well received.

Bro. J. E. Shand—who had travelled purposely from London to witness the installation of his friend, the W.M.—and others replied, all being evidently happy and pleased with their visit to Dover.

After the Tyler's toast, the brethren, about 60 in number, separated.

Madame Minnie Curtis added to the enjoyment of the company by some high-class singing, assisted by some of the brethren of the lodge.

#### HARROW STATION.

**Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).**—PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN OSBORN, P.P.G. Std. Br.—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Railway Hotel, when a presentation was made to Bro. John Osborn, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec., to mark the appreciation of the members for his services, and their personal esteem and regard for him. The members present included Bros. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org., W.M.; C. J. Davison, S.W.; Gaskin, P.M., acting J.W.; W. Hurren, Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. W. Lee, S.D.; H. Banks, J.D.; W. J. Ball, I.G.; J. J. Wrathall and C. G. Gray, Stwds.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; O. J. Von Holtorp, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Hughes, P.M.; E. W. Mayne; and H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Visitors: Bros. A. Weston, 101; W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602; F. Smallbones, 1839; J. Banker, P.M. 1158; J. R. Cordell, P.M. 813; W. Martin, P.M. 879; A. Homan, P.M. 1602; J. C. Edmunds, P.M. 1507; A. Clark, I.P.M. 2397; H. Willsmer, 1567; A. Meyatt, 1567; T. V. Fenn, 1567; S. Pardoe, 1585; R. Harris, 1135; and A. Carter, P.M. 77, P.P.J.G.D. Kent.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report received and adopted. Bro. Chas. C. Davison was installed as W.M. by Bro. T. I. Bird, P.P.G.D., who performed the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. P. Young, S.W.; W. W. Lee, J.W.; Wm. Hurren, Treas.; John Osborn, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Banks, S.D.; W. J. Ball, J.D.; James Bayne, I.G.; J. J. Wrathall, D.C.; C. G. Gray and G. Watts, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. Bros. Holborow and Janetzky were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org., I.P.M., then said that during his year of office the brethren had expressed a desire to recognise the kindness they had received from Bro. John Osborn, P.M., Sec., and the services he had rendered to the lodge. He was happy to say that every member had taken part in the project. As they were all aware, Bro. Osborn, P.M., had discharged all the duties of his office with geniality and courtesy, and besides materially increasing the welfare of the lodge, had endeared himself to all the members. On behalf of the lodge, he had to ask Bro. Osborn, P.M., Secretary, to accept a purse containing a cheque, and also an address which had been beautifully illuminated. It was their unanimous wish that the Great Architect would spare Bro. Osborn for many years to continue his connection with the lodge, and to enjoy the friendship of those who had such deep feelings of respect and love for him. The inscription on the address was as follows: "We, the undersigned brethren, members of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, in the Province of Middlesex, at a meeting held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, this 18th day of June, 1892, present to our well-beloved Bro. John Osborn, P.M. 1297 and 1602, P.P.G. Std. Br. of Middx., P.Z. 1602, a purse of money as a mark of our

esteem and high appreciation of his valued and lengthy services as Secretary of the lodge, and we hope the Great Architect of the Universe will grant him health and strength that he may long continue to hold the appointment." Bro. J. Osborn, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec., who spoke with deep emotion, said that was the greatest surprise he had ever experienced, and consequently he was at a loss to express his feelings. He would, however, say he thanked them sincerely and heartily, and especially Bro. Wright, I.P.M., for his kind remarks. Why he should have had that mark of their appreciation he was unable to say. He had endeavoured to do his duty as Secretary, because as a Mason he felt that when he occupied an office he should do his utmost without hope of reward. He regarded that testimonial as meaning more than appreciation for his secretarial duties, and he hoped he should continue to live in the hearts of all the members as long as God spared his life. The W.M. presented Bro. W. Wright, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which was appropriately acknowledged.

The lodge was closed, and after banquet the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., in response to the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G. Master in charge, and the Prov. Grand Officers," said it was always a great pleasure to reply to that toast. It was a comprehensive toast and would have been more so a few weeks ago, for there was a name now omitted which would never be forgotten in Middlesex. The Deputy Prov. G. Master in charge would have been pleased had he been present, but his heart was with them, for he took the greatest interest in the minutest detail connected with the province. The Citadel Lodge had given him a text upon which he could speak on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers by affording excellent illustrations. The members had honoured a Prov. Grand Officer that evening whom they esteemed and loved in the person of the Secretary. It would be impossible for him (Bro. Room) to carry on his work if he was not supported by the Secretaries of the lodges and especially by his esteemed friend, the excellent Secretary of that lodge. There was another Prov. Grand Officer who was also a splendid Secretary elsewhere—Bro. Bird, P.P.G.S.B.—who had rendered the ceremony of installation that evening in a beautiful manner. In Bro. Von Holtorp, P.M., they had a Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies than whom it would be impossible to find one better, and the members would have an opportunity at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of seeing what he could do. Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org., set an example to many by the way he entertained them with music last year. In the W.M. the brethren had made a good selection and he asked them to support him by finding him plenty of work, and a good surplus at the end of his year.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was next submitted by Bro. Wright, I.P.M. He said they had an able and popular Master, ready and willing to do the work, and he was confident that under the ruling of Bro. Davison the lodge would prosper and the members would enjoy his term of office.

Bro. C. J. Davison, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. sincerely for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their cordial reception of it. It would be his endeavour, to the best of his ability, to do all that was required of him, and with the assistance of the Past Masters, he hoped to follow in their steps, and be ranked amongst them at the end of his year.

Bros. W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602; Adolphus Clark, I.P.M. 2397; and T. C. Edmunds responded for "The Visitors," after which the Worshipful Master gave "The Installing Master."

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B., in response, said he had been delighted to perform the ceremony in order to show that his professions of being ready to do anything for the lodge were a reality.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were given, and the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

Under the direction of Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org., a selection of music was given, in which the following brethren assisted: Bros. Arthur Weston, R. Harris, S. Wright, and Horace G. Banks, S.D.

