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THE YEAR'S FESTIVALS.

We are now in a position to sum up the results of the three Anniversary Festivals of 1892, and we think our readers will cordially agree with us that those results are eminently satisfactory. It is, indeed, our firm belief that no other Society either in this or any other country could have achieved in the way of voluntary subscriptions what the Freemasons of England have done during the present year. We naturally watch with a considerable amount of interest the benevolent Festivals which are being continually held both here and elsewhere. We note with pleasure how great is the aggregate of the sums subscribed on these occasions, and, what is still more remarkable, how the tendency of this aggregate to become greater and still more great is becoming more pronounced from year to year. But we do not find that any other Society than that of the Freemasons keeps on subscribing annually for each of their Charitable Institutions amounts which rarely, if ever, fall below the sum of £10,000, and which on certain special occasions within the last ten years have ranged between £23,000 and £67,500. We must not, however, lay too great a stress on the mere magnitude of the sums we raise. We must remember that the "widow's mite" as a benevolent offering is quite as acceptable as the ample donation of the wealthiest patrician. We must remember, likewise, that there are very few Societies which have taken upon themselves such great responsibilities as we have, that is, the responsibility of providing permanently for about 430 old people and some 530 children. To carry out what we have undertaken, it is necessary we should provide a large amount annually, while other bodies with fewer and smaller claims upon them are equally with ourselves to be commended, when they fulfil their obligations. They do what is required of them, and no man or body of men can do more. But let us describe more particularly what in the way of benevolence as regards our three most important Charitable Institutions has been accomplished during the year 1892. The first annual Festival was held on the 24th February in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and as the Charity was established in 1842, exceptional efforts were made in order that the Jubilee Festival of the Charity might prove an exceptionally brilliant success. An immense Board of Stewards, comprising no less than 1527 ladies and brethren, was formed, and we are now in a position to give the total of the sums they raised as amounting in round figures to £67,500. In May the ordinary annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, was celebrated; the Board of Stewards mustered 301 brethren, and the total of donations and subscriptions reached £10,000. In June the ordinary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place, the Board of Stewards mustering 306 ladies and brethren, and the sum realised amounting to £12,250. Thus there have been 2133 brethren who have given their services as Stewards, while the result of their labours as expressed in pounds sterling amounts to £89,750; indeed, we shall not be far out in our reckoning if we set down the final total at £90,000. A huge sum, forsooth, and illustrating a huge amount of kindly feeling on the part both of those who had a hand in raising it and those who contributed. As regards the brethren who acted as Stewards, we must not lose sight of the fact that several of them gave their services at all three Festivals, and a still greater number, or at all events as great a number, at two of them; but after making allowance for these cases, we shall doubtless be justified in stating the number of brethren who served as Stewards at 2000. This gives the very high average of £45 per list.

Carrying our inquiries a little further we note that the Provinces raised some £37,000 for the Benevolent Jubilee, £4500 for the Girls' School Festival, and £8500 at that of the Boys' School, or together £50,000. Going still further into detail, we find that three Provinces, namely, Bristol—which did remarkably well on the occasion it was represented—the Channel Islands, and Jersey, figured at one Festival; that Bedfordshire, Cornwall, Leicestershire and Rutland, Monmouthshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, North and East Yorkshire, and the Isle of Man took part in two; and that all the others were entered for the whole three. As regards London, it raised £30,500 for the Benevolent Institution, £5500 for the Girls' School, and, let us say, £4000 for the Boys' School, or altogether some £40,000. We consider this a result which reflects the highest credit on the lodges in the Metropolis, which it must be remembered are only about one-third of the number located in the Provinces. It is quite true, as we stated in our Analysis of the Returns at the recent Boys' School Festival, that the Provinces on that occasion did the lion's share of the work, but those who express the hope that they may not see the "Provincial brethren desiring to come down to the level of the Metropolis" are, most

unwarrantably casting a stigma on this particular section of the English Craft. Our London, like our Provincial, brethren discharge their duty towards our Institutions admirably, and it is a gross act of injustice to suggest there is a marked inequality in the amounts subscribed by the two sections without at the same time taking into account the inequality which exists in the number of lodges comprised within their respective limits.

There is just one further remark and we have done. In 1888, when the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, the aggregate of the subscriptions at the three Festivals was about £75,000; this year, when the Benevolent Institution has been celebrating its Jubilee, the amount is £90,000. Let us hope that those who are spared to see the Boys' School Centenary in 1898 may be able to record an even greater advance than has been made between now and 1888.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Parish Room, Teddington, under the presidency of Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge. Amongst the brethren in attendance were Bro. J. M. Stedwell, P.P.G.W. Middx., as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bros. W. H. Preece, F.R.S., P.S.G.W.; Rev. H. Pelham Stokes, P.G. Chap.; Henry V. Clements, P.G. Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.G. Reg.; Howard H. Room, P.G. Sec.; O. Von Holtorp, P.G.D.C.; F. C. Austin, P.D.G.D.C.; John Piller, P.G. Std. Br.; E. A. Smith, P.G. Std. Br.; W. T. Peat, P.G. Org.; W. H. Lee, P. Assist. G. Sec.; R. Drummond, P.G. Purst.; S. W. Keene, P.A.G. Purst.; and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler. The following Past Prov. Grand Officers were also present: C. I. Axford, P.P.D.G.D.C.; S. T. Briggs, P.P.G.D.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas. Eng., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. O. Carter, P.P.G.W.; F. L. Chandler, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Cock, P.P.G.D.; J. Davies, P.P.G.D.; W. S. Dunkley, P.P.G. Purst.; Rev. R. Fawcett, P.P.G. Chap.; Herman Fehrenbach, P.P.G.D.; J. Ferguson, P.P.G.W.; J. Finch, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Hall, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; R. N. Jones, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.P.G.W.; J. Laurence, P.P.G.D.C.; F. W. Levander, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Morison, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Col. K. R. Montgomery, P.P.G.W.; John Osborn, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.P.G.D.; A. E. Sansom, M.D., P.P.G.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G. Chap.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; H. W. Seager, P.P.G.D.; W. Sweetland, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Tucker, P.P.G.D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W.; and W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. The following Grand Officers were present: Bros. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; C. E. Keyser, J.G.D.; and E. Monteuis, P.G. Swd. Br. There was also present many Masters, Wardens, and members of lodges in the province, as well as many visitors.

The roll of lodges in the province was called, when it was found that all were represented except the Burdett Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, a letter was read from Lady Burdett expressing thanks for the sympathetic vote passed by Provincial Grand Lodge.

The minutes were then read and confirmed.

The Report of the Audit Committee, which was unanimously adopted, showed a balance in hand of £173, and the Charity Committee reported that £40 had been distributed during the past year to widows of deceased brethren.

Bro. Dr. Sansom, P.P.G.W., proposed Bro. Frost Creswick, W.M. 2183, as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg., seconded the proposition, and there being no other nomination Bro. Frost Creswick was declared unanimously elected.

A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Clements for his services as Prov. Grand Treasurer during the past year.

The following brethren were appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers:

Bro. F. D. Dixon Hartland, 778	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. W. Carmalt Jones, F.R.C.S. Edin., 708	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. Crawford, B.A., 1460, (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. Pelham Stokes, 1871 (re-appointed)	...	
" J. Frost Creswick, 2183	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. A. Prince, 1691	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. H. Room 1777 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Hookey, 2087	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" J. Hutchison, 1415	...	
" C. W. Mayne, 1238	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" D. Stroud, 1637	...	
" P. Monson, 1194	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. H. Hicks, 1597	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. J. Porter, 1793	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" E. Cotton, 382	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. H. Roach, 1579	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. Bamford, 1549	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" H. Woods, 1309	...	
" F. J. Oliver, 946	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Lee, 1897 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" S. W. Keene, 865	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Eales, 1512	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.

Bro. H. Clark, 1777	...	...	...
" S. Hague, M.D., 2195	...	...	...
" G. R. Langley, 2381	...	...	...
" Lieut.-Col. W. Ruston, 1871	...	...	...
" H. F. Stewart, 1460	...	...	...
" J. Tidmarsh, 2163	...	...	...
" J. Gilbert, 1194 (re-elected)	...	...	...

Prov. G. Stwds.

Prov. G. Tyler.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER in charge then moved the following resolution:

That Provincial By-law No. 21 be altered as follows, the words in parenthesis to be erased and those *in italics* to be added—21. *There shall be a Charity Committee (shall be appointed each year at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, which Committee shall consist) consisting of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who shall be President of such Committee, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the Provincial Grand Registrar (and six Masters or Past Masters of lodges in the province; three to be appointed by the Grand Master, and three to be elected by the Provincial Grand Lodge) the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, and a representative from each lodge in the province: the full Committee to deal with and assist cases for election to the Masonic Institutions, and the ex-officio members, with the representatives of the lodges concerned (Its duty shall be) to consider petitions for assistance, etc., etc.*

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER in charge said that in many Provincial Grand Lodges there was a Committee to look after the election of candidates to the Masonic Institutions, instead of the provincial votes going indiscriminately they were devoted to particular cases in the province. That was to be one of the duties of the proposed new Committee, and the other duty was to look after applicants for charity, and in order to ensure the performance of these duties it was necessary they should have a larger and more representative Committee. He thought if this resolution was carried it would be for the good of the province and especially of the cases put forward by the province for election to the Royal Masonic Institutions.

Bro. J. TICKLE, P.P.G. Reg., seconded the motion, which he said should meet with the support of every member. In the larger Masonic provinces there was a Committee similar to the one suggested, and the result was that the cases were invariably carried for election to the Institutions.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, as the Secretary of the Charity Committee of Hertfordshire, asked to be allowed to say a word or two in support of the proposition, which was a most important one. Since a similar suggestion had been adopted in Hertfordshire, although a small province—and therefore not numerically with a large number of votes—they always carried their cases at the elections.

After a short discussion the motion was unanimously carried.

On the proposition of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER in charge, seconded by Bro. SREDWELL, P.P.G.W., a sum of 15 guineas was voted to each of the Masonic Institutions. A sum of five guineas was also voted to the local Cottage Hospital, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Sir Charles Bright Lodge for the use of furniture, and to Bro. R. W. Forge for his very great assistance in the arrangements for the meeting and the subsequent banquet at the Town Hall.

Bro. W. H. PREECE, F.R.S., P.P.S.G.W., then rose and said that as the Prov. S.G.W. for the past year he had been called upon to perform a duty which however unworthily he might discharge, no one could undertake with greater pleasure and gratification. They all knew that this year their Deputy Provincial Grand Master had entered upon his 10th year in that office, and had performed the duties for a longer period than any previous Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. It was thought that as Bro. Thrupp had entered on his 10th year of office, the brethren of the province could not do less than present him with something representing their great appreciation of his services. On the 5th October last a small meeting was held, and at a representative meeting of lodges and chapters a Committee was formed consisting of the principal executive officers of the province, which was subsequently added to by the Worshipful Masters of the oldest and the youngest lodges in Middlesex. The brethren would learn with some satisfaction that the last Masonic function performed by their late Provincial Grand Master was to preside over the Committee when it was decided when and where this presentation was to be made. They had collected together a sum extremely small in its intrinsic representation of the services of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but it was one that would enable them to perpetuate for all time the memory of Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp. They desired to recognise his services in his triple capacities of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a brother Mason, and a man. As Deputy Provincial Grand Master, they all knew the invaluable, assiduous, and honourable way in which he had discharged his duties. There was not the smallest detail in the working of the smallest lodge in the province that he had not at his finger's end, and no brother could have performed his duties with greater *éclat* than he. The brethren desired that Bro. Thrupp should see that they appreciated his services as a Mason. They all knew that one of the principal signs of a good Mason was geniality, and who was more genial when they met inside a lodge than Bro. Thrupp? There were many who at times had required services rendered, and could say that there was no one who more cheerfully rendered those services in a fraternal way than he. His name had already been perpetuated in the province by the Raymond Thrupp Lodge. They had at all times marvelled at the gifted memory nature had bestowed upon him, and he had known him without the least preparation work the Three Degrees at one sitting. The third capacity in which they wished to honour him was as a man. His charming ways and manners made them feel that as a Mason he was a lovable man. At Bro. Thrupp's own desire 130 guineas of the amount collected had been invested, and the interest of that sum would be devoted to the annual prizes of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The prizes would be competed for, and thus every year his name would be perpetuated in a good Masonic work. In addition to that sum devoted to prizes, he (Bro. Preece) had the greatest satisfaction in handing to Bro. Thrupp a silver tea kettle, in order that those surrounding him at home should be reminded of this presentation. The brethren also desired that Bro. Thrupp should carry with him on his own person something that would recall the love of the members of the province, and for this purpose they asked him to accept a gold locket. In addition to an album in which an address had been illuminated, and which bore the names of the subscribers, on behalf of Bro. Fehrenbach he had to ask Bro. Thrupp's acceptance of a likeness which had been faithfully reproduced of their late Provincial Grand Master. In conclusion, Bro. Preece asked the D.P.G.M. to accept these presents, and ever to remember that in the province he had grateful hearts and staunch friends.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THURPP, Deputy Prov. G. Master, thanked Bro. Preece, who had spoken very flatteringly of what he had done. He had

earnestly endeavoured during the past 10 years to carry out his duties, to see that the directions and orders of Sir Francis Burdett were duly obeyed, and that the landmarks of the Order were observed and maintained. He thought he might say without egotism, that the working of the lodges during the ten years had increased very much. A spirit of emulation had arisen—not each wanting to be a better or larger lodge—but each striving to be one that was pointed out in the province as the best for working. That spirit he had endeavoured to foster, and that spirit was not only due to the Worshipful Masters, but to the Wardens and officers. He sincerely hoped that spirit would continue for many years to come. Whenever he had gone amongst the brethren he had always received a hearty greeting that had made his visits a great pleasure. It was said that "out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh." His heart was very full that day and he could not find words to express his great gratitude for the kindness which had culminated in the testimonial they had presented to him.

The testimonial consists of a silver tea-kettle, a gold locket, 130 guineas invested to form a prize fund for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a three-quarter length platinotype print, finished in Indian ink, of the late Col. Sir Francis Burdett, contributed by Bro. Fehrenbach, and an album bound in morocco leather, with Bro. Thrupp's monogram embossed on cover, and containing the following address, beautifully illuminated: "Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.—To the Worshipful Brother Raymond Henry Thrupp, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England, Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Deputy Grand Master and Grand H. of the Province of Middlesex, etc., etc., etc. The brethren of the Province of Middlesex desire to take the opportunity afforded by the occurrence of the Decennial celebration of your appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of expressing to you their appreciation of the manner in which you have always upheld the dignity of that exalted position, and of the uniform courtesy and firmness with which the duties appertaining thereto have been discharged by you. They cannot but feel that the high standard that the various lodges and chapters in this large province have attained is due, in no slight degree, to your unswerving steadiness in showing, by precept and example, the aim which all should keep before them. In commemoration of this event a sum of money has been subscribed in the province, of which one hundred and thirty guineas have, in accordance with your expressed wish, been handed over to the Trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the interest arising from which is to be devoted for ever to the purchase of "Raymond Thrupp Prizes," thus intimately associating your name with an Institution, the good of which you have always had so much at heart. At the same time they beg you to accept this album and also a piece of plate as mementos of the occasion. Your brethren trust that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant you many years of health and happiness. Teddington, 25th June, 1892." Then follows the list of subscribers.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Bros. Fenn, P.B.G.P.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Col. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.I. for Girls; J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys; Col. Blunt, and many other distinguished brethren.