#### IPSWICH.

**Perfect Friendship Lodge (No. 376).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 10th inst., was the occasion of a large gathering of brethren to do honour to an event which rarely happens in the history of a lodge—the 50th anniversary of the initiation of a prominent and active member, Bro. Dr. W. P. Mills, who entered the lodge on Wednesday, the 15th June, 1842. To mark this jubilee in Masonic life, the members of the lodge presented Bro. Mills with a beautifully illuminated address, framed in oak. The design is most artistic and tasteful. The presentation was made at the conclusion of the lodge business. The W.M., Bro. H. C. Monteith, presided, supported by all his officers, and amongst those present were Bros. N. Tracy, P.G. Sec.; S. R. Anness, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. B. Fraser, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. A. Bennett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; and Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.M., P.G. Chap. England. The visitors included Bros. R. K. Casley, P.M. 114, P.P.G.D.; H. C. Casley, P.M. 114, P.P.J.G.W.; C. G. Hayward, P.M. 114, P.P.G.R.; R. Tidbury, P.M. 114, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. P. Grimsey, P.M. and Sec. 114, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Ashwin, 114; G. T. Pick, P.M. 959; H. Cockrell, J.W. 225; C. Byford, P.M. 959, P.P.G.S.B.; George Abbott, P.M. 225, P.P.G.S.B.; John Talbot, P.M. 225, P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

Bro. N. Tracy, who made the presentation, said that the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, who had promised to present the address, had written to him as follows: "I somehow caught cold on Sunday, and the chill has brought back some of the symptoms of the illness from which I suffered after influenza. I therefore think it wiser not to attempt to go to Ipswich to-morrow. I am anxious not to be laid up again, and I think a few days' care will set me right. I am sure Bro. Mills will understand my great regret not to be at the lodge to make the presentation. We all hope that he may be spared many years to give his valuable aid to the best interests of the Masonic Craft." The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. J. Martin had also written, stating that his presence at the Ely Diocesan Conference precluded his attendance; and Bro. Bobby was unable to attend through illness. Bro. Tracy went on to say that, consequently, the duty of making the presentation had fallen upon him, partly, he

presumed, because he was the oldest Past Master of the lodge, and because he was one who had been associated the greatest number of years with their Brother Mills. It gave him great pleasure indeed to be the means of making the presentation, although he regretted that Brother Mills had not the honour of receiving it at the hands of their Provincial Grand Master. He thought they would all agree with him that it was almost unique for a brother to be 50 years to the day a member of the lodge, and 41 years the Treasurer. Since the day he was initiated he had never transferred his affection to any other lodge, but had remained faithful to his old love. He then presented the address, which he read as follows: "To W. Bro. W. P. Mills, M.D., P.M. 376, Treasurer, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk. We, the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, desire to offer our fraternal congratulations to you on attaining the 50th anniversary of your initiation in our lodge. We trust the G.A.O.T.U. may still bless you with health and prosperity, and enable us to have the benefit and pleasure of your counsel and advice for many years to come. Signed, H. C. Monteith, W.M.; I. Thwaites, S.W.; G. Turner, J.W.; H. Sidney, Sec., P.P.A.G.D.C.; initiated P.F. Lodge, 522, June 15th, 1842." The Worshipful Master also expressed gratification at presiding over so large and influential a lodge, assembled to pay tribute to their worthy and respected brother, who had attained his jubilee year in connection with the lodge. Bro. Mills, who spoke with evident emotion, acknowledged the gift in brief but appropriate terms, expressing gratitude to the Provincial Grand Master for his kind intention, to the brethren for their presentation, and to the Great Architect of the Universe for preserving him in health and strength to appear amongst them.

#### KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

**Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).**—On the 15th inst. this lodge met at the Sun Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Willis, W.M., but, owing to uncontrollable circumstances, he had not a full complement of officers. The only work was the raising of Bro. Gatcombe, 2030, by request, as the two candidates for initiation did not present themselves. Bro. Willis worked the ceremony admirably, and after business was ended, he presided very genially over the supper which followed.

#### SURBITON.

**St. Margaret's Lodge (No. 1872).**—On the 16th instant the usual meeting of this lodge was held at Maple Hall, when the W.M., Bro. John Hodgkin, was supported by all his officers, but the attendance of the members generally did not come up to the average, owing to the season. There were present Bros. Cooke, I.P.M.; Stanley Hodgkin, S.W.; Douglas Chester, J.W.; R. Piper, P.M., Treas.; W. H. D. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Gardiner, S.D.; Dr. Owst, J.D.; Dr. Gibbs, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; Charlton, I.G.; E. Stillwell, P.M.; P. M. Gatto, Fawcett, Haram, Garry, and C. E. Hodgkin. Visitors: Bros. Sebastian Hart, P.M. 2146, P.P.G.D.; W. Drewett, P.M. 889, 1638, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Wilson, P.M. 2146; Stock, P.M. 355; A. M. Levy, W.M. 889; Willis, W.M. 1638; Nicholls, I.G. 2228; Concannon, F. B. Lewis, and A. W. Lewis.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Fawcett was passed to the F.C. Degree, and Bro. P. M. Gatto raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., both ceremonies being worked in a highly efficient and impressive manner by the W.M.

After the transaction of incidental business, the brethren made their way to the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, for the summer banquet, which was served in that style which Bro. Sadler always exhibits, and in which he is not excelled.

Following upon a most *recherché* banquet came the customary toasts, which were proposed briefly but with much felicity of expression by the W.M., whose brevity was imitated by all who responded, for there were several musical brethren present who contributed in no small degree to the pleasure of the evening by their vocalisation.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Cooke referred to the meeting when Bro. John Hodgkin was to have been installed in the chair, but was laid low with influenza, and remarked that though his entrance upon office was, as it were, under a cloud, he had had a brilliant and successful period since he assumed control of the lodge. They had seen how splendidly he upheld the credit of St. Margaret's and of the Province of Surrey for good working, and it was their hope that his year would close as happily as it had so far passed.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that he was gratified to know that he had given satisfaction, but he had enjoyed an advantage over some of his predecessors, who were equally well up in the ritual, by reason of having had five initiates so far, and a sixth yet to come. In his efforts to maintain the prestige of the lodge he had been well supported by his officers, and he could not but thank the Deacons especially for the way in which they had helped to carry out the ceremonies. The W.M. also made reference to the services of Bro. Gibbs, P.M., who was good enough to act as permanent D. of C., and to whose geniality and attention so much of the comfort they enjoyed was due.