An oration was delivered by the Prov. G. CHAPLAIN, after which the anthem—"Behold how good and joyful" was sung by Bros. Schartau, Dalzell, Bradford, and Johnson.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren then proceeded to the Town Hall, where a substantial repast was enjoyed, and the customary toasts duly honoured.

In giving "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said they had with them that evening the Grand Secretary, to whom they would offer a hearty welcome on his first visit in that capacity. Bro. Letchworth was an old Middlesex man, being a Past Master of St. James's Lodge. Bro. Keyser was also a P.P.G. Officer of that province, and a Past Master of the Abercorn Lodge.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, G.D., expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to respond, as he had been connected with the province many years. He returned hearty thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been received. Since he had had the honour to be a Grand Officer he had been associated with Lord Lathom, Pro Grand Master, on many occasions when he had done good work, and they hoped their Pro Grand Master would be spared for many years to continue the work which he had performed in a splendid manner in the past. In the Deputy Grand Master, his Royal Highness had made a wise choice, and with regard to the rest of the Grand Officers, he would only say they were brethren who had done something for the benefit of the Craft, and appreciated the honour conferred upon them. He trusted that on all occasions that toast would be well received.

"The Memory of Sir Francis Burdett" having been drunk in silence,

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary, said that as one of the oldest Past Provincial Grand Officers he had been permitted to propose the next toast, and he could assure them he undertook that duty with the greatest possible pleasure, because it was the toast of the evening. He asked the brethren to drink "The Health of their Deputy Provincial Grand Master." After the admirable speech to which they had listened with so much pleasure in Provincial Grand Lodge from Bro. Preece, it would be superfluous for him to attempt to give expression to what he knew was the feeling of the brethren in the province towards their Deputy Prov. Grand Master. As a Grand Officer he might be permitted to say that the feeling expressed so admirably was shared by every one of Bro. Thrupp's colleagues, the Grand Officers, and as a member of the profession to which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master belonged he might also be permitted to say that no one was better known as a man of honour and integrity than he. The brethren would heartily wish their Deputy Prov. Grand Master health and happiness for many years to come, and hope that the province would have the benefit of his services and assistance.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THURPP, Deputy Prov. G.M. in charge, thanked the brethren for the kind reception given him that day. It was a day that would long be dear to him and would not be forgotten, and one which he should look backward to with gratitude for the kindness he had received. In Provincial Grand Lodge he broke down because his heart was too full. He was afraid he inadequately tried to express his gratitude to them for all their great kindness, but he only sincerely hoped that if he was spared and appointed again as their Deputy Prov. Grand Master they would give him the same hearty support, the same greeting, the same hearty grip of the hand as they had always done. He relied on their support in ruling and governing this province so as to make it one of the best in the Kingdom.

Bro. E. MONTEUUIS, on behalf of "The Visitors," returned sincere thanks for the kind and hearty reception accorded them. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and particularly to see the esteem in which Bro. Thrupp was held by the brethren. It was the first time he had visited a Provincial Grand Lodge, but he found it most impressive.

In proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers," the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said that anyone who knew the work of a province with 39 lodges would know that year by year the difficulty of choosing Provincial Grand Officers become greater. They would therefore see that if one or two of the brethren were passed over it was not the fault of the Prov. Grand Master, but from the fact that there were not a sufficient number of offices. Those who had been appointed to Prov. Grand office that day were selected by their late dear old chief, and he believed it was an excellent choice. Whenever he visited a lodge he took particular notice of what was done there in order to select the best men for the Provincial collars. He was very glad Bro. Dixon Hartland had been selected as Prov. S.G.W. There was another brother he must not forget to mention—his great help-mate, Bro. Room, Prov. Grand Sec., and he could assure the brethren that the way in which the Prov. Grand Secretary organised the province, looked after the returns and the working, and the way in which he had arranged their festival that day deserved their most hearty thanks. No province could possibly have a better Prov. Grand Secretary, and no Deputy Prov. Grand Master could have a better right hand than Bro. Room.

Bro. DIXON HARTLAND, Prov. S.G.W., said it was always a great honour to reply to such a toast as that, and he felt the honour far greater to the district which he had the honour to represent in Parliament. He hoped Provincial Grand Lodge had received such hospitality there as would induce them to come again. He felt unworthy to return thanks for that toast, for Bro. Room, who had done such excellent work, would answer for the Provincial Grand Officers far better.

Bro. HOWARD H. ROOM, Prov. G. Sec., thanked the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the kind way in which he had spoken of him. He did not expect to be called upon to make any observations on this occasion. He was glad of the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the kind way in which he was always received in the province, and in which he had been received in that representative assembly that day. The way in which the work of the Provincial Grand Secretary was assisted by the Secretaries of the various lodges showed that the heart of every worker was in his work. It would be impossible for him as a busy man to do the work which necessitated the employment of every spare moment, if he was not assisted by every member. He publicly thanked the Secretaries of the lodges for the very handsome way in which they supported him, and also thanked his colleague, Bro. Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec., for the very able assistance rendered by him. He hoped the brethren would agree he was right when he said they were his friends, and in that spirit he carried out his duties, and hoped to continue to do so with that love and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasonry.

Under the direction of Bro. Peet, P.P.G. Org., a choice selection of music was performed by Bro. H. Schartau's part singers, which considerably enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren present.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRUDENCE CHAPTER, No. 2069.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., a new chapter, called the Prudence Chapter, No. 2069, and joined to the Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, in the presence of a large and influential assembly of Companions. The chapter will be worked on the same lines as those of the lodge, viz., those of temperance, upon which the Prudence Lodge has flourished, and gained its name as being one of the most successful lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire. The consecration was undertaken by Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H., the chairs of H. and J. being filled by Comps. T. W. Embleton, P.Z., Prov. G.H., and W. H. Jessop, P.Z., Prov. G.J.; and Comps. Henry Smith, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E.; Robert Arnison, P.Z., Prov. G.S.N.; E. Billington, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C.; and Herbert E. Green, Prov. A.G.S.E., were also in attendance.

The other offices were filled by Comps. J. Monckman, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., as P.S.; J. P. Hewitt, P.Z., Prov. G. Stwd., as 1st A.S.; D. R. Glover, P.Z., as 2nd A.S.; T. Bateman Fox, P.Z., as Registrar; and G. F. Carr, as Organist.

The chapter having been duly opened, the ceremony of consecration was most impressively performed, and the rendering of the different portions left nothing to be desired.

An oration was then delivered by Comp. C. I. MASON, P.Z., P.P.G.H. The 12 founders of the chapter, viz., Comps. Dr. T. C. Smyth, C. I. Mason, Tudor Trevor, C. Middleton, E. Woodhouse, R. Abbott, A. Butterworth, Tom Atkinson, F. G. Dimery, B. S. Bailey, R. Ellis, and T. Buckley, were then addressed by Comp. ENSOR DRURY, after which he installed the Three Principals into their respective chairs as follows: Comps. Dr. T. C. Smyth, P.Z., P.P.G.H., P.G.S. England, Z.; C. I. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.H., H.; and Tudor Trevor, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., J. The following officers were next invested with the collars of their respective offices by the M.E.Z., Comp. Dr. Smyth: Comps. C. Middleton, J. 306, S.E.; F. G. Dimery, S.N.; Robert Abbott, Treas.; A. Butterworth, P.S.; Tom Atkinson, 1st A.S.; B. S. Bailey, 2nd A.S.; and T. Buckley, Org.

On the motion of the M.E.Z., Comps. Ensor Drury, T. W. Embleton, W. H. Jessop, Henry Smith, and T. Bateman Fox were unanimously elected honorary members of the new chapter.

After notice of the exaltation of three candidates, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to dinner, at which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The following is a list of the visitors:

Comps. W. F. Smithson, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; W. C. Lupton, P.P.G.S.N.; W. H. Milnes, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. Scarth, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; T. B. Wilson, Z. 306; W. Flockton, Z. 1042; C. Wheavill, P.Z. 290; J. Thrippleton, P.Z. 306; S. Freeman, P.Z. 306; T. Tomlinson, H. 289; A. Wilson, H. 306; C. A. Phillips, J. 306; T. Thorp, J. 1042; J. Danson, 521; J. Ripley, W. Smith, J. Burt, R. J. Smith, and J. W. Blackburn, of 1042; J. T. Last and J. Niven, of 387; J. Millington, R. Graham, and J. N. Hautin, of 289; Dr. Bacon, 448; A. Redmayne and C. H. Waterhouse, of 306; J. Constable, 242; and W. Clayton, 304.

CONSECRATION OF THE SHROPSHIRE MARK LODGE, No. 444.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Mark Master, having been graciously pleased to grant a warrant of constitution for this the first Mark lodge in the Province of Shropshire, to be held at Shrewsbury, and called The Shropshire Mark Lodge, No. 444, the same was consecrated on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Music Hall Buildings, Shrewsbury, by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy G.M., under very favourable auspices, and in the presence of a large and distinguished assembly of brethren.

An emergency meeting was first held by dispensation, when Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gordon Warren, D.P.G.M. of North Wales, acted as W.M.; Bro. Capt. Williams-Freeman, Deputy Dist. G.M. of North Africa, as S.W.; and Bro. Loxdale-Warren, A.G.D. of C., as J.W., and advanced Bros. H. R. Giles, W. Adams, W. Aylmer Lewis, and F. Chubb to the Degree of Mark Master.

The Grand Officers then entered in procession, when Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M., took the Chair, and Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., acted as S.W.; Bro. Major S.G. Fairtlough, R.A., as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; Bro. R. Berridge, G.D. of C., as D. of C.; and Bro. J. Chadwick, P.G.O., P.G. Sec. East Lancs., as I.G.

The following brethren were also present: Bro. Loxdale Warren, A.G.D.C.; W. D. Henderson, P.G. Sec. North Wales; Major G. W. Walker, P.G. Sec., &c., Staffordshire; R. Newhouse, P.S.G.D., P.G. Sec. Cheshire; T. F. Bland, P.G. Sec. Worcestershire; A. Green, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; Major J. B. Morgan, P.M., &c. 290, P.P.G.M.O. Staffordshire; Major F. Walton, P.M. 290, P.P.S.G.W. Staffordshire; R. Longden, 290, &c.; Rev. W. J. Down, 330; Rev. H. Kemble Southwell, T. C. Bromwich, W. E. Thomason, 318, and others.

After the lodge had been opened, the CONSECRATING OFFICER expressed the pleasure it gave him to attend to consecrate the first Mark lodge in Shropshire, and hoped it was the pioneer of others that may be hereafter formed in a province bearing such a good Masonic record as this. The names of those selected to preside over its destinies augured well for its future success.

The D. of C. then read the petition and warrant, and the founders—Bros. Rowland G. Venables, G. Williams-Freeman, W. Belton, V. C. L. Crump, G. Gordon Warren, E. A. Hicks, A. S. Townsend, W. L. Southwell, and J. H. Cooksey (all of whom were present) having signified their approval of the officers named therein, an able and excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Order was delivered by Bro. Trevor Parkins, P.G. Chap.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the lodge was dedicated and constituted, the musical portion being rendered by Bro. W. E. Thomason, 318.

The D.G.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., who installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Rowland George Venables. A ballot was taken for the office of Treasurer, when Bro. J. H. Cooksey was elected.

The following were then invested: Bros. G. Gordon Warren, I.P.M.; G. Williams-Freeman, S.W.; W. Belton, J.W.; W. L. Southwell, M.O.; V. C. L. Crump, S.O.; E. A. Hicks, J.O.; J. H. Cooksey, Treas.; A. S. Townsend, R. of M.; W. Adams, Sec.; T. Whitefoot, S.D.; W. A. Lewis, J.D.; H. R. Giles, I.G.; and F. Chubb, Stwd.

On the proposition of the W.M., the Consecrating Officer and Bros. Matier and Berridge were elected honorary members, and were, together with the founders of the lodge, presented with founders' jewels as a souvenir of the occasion.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER returned thanks, after which the By-law Committee was formed, and several brethren were proposed for advancement and as joining members.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were then read from the Prov. G. Masters of Cheshire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, North Wales, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and other provinces; Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, P.G. Treas.; R. Clowes, P.G.O.; O. Shellard, D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire and Herefordshire; Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart.; Dr. Willmore, 290; W. H. Spaul, R. Millington, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Music Hall, which had been most tastefully decorated with choice flowers and designs, and sat down to an excellent banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Pee.

The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by Bro. the Earl of Euston and other Grand Officers, and on his left by Bro. Gordon Warren and other distinguished brethren. Short speeches and good music was the order of the evening. The usual toasts were afterwards given.

Bro. GORDON WARREN, in giving that of "The M.W.G.M.," alluded in sympathetic terms to the great bereavement that had so recently befallen the Royal Family, and expressed the hope that the G.O. of the Universe might support them in their sorrow.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toast of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., Grand Officers, and Consecrating Officers," and observed that they had a fine array of Grand Officers present that evening to whom they felt deeply indebted for the great compliment paid to the new lodge by their presence. They also owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Earl of Euston for coming to Shrewsbury at great personal inconvenience to perform the ceremony of consecration, and to support them by his presence that evening.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Deputy G.M., said he was always ready and pleased to do his duty, and he was only too happy to come and assist at the inauguration of the first Mark lodge in the Province of Shropshire. He was always ready and willing to go to any part of England or Wales to take part in a little ceremony, for he felt it was no trouble if he could do anything to further the cause of Freemasonry.

Bro. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN proposed "The Installing Master" in an eloquent speech, in the course of which he said that those who had not seen Bro. Matier's work before must be pleased and gratified; those who had seen it must acknowledge that to-day he had lost none of his old form, but was "training on." He showed an example to all present who wish to attain to high Masonic skill.

Bro. MATIER responded in eloquent and suitable terms, referring to the high repute in which Mark Masonry was held alike in the four quarters of the globe.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and referred to Bro. Venables' work in Craft Masonry, which augured well for the success of this lodge, and advised those present to follow in his footsteps and they would not go wrong. He dwelt upon the

great importance of only accepting as members those who would do credit to the lodge, and pointed out that the Mark had an advantage over Craft Masonry, inasmuch as it could pick and choose for its ranks only those who had shown and proved themselves to be true and worthy Masons. He wished every success to the lodge, and long life and prosperity to Bro. Venables, its first Master.

Bro. VENABLES responded in an appropriate but brief speech.

Bro. BELTON proposed the toast of "The Visitors. This was one of the toasts upon which Freemasons laid great stress, and Mark Masons were not one whit behind. The Shropshire being the only and first Mark lodge in the province, was and always would be proud to welcome visitors.

Bros. HENDERSON, P.G. Sec. North Wales, and the Rev. H. K. SOUTHWELL briefly responded.

Bro. the Rev. T. PARKINS proposed "The Newly-Advanced Brethren," to which Bro. H. R. GILES responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Officers," and alluded to the difficulty he had experienced in allotting the offices amongst the brethren, in consequence of the merits of all the brethren who had been enrolled.

Bro. W. L. SOUTHWELL suitably responded.

Bro. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN proposed, in an eloquent speech, "The Mark Benevolent Fund," to which he and the W.M. had consented to act as Stewards at the approaching festival.