The visitors had a most cordial greeting from the W.M. and members of the lodge, and the representatives of the adjoining bodies (Dobie and Brownrigg) assured the brethren of the lodge that they would do all in their power to help make the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge (to be held at Surbiton) a success, so far as attendance is concerned.

#### THORNE.

**St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Peace Hall, when there were present Bros. S. H. C. Ashlin, W.M.; J. Constable, S.W.; A. L. Peace, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; A. Goodhind, J.D.; T. Barber, I.G.; B. Maskill, T. Livingston, Almoner; and F. Pine, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. E. Simpson, 1311; J. Turner, 1482; and G. Mason, 242.

A ballot was taken for Mr. G. Eland, which having proved successful, he was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the whole of the work being done by the W.M. The lodge was closed after "Heartly good wishes" from the visiting brethren.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper in the club room, where a pleasant hour was spent.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Strawberry Hill Lodge (No. 946).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall, when, in the absence of the

W.M., Bro. Lyons, through domestic affliction, the Worshipful Master's chair was occupied by Bro. R. W. Forge, P.M. 1703, P.P.G.D.C. There were also present Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Mayor Cooke, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Rohrs, P.M.; W. Beard, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; H. E. Gomme, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Barton, S.D.; J. A. Oliver, I.G.; W. Holland, D.C.; and Walkley, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. Bro. W. Langdale, I.P.M. 141, was unanimously elected a joining member. Feeling reference having been made to the serious loss sustained by the lamented death of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., P.G.M., it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Hopwood, P.M., seconded by the S.W., that a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence be conveyed to Lady Burdett, and family.

### Royal Arch.

**Mount Lebanon Chapter (No. 73).**—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Amongst the members present were Comps. J. M. McLeod, M.E.Z.; E. L. P. Valeriani, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. Beddoes, J. elect; J. Mason, P.Z., Scribe E.; M. D. Lowenstark, P.Z.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E. Middx.; R. W. Steggle, J. Pearce, H. Belchamber, S. D. Brennan, and others. Visitors: Comps. J. D. Langton, P.Z. 1319; Walter Martin, Z. 879; G. Ronchetti, 2021; Corrie, Jackson, P.Z.; E. Storr, P.Z. 704; R. J. Harnell, P.S. 2021; and W. W. Lee, S.N. 1524.

The chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed, and Bros. W. Belchamber and V. F. S. D. Brennan were exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. J. Block, 946, was elected a joining member. Comps. E. L. P. Valeriani, M.E.Z. elect, and J. Beddoes, J. elect, were installed into their respective chairs by Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z. A jewel was presented to Comp. J. M. McLeod, I.P.Z., in recognition of his services during the past year and as a mark of esteem from the members.

The chapter was closed, and an excellent banquet was followed by the customary toasts.

Comp. J. M. McLeod, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and said the toast would be heartily responded to, for Comp. Valeriani was a thorough good Mason, and a very dear friend to all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. He had known the M.E.Z. for a considerable time, and was proud to belong to a chapter of which he was the chief. From what they knew of Comp. Valeriani's working in the Rothesay Lodge, from the manner in which he had worked up the strength and goodfellowship of that lodge, and from the manner in which he had shown how well he could work for the Masonic Institutions, the members could rest assured they had done well in placing him at the head of that chapter. Comp. Valeriani represented the chapter at the last Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, and took up over £116, which for a chapter in the City of London was marvellous, and a striking proof that he endeavoured to set a bright example to others by his Masonic work.

Comp. E. L. P. Valeriani, M.E.Z., in response, said he did not know how to thank the I.P.Z. for the kind words used in his praise. If he did not know Comp. McLeod so well, he should say he was flattering him, but if their I.P.Z. had said more than he deserved, he should do his utmost to deserve it in the future. He thanked the companions for their kindness in drinking his health. When he was admitted into the chapter he really did not think he should feel so much at home. There was one thing he would impress upon all Masons, and especially young Masons—although Masonry was one of the finest institutions in which a man could pass his leisure, he must not forget his first duty, but help those who could not help themselves.

Comp. J. Beddoes, J., replied for "The H. and J.," after which the M.E.Z. gave "The P.Z.'s."

Comp. J. M. McLeod, I.P.Z., said that in one sense he was sorry to respond, because he had had a very pleasant year of office, and regretted leaving the First Principal's chair. He felt that it had been a short year, and that he had failed to a great extent in carrying out the duties. It was kind of the companions to say he had not failed, but if a man had not satisfied himself he could not think he had satisfied others. Although the flesh was weak, the spirit was willing, and had he not had a very hard time of work, his duties in the chapter might have been performed more to his satisfaction. He trusted to enjoy the associations he had formed in the chapter, although he had gone into the ranks of the P.Z.'s, and that nothing would arise to sever that happy connection. What little he had done he had been glad to do, and the kind expressions of regard towards him, and the handsome jewel presented to him, he should ever esteem and value. He should be pleased to do anything for the chapter in the future, for the kindness he had received from the members would take many years to repay.

In proposing "The Installing Principal," the M.E.Z. said they were very happy to secure the services of Comp. Lee, P.Z.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middx., having returned thanks, said he had again to assure them, as he had done on former occasions, that anything he could do for that chapter it was always a source of great pleasure to do. He had been pleased to be present to install so able, excellent, and worthy a companion into the chair as Comp. Valeriani, and cordially endorsed the remarks made by Comp. McLeod in reference to the M.E.Z. Comp. Valeriani was one whom they were all proud to know, and to have the opportunity of associating with. He thanked the companions for the kind reception given him, and assured them that it would always be a great pleasure to perform any services for the chapter in the future.

"The Exalted" and "The Visitors" were cordially given and responded to, and the Janitor's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

**Duke of Connaught Chapter (No. 1524).**

—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Present: Comps. J. H. Hoit, M.E.Z.; Beasley, H.; Hodges, J.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G. Scribe E. Middx.; Treas.; N. Green, P.Z., S.E.; Simpson, S.N.; W. W. Lee, 1st A.S.; Funstan, P.Z.; Payne, P.Z.; Berry, P.Z.; Read, Van Os, and Turnbull. Comp. J. W. Long, 19, was a visitor.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a very satisfactory balance-sheet was received and unanimously adopted. The following companions were then installed into their respective chairs by Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z.: Comps. W. Beasley, M.E.Z.; J. Hodges, H.; and W. Simpson, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas.; N. Green, P.Z., S.E.; W. W. Lee, S.N.; Van Os, 1st A.S.; Read, 2nd A.S.; and Marsh, P.Z., Janitor.

Chapter was closed, and after an excellent banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

Comp. J. H. Hoit, I.P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," said he had no doubt that when the end of Comp. Beasley's year of office arrived the members would be as well pleased with his efforts as they had been with many preceding him. The M.E.Z. had shown a little of his stamp, and from what they knew of him in the Craft they felt they would have in him a typical First Principal. Comp. Beasley had a good store of energy, and would no doubt prove an ornament to the chapter.

Comp. W. Beasley, M.E.Z., in reply, said it was 13 years ago since he first saw the light of Arch Masonry, at the first meeting after the consecration of the chapter. In a few years he joined many Degrees and Orders, and became an enthusiast; but with reference to the work of the chapter, he had not, up to the present time, paid much attention to the ritual. He would, however, endeavour to work to their satisfaction, and work the ritual as he had promised. He hoped that during the coming year a few good and worthy brethren would join them, and he trusted to be able to introduce them. He thanked the companions for the consideration and kindness he had always received, and hoped it would always be the distinguished characteristic of that chapter.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The I.P.Z.," and said he was sure the toast would be received with acclamation. Comp. Hoit, I.P.Z., was of some years' standing in the chapter, and by his kindness and geniality had won the respect and esteem of all the members. He had therefore great pleasure on their behalf in presenting Comp. Hoit with a jewel, and trusted he would be spared many years to wear it, and enjoy the good fellowship and concord existing in the chapter.

Comp. J. H. Hoit, I.P.Z., said he did not know how to reply for the kind manner in which the M.E.Z. had spoken of him, and in which the companions had received the toast. He could only tell them that he appreciated their kindness from the bottom of his heart, and that that day was the climax of his ambition in Masonry. When he attained the chair of M.E.Z., he thought his pleasure could not be greater, but he should never forget the kindly presentation of the jewel on the present occasion. He should remain in the chapter as long as he had a breath of life, and hoped to enjoy the company of the companions for many years.

Comp. J. W. Long, 19, replied for "The Visitor," after which "The P.Z.'s" was duly honoured.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., in response, said the M.E.Z. had made kind allusion to the services he had rendered to the chapter for many years past. He could assure the companions he took as great an interest in the chapter as he did when installed as the First Principal many years ago. During the last few years he had acted in the capacity of Treasurer, and had received the support and assistance of the members. He was pleased to say the finances were in a flourishing condition, there being a good balance in hand and no liabilities outstanding. He thanked them for the confidence reposed in him, and would use his best endeavours in the future for the welfare of the chapter.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, and the Janitor's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

### Mark Masonry.

**Royal Naval Lodge (No. 239).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 20th inst., when Bro. Wm. Shurmur was installed as W.M. by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., and the lodge had a welcome addition of eight new members. Amongst the members present were Bros. P. F. Portway, W.M.; Wm. Shurmur, S.W.; C. F. Bourne, J.W.; A. Berenberg, M.O.; A. J. Hone-Goldney, Sec.; B. Nicholson, the Earl of Euston, D.G.M.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; J. Speller, S. B. Wilson, P.G.T., Treas.; N. Fortescue, J. Holland, P. Trickett, C. H. Bestow, C. MacColla, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, P.G. Treas.; Capt. E. M. Money, P.M., P.G. Std.; W. Vincent, A.G.D.C.; J. Pinder, P.P.G.M.O. East Anglia; J. Barnett, W.M.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. W. Lee, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the following brethren were advanced to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. J. L. Mather, P.G. Treas.: Bros. Percy Trickett, C. H. Bestow, Chas. MacColla, and W. C. Mann, Bros. Jas. Speller, N. Fortescue, J. Holland, and B. Nicholson were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. William Shurmur as W.M. in an impressive manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. C. F. Bourne, S.W.; A. Berenberg, J.W.; J. Speller, M.O.; B. Nicholson, S.O.; J. Holland, J.O.; S. B. Wilson, P.G.T., Treasurer; N. Fortescue, R. of M.; A. J. Hone-Goldney, Sec.; C. H. Bestow, S.D.; P. Trickett, J.D.; W. C. Mann, I.G.; C. MacColla, Std.; and Rawles, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and a banquet was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern, and was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the toast comprised the body of noble and distinguished brethren who had for the last 35 years supported with dignity the Institution under whose banner they had met, and that they had supported it nobly and well no further proof was needed than their presence that evening. In 1861—about his first official connection with the Order—they were in the cold shade of opposition and were looked upon with a large amount of suspicion. They had now achieved a very handsome local habitation and he thought they had achieved an honourable name. They were close to Grand Lodge itself and only the length of a dinner table divided them from their mother, the Grand Lodge of England. They were honoured with those brethren of light and leading who had accepted Grand Office in the Craft, and those brethren had also accepted Grand Office in the Mark, and the M.W. Grand Master in the Craft was their

honoured chief. The Deputy Grand Master had honoured them by visiting the lodge that night, and the Grand Officers present were but samples of the bulk. What they had done in the past they would do in the future to increase the prosperity of the Mark Degree.

The Worshipful Master next made touching allusion to the recent death of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx. and Surrey, and proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Officers."

Bro. John Barnett, P.P.G.M.O., said it was difficult at all times to reply to that toast, but on the present occasion the difficulty was increased, as they were now mourning the loss of their Prov. Grand Master, who had presided for 21 years, but his memory would be ever green and dear to those who had sat under his rule. He was delighted to see Bro. Shurmur occupying the chair, and whilst congratulating him he felt certain he might congratulate the members on having such an energetic Mason at their head.

Bro. P. F. Portway, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that most of the members were better acquainted with Bro. Shurmur's many virtues and sterling qualities than he was. No remarks were necessary, but would rather detract from the toast, all knowing and appreciating the W.M. so well. The old members of the lodge were pleased to see Bro. Shurmur's year commenced so auspiciously by the addition of a number of brethren whom he had introduced, and who would add to the strength and stability of the lodge.