Bro. MATIER replied and stated that no candidate who was found to be deserving had ever been refused assistance from the Mark Fund. The sum of £15 was collected at the table to place upon the joint list of Bros. Venables and Williams-Freeman.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of, if not the most successful Masonic gatherings in this province.

The proceedings were interspersed with a choice selection of music by Mr. Hudson Davies' celebrated string band.

Frequent allusions were made during the evening to the indefatigable efforts of Bros. V. C. L. Crump and W. Belton, to whom the success of the proceedings were mainly due and by whose perseverance the formation of the lodge was accomplished.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

GRAND FESTIVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

A meeting of Grand Conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 22nd ult., under the presidency of Bro. Isaacar Zacharie, M.D., G.S.R. The other members present included Bros. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, as D.G.S.R.; W. G. Lemon, LL.B., G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as G. Chancellor; Adolphus Clark, J. Pakes, J. P. Brickwood, W. J. Spratling, G. Recorder; A. Lamette, H. H. Shirley, J. Stephens, W. Hancock, W. Maple, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, E. Jessurun, President Board of Grand Stewards; H. Pearce, M.D., H. Tipper, and many others.

A meeting of Grand Council was first held, at which Bro. I. Zacharie, M.D., was unanimously re-elected G.S.R., and Bro. W. G. Lemon re-elected Grand Treasurer. Bro. E. Letchworth was invested as a P.G.S.R., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. The Third Degree of the Order was conferred by Bro. Pakes upon Bros. Elias Jessurun, H. W. Seager, M.D., W. Williamson, A. T. Weston, and H. Tipper.

Grand Conclave was then opened, and the roll of conclaves called. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. I. Zacharie, M.D., was installed and proclaimed as G.S.R. for the sixth year in succession.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., P.G.S.R., moved a resolution placing upon record the deep sense of the heavy loss sustained by this Order and Freemasonry generally through the lamented deaths of Colonel Shadwell Clerke and Sir Francis Burdett, brethren whose talents, geniality, and courtesy had endeared them to all. He said there was scarcely a Mason in the land but had acutely felt the sad death of their distinguished Bro. Col. Clerke. He believed he was correct in saying that long before Col. Clerke attained prominent position in English Freemasonry he had been initiated into the Order of the Secret Monitor. At the time the G.S.R. had an idea of starting a conclave in England, they naturally looked to Col. Clerke for his invaluable assistance and co-operation, and they knew the extent of the service he had rendered by the wisdom of his advice. Unrivalled almost in his knowledge of Masonry, certainly not surpassed by those connected with him, he was enabled to guide the affairs of the Craft and assist the other Orders in which he was so deeply interested. He was a Secret Monitor in heart and soul, and took the keenest interest in the Order, and notwithstanding his many Masonic engagements—and through which, owing to his high sense of duty, his life was probably sacrificed—he always found time to assist the Order of the Secret Monitor. His bright example would stimulate them to follow in his footsteps, and would be always before them, for "Sweet is the memory of the just, It blooms and blossoms in the dust."

Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. LAMBERT, P.G.S.R., seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of the GRAND TREASURER, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to "The Shadwell Clerke Trust Fund."

The following appointments were then made for the ensuing year:

Bro. Edward Letchworth, G.S. (Craft) ...	P.G.S.R.
" Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G. Cn. ...	D.R.O.
" Baron Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England) ...	G. Chancellor.
" W. G. Lemon, LL.B., L.C.C. ...	G. Treasurer.
" The Earl of Euston, P.G.G. ...	G. Chamberlain.
" Sir Augustus Harris, P.G.B.B. ...	G. Guide.
" W. J. Spratling, B. Sc., P.P.G. Treas. Middx. ...	G. Recorder.
" Charles Edward Keyser ...	G. Visitors.
" G. Danford P. Thomas, M.D. ...	
" Prosonno Coomar Dutt ...	P.G. Visitor.
" Elias Jessurun, Pres. Bd. G. Stwds. ...	G. Std. Br.
" Henry Pearce, M.D., S.R. ...	P.G. Std. Brs.
" H. W. Seager, M.D., P.G. Stwd. ...	
" W. Cracroft Fooks, B.A., LL.B., P.G. Stwd., P.S.R. ...	G. Bow Br.
" W. Williamson, P.G. Stwd. ...	P.G. Bow Brs.
" J. Steavenson, B.A., P.G. Stwd., P.S.R. ...	
" W. C. Canton, P.G. Stwd., P.S.R. ...	G. Gdr.
" A. P. Westerhout, P.G. Stwd. ...	P.G. Gdr.

Bro. Arthur P. Norton, P.G. Stwd. ...	G. Councillors.
" Walter Hancock, S.R. ...	
" L. M. Biden, P.G. Stwd., P.S.R. ...	
" H. Tipper, Sec. Bd. G. Stwds. ...	
" J. P. Brickwood, S.R. ...	P.G. Councillors.
" Thos. Cook, P.G. Stwd. ...	
" E. P. Stantial, P.G. Stwd. ...	
" E. J. Mills ...	G. Sentinel.

The following brethren were appointed Grand Stewards, 1892-3: Bros. Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A., and Robert Roy, M.A., No. 1; Chas. Couper Cripps, No. 2; Fras. St. George Caulfield, Penang, No. 3; Capt. Henry Wright, No. 4; James Stephens and Joseph Arthur Robinson, No. 5; Chas. Corby and Fred. Jackson, No. 6; Thomas Emery and Jas. Currall, No. 7; W. Maple, No. 8; Thomas Wright, No. 9; Edward Webbbs and A. Upton, M.D., No. 10; Walter Martin, No. 11; John Weston, No. 12; Dr. Reginald L. Verley, No. 13; W. F. De Fabeck, M.D., Madras, and James Gray, Madras, No. 14; A. C. Dandridge, No. 15; Dr. Robert Forrest Dedrickson, Calcutta, and Okhill Chunder Mookerjee, Calcutta, No. 16; H. E. Cousins, No. 17; J. Barthram Taylor, No. 19; and Capt. W. T. Allen, No. 20.

The Grand Conclave was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was well served.

The usual toasts were afterwards given, the speeches being interspersed with a choice selection of music performed under the direction of Bro. H. Tipper, assisted by Bro. Tipper's Part Singers, Miss Clara Butt, R.C.M., Miss Bessie Poole, R.A.M., Miss F. E. Tipper, R.C.M., Mr. H. C. Ryall, and Bro. F. James.

The loyal toasts having been honoured,

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, P.G.S.R., proposed "The Health of the Grand Supreme Ruler, Bro. I. Zacharie, M.D." He said the health of their respected and esteemed G.S.R., who had presided over them ever since the Order became a Masonic being in this country, was emphatically the toast of the evening. He would recall to their attention the period when six years ago the venture was made, and the Order was introduced to English Freemasons. He need scarcely say that in founding the Order no slight task was undertaken. There was a multiplicity of Orders in Freemasonry—some with very large claims on their attachment, and with many claims to antiquity and respect; others which commended themselves to them in various capacities; but an Order like theirs, which was founded as a substratum upon Masonry, was something which was the crowning and perfecting of the true Masonic structure. It was not so much that it possessed different ritual or different mysteries, but, founding itself upon one of the most touching narratives of the Sacred Word, it possessed strength and power, and, like every simple narrative which reflected the ways and feelings of mankind, appealed directly to the heart. Under the auspices of the G.S.R., and accompanied by a faithful band of brethren—some of whom had departed this life, and whose loss they deplored—the Order obtained a success which would most favourably compare with any similar venture in modern times. A great measure of this success had been contributed by the ability and geniality of the G.S.R., and long might he continue to preside over the Order and hold a position he so worthily filled. They congratulated the G.S.R. on the success achieved in a country such as this—a Masonic country—and congratulated him on the position of the Order. They also congratulated themselves on belonging to an Order with such high aims.