Bro. Wm. Shurmur, W.M., said he was exceedingly grateful to the brethren for their cordial reception, and he thanked the I.P.M. very much for the truly fraternal and complimentary manner in which he had proposed the toast. It was very gratifying to be surrounded by so many friends who had honoured him with their presence, and he knew they would join with him in endeavouring to place the lodge upon more prosperous lines. He hoped that at the end of his year of office he might have proved himself not altogether unworthy of the great compliment paid him in unanimously electing him as W.M. He thanked them sincerely.

"The Advancers and Joining Members" having been honoured, "The Visitors" was cordially given, and the visiting brethren heartily welcomed.

Bro. Capt. E. M. Money, P.G. Stwd., said it had been an honour and pleasure to those visitors who had assisted in the work that evening. It was also a great satisfaction to see the welcome addition of strength to the numbers. He congratulated the W.M. on that addition, for it would be a great calamity to Mark Masonry if a lodge of that character was to drop out.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see Bro. Shurmur installed by the Grand Secretary, and from the manner in which the W.M. had presided in another lodge, he would no doubt reflect credit upon this.

"The Officers" was given, and a pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

**Hibernia Lodge (No. 431).**—This lodge completed its first year of existence on the 17th inst., and held a very successful meeting on that evening at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The proceedings commenced with an advancement, which when completed the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, assumed the gavel, and in his usual felicitous manner placed Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, in the chair. The W.M. having been duly installed and saluted proceeded to appoint his officers. Unfortunately several of those brethren were unavoidably unable to attend, but Bro. Clowes, son of the well-known and esteemed Bro. R. Clowes, was appointed S.W.—a worthy son following in the footsteps of a worthy father. Before closing, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Major W. C. Carrell, the I.P.M. A warm eulogium on the energetic and zealous conduct of Bro. Major Carrell was given by Bro. Clowes, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Several distinguished visitors were present to welcome Bro. Col. G. N. Money into the chair. Amongst those we noticed the Grand Secretary, Bro. Letchworth; Bro. R. Berridge, P.G.W.; and Bro. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.D.

The usual banquet took place at Freemasons' Tavern.

#### MARYPORT.

**Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 16th inst. There were present Bros. J. O. Scott, P.J.G.O., W.M.; Jos. Abbott, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J.W.; T. Annon, S.O.; T. Mandie, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; F. R. Sewell, I.P., D.P.G.M.; J. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; P.G.D. England; P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. England; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.S. England, P.G. Sec.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.J.G.W.; J. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Kendall, R. Leach, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Turney, J. Smith, J. Messenger, and T. Atkinson, I.P.M. 229, P.P.S.G.D.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. England, P.G. Treas., and one of the founders of the lodge, W.M. elect, was duly presented for installation by Bro. J. Dickinson, P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M., and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. O. Scott, P.J.G.O., W.M. Bro. Thomas Atkinson, I.P.M. 229, P.P.S.G.D., gave the addresses to the respective officers. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. O. Scott, I.P.M.; Thos. Annon, S.W.; J. Kendall, J.W.; R. Leach, M.O.; T. Brown, S.O.; R. W. Pearson, J.O.; F. A. Beeby, Chap.; Jas. Gardiner, Treas.; G. W. Turney, Sec.; J. Dickinson, R. of M.; E. B. Penrice, D. of C.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Holmes, S.D.; S. J. Newman, J.D.; J. Abbott, I.G.; W. Dobie, Stwd.; and J. Messenger, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned, at the invitation of the W.M., to a banquet, when the loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and duly responded to, a very pleasant evening being spent.

#### PLUMSTEAD.

**Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).**—The installation meeting of the above strong and influential lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when Bro. C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of A., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Whiteheart, I.P.M.; Col. C. E. Vansittart, S.W.; W. J. Akers, G. Stwd., J.W.; J. Warren, M.O.; F. Reed,

P.G.I.G., S.O.; J. Farrier, J.O.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G.R.M., Sec.; E. B. Hobson, R.M.; G. H. Porter, S.D.; W. J. Crowdy, J.D.; C. H. Canning, I.G.; Johnson, D.C.; and C. Warren, Tyler.

Bro. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., was the Installing Officer, and did his work splendidly, for which he was awarded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Whiteheart was presented with a Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks. Bro. Jolly then advanced Bro. Capt. Greenwood, 2399, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Earl of Chatham Hotel, Woolwich, and was much enjoyed.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and some excellent singing enlivened the proceedings, which were most enjoyable.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Fenn, Capon, Nichols, Wray, J. H. Roberts, P.M. 44; E. Morris, W.M. 44; and others.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Jas. Corp, W.M.; C. J. Frost, S.W.; J. Tidmarsh, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; J. Hart, S.D.; R. C. Edwards, J.D.; D. D. West, I.G.; D. G. Imlay, H. Sadler, F. F. Fox, A. Sandberg, W. H. Sands, M. B. Evans, and T. W. Bintlcliffe. Visitor: Bro. W. Simmonds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Goodinge, Liscombe, and Davison, and declared unanimous in their favour as joining members. Bro. Morris Evans offered to act as candidate, and was examined, entrusted, and retired from the lodge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Imlay occupied the chair, and proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation, Bro. A. Sandberg acting as W.M. elect. On the proposition of Bro. Kirby, the brethren accorded a very hearty vote of thanks to Bro. A. Leighton, to evince their great appreciation of his kindness in presenting eight aprons for the use of the working officers. Bro. C. J. Frost was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. He appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of raising and a portion of the ceremony of installation.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Banks, W.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., S.W.; G. C. Stafford, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, P.M., Sec.; R. Reid, S.D.; A. Williams, P.M., J.D.; W. Hide, I.G.; F. Craggs, P.M.; and H. Blackman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. A. Williams, P.M. The W.M. having risen, Bro. R. H. Williams, 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 20th inst., when there were present Bros. Dawson, W.M.; Barr, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; Stone, Sec.; Rice, S.D.; Becroft, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Sercombe, Bate, C. T. Wright, Thompson, H. G. Martin, Telling, Porter, Niblett, Reap, Lord, Hooper, Turner, Shelvey, Pullen, and Chabot.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Turner offered himself as candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Turner raised to the Sublime Degree in due form. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. Bros. Reap, 1622, and Shelvey, 101, were elected members. Bro. C. T. Wright, W.M. elect 1158, invested his officers very ably. Bro. Barr, S.W., was elected W.M. for July 4th. The lodge was then closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. H. Elkin, W.M.; C. Hagan, S.W.; E. Austin, P.M., J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; T. Kingston, S.D.; J. Arnott, J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; R. A. Kemp, T. Stonnill, R. N. Larter, E. W. Scolding, L. Lee, and H. Gane.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the initiation ceremony, Bro. Scolding acting as candidate. The 3rd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the brethren, with the assistance of the Preceptor. Bro. Hagan was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. I. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507, M.E.Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1196, J.; John Davies, M.E.Z. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, P.Z. 733, S.N.; W. Hillier, 834, P.S.; W. J. Ferguson, 1056, 1507, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. C. Cuff, P.Z. 862; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862; and J. Bailey, H. 1602. Comp. J. H. Cliff, 289, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Bailey being the candidate.