Bro. I. ZACHARIE, M.D., G.S.R., in reply, said that, having listened to the flattering remarks made by Bro. Philbrick, he must say he did not possess the eloquence to adequately respond. He, however, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, for it afforded him the opportunity of thanking them for the confidence placed in him by electing him for the sixth year as the Grand Supreme Ruler. As he had said on former occasions, it was a position which the proudest monarch in the land might feel proud of. He was sorry to say that sad changes had taken place in their Council during the past year, for their Order had lost one of its most brilliant lights, and he feared it would be many years before they found such a friend as their lamented Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, who was devoted to the Order and to whom all the success it had attained was due. Bro. Col. Clerke always said that this Order was the link which united all good Masons together and brought Masonry to their homes and firesides. Bro. Edward Letchworth had been appointed to fill the vacant chair, and from what they knew of him he was sure the Order would lose none of its lustre in his hands. It must be a satisfaction for them all to know that their Order was in a flourishing condition, and it would continue so as long as they kept the portals well guarded—for it was quality, not quantity they desired. He was happy to see so many Grand Officers present for he feared that owing to several important meetings taking place that day there would be but a small gathering. He thanked the Grand Officers for the kind assistance given in the past, and hoped they would continue to render that assistance in the future. He again thanked them for the honour conferred upon him, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the interests of the Order.

The G.S.R. then gave "Bro. Lord Brooke, Deputy Ruler of the Order," for which Bro. Lieut.-Col. LAMBERT replied, and Bro. W. G. LEMON responded for "Bro. Lord Halsbury, Grand Chancellor."

Bro. NEWELL, of Madras, returned thanks for "The Grand Officers," and said that when he returned to India he would bring before the notice of the members the kind reception he had received.

"The Grand Stewards" was next honoured, and replied to by Bro. Rev. A. W. OXFORD, M.A.

In giving "The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder," the G.S.R. referred to the invaluable services rendered to the Order by Bro. Spratling, Grand Recorder, and said he should never forget the energy with which that brother had worked for the success of the Order.

Bro. W. J. SPRATLING, G. Recorder, who was accorded a hearty reception, said that whatever success had been attained had been the result of hard work, and a great part of that work had fallen on his shoulders. They could all congratulate themselves on the success they had achieved. They had had a great deal to fight against, but under the guidance of the G.S.R. and others they had been able to steer their way into a better position than the Order had ever held. He was certain there was no better ritual in Masonry than theirs. He would be happy to do everything he could in the future for the benefit of the Order.

The Grand Sentinel's toast then closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The July Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Thursday in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. James Peters presided, and there were also present Bros. C. H. Webb, Alfred C. Spaul, James Brett, G. Adamson, Peter de L. Long, E. Letchworth, H. Massey, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Court of April 7th, and the reading of a summaries of minutes of the General Committee meetings for information, Bro. HEDGES said that arising out of these minutes he had to report the receipt of two letters from Bro. Wharton P. Hood, the Surgeon of the Institution, and Bro. George Faulkner, the dentist to the Institution.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Bro. SPAULL, it was resolved that the letters referred to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL moved, and Bro. JAMES BRETT seconded, the following recommendation of the General Committee: "That the seven eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 19, whose petitions have been since approved, be placed upon the list for the October election, and that 21 vacancies be declared."

The motion was carried.

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG made the following motion: "That Grand Lodge be asked to rescind its resolution of the 7th September, 1842, and to give permission for the £500 therein referred to to be merged into the General Funds for the purposes of the Institution, and that, subject to such request being complied with, Law 7 be, and is hereby rescinded and the Sustentation Fund abolished; also in Law 6 after the word 'four,' the words 'or more' be added, and that the parenthetical words 'except the Sustentation Fund' in the same Law be omitted." The following are the two rules referred to: "6. There shall be four Trustees of the General Fund in whom the freehold and all other property (except the Sustentation Fund) shall be voted. 7. 'There shall be four Trustees of the Sustentation Fund.' Bro. Long said that at Grand Lodge in December last Bro. Eve, Past G. Treas., as Chairman of the Board of Management of the Boys' School, moved a similar resolution, which was carried. Looking at the fact that at the present time several of the Trustees of the Girls' School were deceased, the House Committee considered it would be wise to take the same course with regard to the Girls' School. The effect of this would be, if Grand Lodge adopted the motion, to merge the General Fund and the Sustentation Fund. The Sustentation Fund of the Girls' School was voted by Grand Lodge in 1842, when the late Duke of Sussex was Grand Master. The interest of the £500 then voted was employed in repairing the building. Looking into the matter pretty closely, it was thought that it would save the Institution a good deal of trouble in the future to merge the funds. There were several Trustees of the General Fund, and there was only one left of the Sustentation Fund, Col. Peters. If the two funds were made one they could elect more Trustees, so as not to put the Institution to the expense of another appointment in a few years. To carry this object out he proposed to strike out Rule No. 7, and to add in Rule No. 6 the words "or more" after the word "four" and to strike out the words "except the Sustentation Fund."

Bro. A. C. SPAULL seconded the motion, and said there was no reason for keeping this £500 to a separate account. If merged with the General Fund it would be always available.

Bro. C. H. WEBB supposed the £500 would be absorbed in the general funds of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

The motion was carried.

Bro. SPAULL reminded Bro. Long that he would have to give notice at the Board of Masters on August 24th of his motion for Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication of September 7th.

Bro. LONG said he would not forget to do so.

A vote of thanks to the CHAIRMAN, who, in reply, assured the brethren that everything he could do for the Institution would be most willingly done, closed the proceedings.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 98, BURSLEM.

The members of the above lodge, accompanied by ladies and other friends, held their third annual picnic on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the picturesque Clough Hall Park and Gardens (Gardens of England). The party, numbering upwards of 80, proceeded to the meet as fancy or convenience dictated; some drove, but the majority journeyed by train. The weather was delightfully fine, and everything to be desired. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the indefatigable exertions of Bro. T. K. Pedley, P.M., Sec. Bro. John Mason, W.M., is to be congratulated upon the great success of the picnic.

Upon the party arriving at Clough Hall Park and Gardens they partook of tea. The W.M. took the chair, and was supported by Mrs. Mason, Miss Mason, Bros. W. Garner, I.P.M.; John Scarratt, S.W.; R. Dain, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D. of C., Treas.; T. K. Pedley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; F. Weston, P.M., P.P.

Wilkinson, J.D.; R. Owen, I.G.; J. B. Davis, Org.; G.S.B., D.C.; E. Pearson, P.M.; J. Beech, S.D.; R. H. W. Critchlow, Steward; Berrisford, Emery, Roden, Skellern, W. Bentley Minshull, J. Stevenson, 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; Kelsall, 98; J. Finney, 2064; G. F. Baker, 451; and others. Madames Dain, Pedley, Garner, Scarnatt, Pearson, Godwin, Beech, Critchlow, Owen, Berrisford, Emery, Kelsall, Roden, Skellern, Stevenson, Finney, Misses Garner, Dain, Pedley, and others.

After tea the company separated into sympathetic groups, ranging in number from the happy couples who went exploring the beauties of the leafy Bushey and indulged in those sweet nothings which are so precious in the springtime of youth, to the more numerous and matter-of-fact parties who, after a stroll in the gardens and witnessing the entertainments provided (including beautiful Venice) indulged in a pipe or playfully disported on the lake, switchback railway, or ariel flight.

After thanking Bro. J. W. Heath, the Manager of the Clough Hall Park and Gardens Company, for the entertainments and his courtesy, the party returned home in good time thoroughly pleased with their outing.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

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

LONDON.

Lodge		£	s.	d.
8 Bro. A. W. Mellersh, new list	...	10	10	0
23 " R. Willoughby, additional	...	5	5	0
(increasing his list to £47 5s.)				
1719 " J. S. Tamburini, additional	...	2	2	0
(increasing his list to £61 19s.)				
2191 " F. Kedge, additional	...	2	2	0
(increasing his list to £163 5s. 6d.)				