Comp. Ferguson was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Comp. Cruttenden was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two weeks. Comp. Cliff expressed his thanks for the Masonic treat he had received, and only wished that such an opportunity of improvement could be had at Leeds. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. There were present, among others, Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President; James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. Lee, W. P. Brown, S. Valentine, H. Garrod, D. D. Mercer, C. R. Tijou, C. Dairy, J. W. Burgess, C. H. Webb, E. E. Peacock, S. H. Goldschmidt, Owen Lewis, R. Clay Sudlow, Geo. B. Chapman, A. M. Trendell, William Vincent, George R. Langley, Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, Henry Byers, Robert A. Gowan, C. E. Leopold, R. Hudson, J. Goddon, W. H. Rivers, F. P. Baxter, J. E. Armstrong, John W. Abbott, J. Brindley James, E. Simpson Bailie, A. Pemberton, Henry G. Danby, Louis Dobbs, Arthur J. Grimwade, William Grellier, A. Grelecken, W. H. Makin, H. T. Nell, R. P. Green, Alex. James, and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The Board first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master at the May meeting for grants to the amount of £490, and afterwards proceeded with the new list. This contained 39 cases, qualified by lodges in London, Berkeley, Ilminster, Surbiton, Bodmin, Stafford, Batley, Bristol, Liverpool, Heaton Norris, Thayermyo, Ipswich, Dartford, East Stonehouse, Barnstaple, Chichester, Coventry, Chacewater, Camborne, New Mills, Carlisle, Dunstable, Brighouse, West Hartlepool, Manchester, Uxbridge, and New York.

To 27 of these cases, in the course of a very long sitting, a total sum of £630 was voted, which sum was made up as follows: One recommendation to Grand Lodge for a £50 grant; four recommendations to the Grand Master for grants of £40 each; and five for £30 each; 10 grants of £20 each; and seven of £10 each. Seven cases were deferred; one petition was dismissed; two petitions were withdrawn; and in two cases the petitioners had died since their petitions were presented.

### SUMMER BANQUET OF THE BRITISH LODGE, No. 8.

The brethren of the above lodge held their summer banquet on Monday, the 20th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, when, in accordance with custom, members had the privilege of inviting a guest outside the Craft, the observances being in accordance therewith.

Bro. Edward E. Cooper, W.M., presided over the company, which fell but just short of 40, with his Wardens as "Vice-Presidents." Though the weather was not so propitious as could have been desired, the view from the dining room was one not easily to be forgotten. Bro. Antonio Mella, the worthy host, in conversation with some of the visitors, made the remark that, though he was born on the border of Lake Como, the scenery around which is so highly praised, he was bound to confess that it by no means surpassed the grand view seen from the far-famed house he now controls.

An elegant banquet was served under Bro. Mella's own supervision, and it must have pleased Mons. Lanson, who was by accident a guest, to notice the appreciation bestowed upon that very pretty wine which bears the brand of Lanson Père et Fils. A high compliment was paid to that gentleman by the President in calling upon him to respond with Bro. Germain for "The Visitors."

The pleasure of the evening was very materially enhanced by the exquisite singing of Bros. Schartau, Bradford, Dalzell, and C. T. Johnson.

### THE SOUTHPORT CENTENARY.

On Saturday last Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England, Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, opened the Art Treasures Exhibition at Southport in the presence of a large and distinguished company, including the Hon. G. N. Curzon, M.P., and the Mayors of several of the more important towns in Lancashire and Yorkshire. The invited guests, to the number of about 250, were received by the Mayor, Bro. Ald. Dr. G. Pilkington, in his parlour at the Town Hall. They then proceeded to Cambridge Hall, where the Earl was presented with a gold key by the Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, and his lordship opened the door. Councillor Pilling, the Chairman, welcomed Lord Lathom in an interesting address, during the course of which he briefly described the phenomenal rise and progress of Southport during the past 100 years. Lord Lathom declared the exhibition open amid hearty cheers.

The annual show of the Royal Agricultural Society was opened at Warwick on Saturday last, and will continue till this (Friday) evening. There were about 2000 entries of live stock, and the prizes awarded to these amounted in value to about £5000.





On Saturday last the Lord Mayor of Dublin unveiled the bronze statue which has been erected by the citizens in St. Stephen's Green Park to commemorate the services rendered by Lord Ardilaun to the Irish capital.

The anniversary festival of the Royal Blind Pension Society was held on Saturday evening last under the presidency of Viscount Portman, the subscriptions in the course of the evening being announced as amounting to £1030.

It has been announced that the Queen's visit to the camp at Aldershot to lay the foundation-stone of the new church and review the troops will take place on Monday next, the 27th inst., and not on Wednesday, the 29th, as originally supposed.

The Sunday Society held its annual meeting on Saturday last at St. Martin's Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Brassey. The report showed that in 33 towns in the United Kingdom and three Metropolitan districts art galleries and museums were opened to the public.

A large number of present and past Etonians attended the consecration at Hackney Wick, on Saturday morning last, by the Bishop of London, of a new church, which has been erected by the Eton College Mission and its friends and supporters, at a cost of upwards of £8000.

The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered a sum of money to be expended annually for the purpose of keeping in proper order the burial place near Chatham Dockyard in which the remains of the French prisoners which were discovered during the progress of the extension works were re-interred.

The Duke of Cambridge dined with the Austrian Ambassador and the Countess Deym at the Embassy in Belgrave-square on Tuesday, the Russian Ambassador and Madame de Staal, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Portland, the Earl and Countess of Brownlow, and the Earl of Ilchester being among the guests invited to meet his Royal Highness.