Unattached				
Bro. S. B. Bolas, new list...	...	5	5	0
(transferred from Lodge No. 2128.)				
" F. M. Newton, new list	...	10	10	0
" W. J. Stratton, new list	...	31	10	0
" J. J. Thomas, additional	...	6	6	0
(increasing his list to £26 5s.)				

PROVINCES.

Lodge				
2421 Bros. Price and Ferguson, additional	...	5	5	0
(increasing their joint list to £111 6s.)				

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

493 Bro. C. G. Clark, additional	...	1	0	0
(increasing his list to £76 12s.)				

KENT.

Unattached				
Bro. A. Duret, new list	...	10	10	0

The Province and				
SUFFOLK.				
1224 Bro. C. J. N. Row, additional	...	1	1	0
(raising his list to £111 11s.)				

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

154 " G. H. Park, new Steward	...			
1019 " John Whiteley, new Steward	...			

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Bro. C. J. N. Kipling should have been entered as representing Lodge No. 1092, Yokohama, instead of as Unattached.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 481, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

The brethren of the above lodge, accompanied by a number of friends celebrated the jubilee of their lodge by holding a most enjoyable picnic at Alnwick, on St. Peter's day, the 29th ult. The party numbering about 70 including a number of ladies, and several lawies, arrived at the old historic town about half-past 10 o'clock, and were conducted by Mr. George Harris, the courteous and obliging chief-gardener of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, through the magnificent gardens and grounds of Alnwick Castle, which being at present in the full height of their summer luxuriance and beauty, afforded the visitors a rare treat. An adjournment was then made to the White Swan Hotel where a sumptuous luncheon was provided by the proprietor, Mr. W. Ireland, the chair being taken by Bro. Thos. Purvis, W.M. Ample justice having been done to the repast the usual loyal toasts were proposed and duly honoured, after which the toast of "Success to St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481," was proposed by Bro. PURVIS in the following terms: We are assembled here on a most auspicious occasion, an occasion which can occur only once in the history of any lodge, and I have great pleasure in asking you to join with me in drinking what I may justly call the toast of the occasion, viz., success to St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481. I have endeavoured to cull from our old minute book a few facts with regard to the early history of our lodge, and although I have no wish to weary you with hard and dry facts and statistics yet I think it will interest you to know a little about the early history of our lodge. I shall endeavour to put these facts into as few words as possible, knowing as I do that you are all desirous of getting out into the open country to enjoy a sight of the beautiful park of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland. In the year 1841 and in the beginning of 1842 several meetings were held at St. Peter's Quay, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by brethren who were desirous of establishing a lodge at that place. In May, 1841, a petition was drawn up to the M.W.G.M., who was H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. In this petition the following brethren were nominated as officers of the lodge: Bros. William Dalziel, as W.M.; Robert Ridley, as S.W.; and John Weir, J.W. This petition was signed on June the 5th, 1841, by the three brethren

already named, as well as seven other brethren, and was forwarded by the D.P.G.M., William Loraine, Esq., to Bro. William Harrison, Grand Registrar, and acting P.G.M. for Northumberland, to be presented by him to the M.W.G.M. The brethren at this time recognised as we all do that no meetings could be held nor business carried on without funds, and several resolutions were passed at the different meetings that the necessary expenses be paid by calls of equal amount from each of the brethren. Unfortunately owing to the lamented death of Bro. Harrison the petition was lost, and a fresh one, signed by Bro. Dalziel and other eleven brethren, had to be drawn up. The P.G.M. in the meantime had advised the brethren that the petition should be recommended by the officers and brethren of some existing lodge, and a request was made to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge, No. 24, to be sponsor for the new lodge, which request was gracefully acceded to, and the concurrence of this lodge was added to the petition and signed by the then Worshipful Master, Bro. William Johnson, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Secretary, and five other members of the lodge. On the 6th of April, 1842, the D.P.G.M. received notification from Grand Lodge that the petition had been granted, and the petitioning brethren were duly advised of this fact. The brethren of the new lodge being St. Peter's Lodge, No. 706 (now No. 481), then petitioned the D.P.G.M. for a dispensation to open the lodge, which petition was granted on the 16th of April, 1842, and on the 19th April the first meeting of the lodge was held under the dispensation, and was presided over by Bro. William Dalziel, W.M., but it was not until the 29th of June that the lodge was consecrated. On the 29th June, 1842, being St. Peter's Day, the anniversary of which we hold to-day, the lodge was opened by Bro. William Dalziel, after which the R.W.D.P.G.M., William Loraine, Esq., then opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, and installed the W.M., who appointed his officers as follows: Robert Ridley, S.W.; Cuthbert Potts, J.W.; John Dove, Treasurer; Charles H. Hoyle, Secy.; William Pickering, S.D.; Nicholas Allan, J.D.; George Carr, I.G.; William Archbold, S.S.; Joseph Carr, J.S.; and William McKie McClelland, Tyler. I may mention in passing that on that occasion there was a goodly array of visitors at the lodge, which I consider augured well for the future prosperity of the lodge. The records of the lodge show during its early history, as well as during its later history, for which we can ourselves vouch, that perfect unanimity prevailed throughout the proceedings of the lodge, and that the harmony which characterises our meetings of the present day was the same in its early history, and I think this good beginning of harmony and brotherly feeling has no doubt exerted an influence for good upon the members in later years. I merely remark in passing, for the information of the brethren present, that it was customary in the early history of this lodge to call the brethren from labour to refreshment, and then again from refreshment to labour, for the purpose of closing the business of the lodge, and as on several occasions the time at which the lodge closed is recorded, I may say for the edification of the brethren of my own lodge, that the hour of 10 o'clock was, with one or two exceptions, which I may say were earlier, the hour at which the brethren dispersed. On the 12th of June, 1843, Bro. William Dalziel was again elected W.M. and on the 10th of July he was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. I may inform you that Bro. William Dalziel is still in the land of the living, and had it not been for his great age and the place where he resides being at so great a distance from here, we should have had him with us to-day to celebrate the jubilee of our lodge. The lodge has been carried on from year to year by worthy Masters, officers, and brethren, but it would only weary you to enter into any detail as regards the work of the lodge, especially over so long a period as 50 years. Suffice it to say that the grand principles of Freemasonry have been transmitted from year to year by the rulers of the lodge, and in wishing success to our lodge on this its 50th anniversary, let me add that I trust that these principles will continue to be transmitted through this lodge throughout all generations. And not only in this lodge, but may Freemasonry flourish throughout the four quarters of the globe and become influential in diffusing the light of wisdom, aiding the strength of reason and lessening the aggregate of human misery and vice. May Freemasons convince the world that there is great good in Freemasonry, so that when a man is said to be a Freemason the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose heart is guided by justice, and whose hand is extended by benevolence. In asking you to drink the toast of "Success to St. Peter's Lodge," I will couple with it the name of Bro. E. Turnbull, P.M.

Bro. TURNBULL suitably responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and responded to by Bro. THOMAS ALDERSON, P.M. 24; Bro. RAVEN, W.M. 1427 (which is an offshoot of St. Peter's Lodge); and Bro. WILLIAM BELL, W.M. 991.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed in a most felicitous manner by Bro. C. B. FORD, P.M., and responded to in very happy terms by Bro. THOMAS DUNNING, P.M.

The party then drove in brakes through Hulne Park to Hulne Abbey and to Brizlee Tower. On their return in the evening to the White Swan, they partook of an excellent tea with the keenest relish, and left the scenes in which they had spent a sunny and happy holiday by the 8.40 p.m. train for Newcastle.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THE TOURIST ROUTE TO THE MIDLAND
COUNTIES AND THE NORTH.