Two out of the five persons killed in the recent collision at the Fholt Junction on the Midland Railway were insured in the Accident Insurance Company (Limited). One, Mr. Joseph Allen, of Halifax, for £1000; and the other, Mr. Sydney R. Smith, for £500. Here is a convincing illustration of the wisdom of insuring against accidents.—*City Press*, June 18th.

The Duchess of Fife, who was accompanied by her husband, Bro. the Duke of Fife, laid the foundation-stone of the new Schools and Mission House in connection with St. Mary's, Somers Town, on Tuesday, among those present being the Bishop of Marlborough, Dean Gregory, Bro. Lawson, M.P., and Sir A. Bloomfield. Subsequently her Royal Highness opened a bazaar at the Vestry Hall, Pancras-road, in aid of the institution.

Monday was the 53th anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the throne. There are only two English sovereigns who have reigned longer than the Queen—Henry III., who reigned 56 years, and her grandfather, George III., who reigned close on 60 years, but the former of these monarchs was a minor when he succeeded his father John, while George III.'s son, afterwards George IV., was Regent for the last nine years of his father's life.

The Corps of Commissioners, to the number of 1930, paraded in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Sunday morning last, for the purpose of being inspected by the Duke of Connaught. His Royal Highness, after privately inspecting the men, who were drawn up in line in open order, addressed some words of congratulation to the corps, after which an open-air service was held by the Rev. Armstrong Hall, but unfortunately this was cut short by a heavy downpour of rain.

Hospital Sunday was kept in nearly all the London churches and chapels on Sunday last. At St. Paul's Cathedral, which was attended in the afternoon by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, the Sheriffs, and many members of the Corporation, as well as the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury) and other of her Majesty's Judges, the collection amounted to close on £215, while at Westminster Abbey, which the Civic dignitaries attended in the morning, it reached £230, and at the Temple Church £197.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, who have been staying at Warwick Castle as the guests of the Earl of Warwick, visited the Royal Agricultural Show early on Tuesday. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by their noble host and Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke, and met with a most cordial reception. Later in the day they attended the horse parade with Prince Christian, who, at the meeting of the members in the Show-yard, moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Warwick for their hearty welcome to the Society, a similar vote being passed to the Earl of Warwick for the use of his park for the Show.

A special meeting of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, was held on the 14th instant in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, for the purpose of conferring honorary membership on Bro. Wallace Bruce, United States Consul, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the lodge, including the R.W.M., Bro. Dr. George Dickson, who presided; Bros. Muirhead, P.M.; Gilbert Macdonald, P.M.; J. H. Bell, D.M.; P. L. Henderson, S.W.; Lewis, Treas.; and J. A. Trevelyan Sturrock, Sec. Bro. Wallace Bruce was received in the usual form, and was made an honorary member of the lodge in consideration of the distinguished position he holds in Scotland, his enthusiasm for Scottish things in general, and as a link in the Masonic relations between this country and the United States. An ode was also recited by one of the brethren in honour of the occasion. Bro. Wallace Bruce, in reply, thanked them warmly for the honour they had done him.

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Bro. Robert Freke Gould asks us to notify that his address is now Fair View, Kingfield Green, Woking.

In our obituary notice of the late Bro. Tattersall, we omitted to note that he was one of the founders and an energetic member of the Anglo-American Lodge.

The management of the Empire Theatre announce that they have engaged Bro. Arthur Roberts, who will make his first appearance on Monday next, the 27th inst.

In our report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts last week, Bro. E. Solomon was described as of Lodge 442. It should have been Lodge Socrates, No. 373.

There was a large attendance at Christie's on Saturday afternoon last, when a large collection of pictures and old silver plate was brought to the hammer. The prices realised by the latter ranged from 34s. to 142s. per ounce.

On Saturday last Bro. J. Blundell Maple, M.P., opened a Free Library for Penge, intended only for temporary use, and located in the Station-road, Anerley. The income at the penny rate will be about £530 per annum.

The Duchess of Edinburgh, accompanied by her daughters, the Princesses Marie and Victoria, arrived in London from the Continent on Tuesday evening. They were met at Charing Cross station by the Duke, and at once drove to Clarence House.

The Duke of Cambridge presided on Wednesday evening at the annual dinner of the Staff College, held at the Hôtel Métropole. His Royal Highness was supported on his right by General Napier, and on his left by General Archibald Alison.

The remains of the Earl of Ancrum were buried on Wednesday with military honours. The Earl of Jersey, the Admiral in command of the Australian Squadron, and several Ministers were present at the funeral. The body will be eventually taken to England.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, visited Broadstairs on Tuesday for the purpose of opening the Victoria Hospital for Children at Broadstairs, which was thronged with visitors from all parts in honour of the occasion.

Saturday last being the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, Speech Day was held at Wellington College, at which there present, among others, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, left Balmoral Castle on Tuesday afternoon, and driving to Ballater, where the Royal train was in waiting, reached Windsor Castle in safety early on Wednesday morning.

A summer picnic in connection with The Abbey Lodge, Westminster, has been arranged for, and the date fixed is Friday, July 15th. A trip by rail to Windsor, thence by electric launch up the river, with the privilege of inviting three guests, is certainly a very attractive programme. Bros. J. E. Shand and H. E. Poole are the Hon. Secs.

A Rose Show at the Mansion House in aid of the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo-road, will be opened by the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein to-day (Friday). The Princess will be accompanied by her daughter, the Princess Victoria, and the Prince of Wales has kindly promised to contribute some roses from Sandringham to the Lady Mayoress's stall.

The Duke of Edinburgh Lodge has removed from the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, to the Eastern Hotel Tavern, Commercial-road, Limehouse. Its meetings are held on the first Tuesdays in February, March, April, May, October, November, and December. Lodge of instruction meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m., at the Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse.

On Friday, the 17th instant, upwards of a dozen representatives of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, accepted an invitation from the members of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, Highbridge, to pay a return visit and partake of hospitalities. The business of a lodge of emergency having been promptly despatched at Highbridge, an adjournment was made to Burnham, and at the Queen's Hotel a *recherche* banquet was partaken of under the presidency of the W.M. of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, Bro. J. B. Sincok.

The Duke of York took his seat in the House of Lords on the afternoon of Friday, the 17th instant. His Royal Highness was introduced by his father, the Prince of Wales, and his uncle, the Duke of Connaught. On arriving at the Woolsack his Royal Highness presented his patent to the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury), and subsequently took the oath and subscribed the roll. He then mounted the steps to the Cloth of Estate, and took his seat next to the Prince of Wales, who sat to the left of the throne, and having bowed thrice to the Lord Chancellor, who returned the salutations, the Royal party left the House. Among those in attendance on his Royal Highness was Bro. Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*) in his full heraldic uniform.

Brethren interested in Egyptian antiquities, and visiting "Egypt," at Niagara Hall, Westminster, should consult Bro. T. Hunter Boyd, the interesting lecturer, who ably describes this great cyclorama, and answers the numerous enquiries of visitors both readily and willingly. Bro. Boyd, of St. John Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland, takes great interest in the subject, and will gladly afford students the best information respecting Egyptian antiquities he has succeeded in acquiring, besides welcoming any light competent Egyptologists may be able to afford him. The whole scene is so realistic and artistic that no wonder need be expressed at the success of this very suggestive exhibition, with its many attractions, the guide to which is written by Bro. Boyd.

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On Saturday last, the 18th inst., the 300th performance of "Venice, the Bride of the Sea," was given at Olympia.

Bro. James M. Scarlett, Tailor, of 193, Upper-street, Islington, has opened a branch establishment at 11, Long-lane, Smithfield.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, with Princess Marie and the Crown Prince of Roumania, visited the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on Wednesday evening.

A meeting of the Gresham University Commission was held on Wednesday at 23, Great George-street, Westminster, Earl Cowper in the chair. Dr. W. J. Russell, Principal of Bedford College for Ladies, Professor Heath, and Mrs. Bryant, of the same College, were examined.

The soiree of the Royal Institute of British Architects was held on Wednesday evening in the South Kensington Museum. The reception was by the President and Mrs. MacVicar Anderson. The musical entertainments were by the string band of the Royal Artillery, the Royal Handbell Ringers, and Mr. Miller's Canadian Sleigh Bells.

The Countess of Ilchester gave a garden party at Holland House on Wednesday afternoon, at which a brilliant company, numbering about 1500 assembled. The Duke of Aosta, with the Italian Ambassador, and attended by his Aides de Camp, was among the early arrivals; and the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda was also present.

On Wednesday Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were present at the garden party given by Col. and ex-Sheriff Thomas Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, at their residence, The Gables, Upper Hamilton-terrace. There were also present Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.D., and many of the Officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lord Brassey has given £5000 towards the provision of a block of buildings to consist of a missions to seamen church, an institute, a gymnasium, an adult school room, class rooms, and a coffee bar, &c., for the free use of sailors and fishermen of all nationalities frequenting the port of London, which, with four other seamen's institutes, is to cost £30,000.

The Royal Colonial Institute held their annual soiree on Wednesday evening in the hall and galleries of the new Natural History Museum. The company was received in the absence of the President, the Prince of Wales, by the Vice-Presidents and members of the Council. There was a very large attendance, and the band of the Coldstream Guards and Miss Graves' Ladies Orchestra performed musical selections.

To-day (Friday), being Midsummer Day, the livery of London will meet in Common Hall at Guildhall to exercise their privilege of electing Sheriffs of the City of London for the year ensuing. The two senior Aldermen who have not served the office—Bro. Alderman Renals and Mr. Alderman Wilkin—will, it is expected, enjoy the good fortune of being elected unanimously by the livery.

Mr. Henry E. Abbey has just completed arrangements with Bro. Henry Irving to play a tour of 30 weeks in the United States under his direction, commencing in San Francisco in September, 1893. During this tour Bro. Irving will, with Miss Ellen Terry, appear in all the principal cities of America. He will also inaugurate a theatre which Mr. Abbey is building in New York, and will be open in November of that year.

Wednesday being "Grand Day" of Trinity Term at the Inner Temple, the Treasurer, Mr. W. Pearson, Q.C., and the Benchers, entertained the following guests at dinner in the Inner Temple Hall, viz.: Lord Kelvin, Dr. Vaughan (Master of the Temple), Mr. Justice Day, Sir F. Leighton, Sir C. Russell, the Rev. Canon Ainger, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Astronomer Royal, and Mr. Luke Fields.

Lord and Lady Wimborne were honoured by the company of his Royal Highness the Duke of Aosta at dinner on Wednesday evening at Wimborne House. There were present to meet the Duke the Duke and Duchess of Newcastle, the Duke and Duchess of Athole and Lady Dorothea Stewart Murray, the Marquess and Marchioness of Bath and Lady Katherine Thynne, Maria Marchioness of Ailesbury, the Marquess of Blandford, the Earl and Countess of Mayo, Count Kinsky, Count Bertarelli, Lord and Lady Leconfield and Hon. Miss Wyndham, Lord Rendlesham and Hon. Miss Thellusson, Lord and Lady Magheramorne and Lady M. Ashley, Lord and Lady Rodney, Lord Brackley, Lord Kenyon, Mr. and Lady Sarah Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Leigh, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Du Cane, Bro. Montague Guest, Mr. Smith, Mr. Foley, Mr. Loder, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Wombwell, and Mr. Montgomery, Lady Wimborne afterwards gave a ball, which was numerously attended.

The second annual outing or picnic of the Tennant Lodge, No. 1992, Cardiff, took place on the 15th instant, when upwards of 100 brethren, with their wives and lady friends, journeyed by rail to Chepstow, and thence by brakes to Intern. After paying a visit to the historic Chepstow Castle, and ascending the Wyndcliffe, the party proceeded to Intern, luncheon being provided by Bro. Wooley, of the George Hotel, who catered in his usual excellent style. The W.M., Bro. W. E. Miles, presided, supported by his officers and a number of visitors from other lodges. The *post prandial* proceedings were of an interesting character. Songs and recitations were contributed by Bros. Taylor, Beer, Vaughan, Sheridan, and several brethren. The famous Intern Abbey and other interesting spots in the neighbourhood were subsequently visited, Cardiff being reached on the return journey shortly after 10 p.m., all having spent a most pleasant and enjoyable day. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Bros. W. E. Miles, Hogg, Bailey, Jenkins, and Roberts, and especially Bro. Kerinan, Assistant Secretary, to whose indefatigable exertions most of the success attending the day's proceedings were due.

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