SUMMER TRAIN SERVICES (WEEK DAYS).

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LONDON	p.	m.	p.	m.	p.	m.	p.	m.	p.	m.	p.	m.
(ST. PANCRAS) dep.	8	0	4	0	5	0	7	15	0	15	9	20
arrive												
Matlock Bath			7	40	9	17						
Buxton			8	22	0	8						
Ashbourne			8	5								
Liverpool (Cen.)	8	15	9	35	10	35			4	55		5
Southport			10	22	10	25						
Blackpool			11	10								
Ilkley					11	55						
Harrrogate	8	27			12	0			5	50		8
Preston												
Grazebrook	10	19			8	38						
Whinmere (Lake Side)					9	17						
Barrow-in-Furness					5	39						
Glasgow (St. Etn.)					6	25			7	39		10
Greenock					6	25			8	22		10
Oman					15	15						
Edinburgh (Wav.)					4	45			0	40		
Perth					6	5			8	30		
Dundee					6	29			8	50		
Aberdeen					8	20			11	0		
Inverness					11	5			2	45		
Belfast					9	10			9	10		

A—On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays, Passengers arrive at Southport at 11.55 p.m. B—Via Barrow. On certain dates (for which see special notices) the Steamer arrives at Belfast later. C—Via Stranraer and Larne (Sundays excepted). D—No connection to these Stations on Sundays by this train. E—Via Stranraer and Larne, but will not apply until July 11th. * In connection with steamer to the Isle of Man by the short sea route.

SCOTLAND.
From July 17th to August 15th inclusive, an ADDITIONAL EXPRESS (Saturdays excepted) will leave LONDON (St. Pancras) at 7.15 p.m. for Carlisle, EDINBURGH, Dundee, ABERDEEN, Perth, INVERNESS, and the NORTH of SCOTLAND, as shown above. This train will run also on Sunday night.

THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS.—At the PRINCES' PIER, GREENOCK, adjoining the G. and S.W. Station, Passengers from London and other parts of the Midland System can join the Columba, Iona, and Lord of the Isles, or other Steamer, for the Firth of Clyde, and the Western Highlands and Islands. THROUGH CARRIAGES between London (St. Pancras) and Greenock.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE.—From July 11th to September 30th inclusive, an additional service will be given to Belfast via Stranraer and Larne in connection with the Express train leaving St. Pancras at 9.45 a.m., as shown above.

An additional service will also be given to England from Belfast, leaving there at 9.5 a.m.

SALOON CARS.—DRAWING ROOM SALOON CARS by DAY and SLEEPING SALOON CARS by NIGHT SCOTCH Express Trains.

Sleeping Saloon Car Stranraer to St. Pancras at 8.50 p.m.
daily (Sundays excepted) throughout the Summer Season.
Also from St. Pancras to Stranraer at 7.15 p.m. (Saturdays
excepted) from July 17th to August 15th inclusive.

LAVATORY ACCOMMODATION for both 1st and 3rd class
passengers in all the principal Midland Express Trains.

For further particulars see the Company's Time Tables.
GEO. H. TURNER,
Derby, July, 1892. General Manager.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

SUMMER HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS

To SKEGNESS, July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, and 30, and to SUTTON-ON-SEA and MABLETHORPE, July 30, from Moorgate, 6.37 a.m.; Aldersgate, 6.39; Farringdon, 6.41; King's Cross (G.N.), 7.0; Holloway, 7.0; Finsbury Park, 7.10. Return Fare, First Class, 4s. 6d. Passengers by the Saturday Trains may return on the Monday or Tuesday following at slightly higher fares.

To ST. ALBANS, WHEATHAMPSTEAD, and HARPENDEN, every Saturday afternoon from Moorgate, 2.15; Aldersgate, 2.17; Farringdon, 2.19; King's Cross (G.N.), 2.40; Finsbury Park, 2.45.

FRIDAY, July 15th, for 11 days, to NORTHALLERTON
Darlington, Newcastle, Richmond, Durham, Berwick,
Edinburgh, and Glasgow, and for 5 or 11 days to Stirling,
Perth, Dundee, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c., &c.,
from London.

To SHERRINGHAM, CROMER (Beach), and YARMOUTH (Beach), Monday, July 18, for 1 day, from King's Cross (G.N.), 6.15 a.m.; Finsbury Park, 6.22. Returning from Yarmouth, 6.0 p.m.; Cromer, 6.50; and Sherringham, 7.5. Return Fare, Third Class, 2s.

For further particulars, see bills, to be obtained at Company's Stations and Town Parcels Receiving Offices; at the Offices of Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus; at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.; and of William Whiteley, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater.

HENRY OAKLEY, General Manager.
King's Cross, July, 1892.

An exceptionally large and influential muster of brethren assembled at the Railway Hotel, Bristol, the headquarters of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, on Friday, the 1st inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. R. C. Else, the D.P.G.M., P.G.D. of England, as W.M. of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge,

No. 291, for the ensuing year, during which its centenary will be celebrated, in all probability by the Provincial Grand Lodge being held under its banner. The installation ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by the P.G.M., Bro. Viscount Dungarvan. The customary banquet afterwards took place, under the presidency of the W.M.

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On Thursday, the 30th ult., a majority of the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, by express invitation of Bro. Dr. Strong, Honorary Surgeon, visited that most respected brother at his house at Worthing. A special saloon carriage was set apart for their accommodation both on the out and home journeys, and during the few hours they were able to spend under the hospitable roof of Bro. Dr. Strong, and in visiting the lions of this favourite seaside resort, the old folk thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Bro. Jas. Terry, the Secretary, and Miss Norris, the Matron, accompanied them, only those who were quite unable to leave their rooms in the Asylum being non-participants in the day's pleasure.

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We learn from the *Voice of Masonry* that the gavel used by the Grand Master during the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is made from wood taken from the wreck of the Confederate gunboat Star of the West, which was sunk in the Tallahatchie River, opposite Fort Pemberton, just before the fall of Vicksburg, to prevent her falling into the hands of the Federals; the handle being composed of wood cut from the battlefield of Cain River Crossing in Louisiana. This gavel is the property of the Vicksburg Lodge, to which it was presented by Bro. Phineas R. Star, master of the United States steamer Star of the West.

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The 42nd annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin was held in Milwaukee on the 16th February last, under the presidency of Comp. Horace E. Mann, M.E.G. High Priest. There were represented 62 out of the 65 chapters in the State, and there was a full attendance of Grand Officers, Present and Past. The total number of Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction is returned as 4840, and the General Fund amounts to \$5174. Comp. Charles V. Bardeen was elected G.H.P. in succession to Comp. Mann, and Comp. John W. Laflin remains in office as Grand Secretary.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—An emergency meeting of this old lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 17th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. Slade, P.M. 1479, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.D. Herts, W.M.; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.M., P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Barton, P.M., P.G. Stwd., acting J.W.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.G. S.B., Sec.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.D.; W. Masters, J.D.; W. H. Kempster, jun., I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd.; A. H. Debenham, P.P.G.D.; C. Robinson, W. B. Reed, W. Ford, Mecklenberg, and others.

Bro. W. B. Reed was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. W. Ford raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Herbert Wm. Freshwater, and it being unanimous, he was installed into Craft mysteries, the three ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. The proposal to revise the by-laws was agreed to.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

Crichton Lodge (No. 1641).—The regular meeting of this popular South London lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. Roe, W.M.; Janau, S.W.; Vincent, J.W.; Watson, Treas.; Murché, P.M., Sec.; King, S.D.; Sykes, J.D.; Nettleship, I.G.; Day, Organist; Nairne, P.M., G.D., D.C.; Briant and Gill, Stwds.; Hamilton, I.P.M.; Goldschmidt, P.M.; Greenwood, P.M.; Henderson, Stone, Warran, Evans, Weeks, Barratt, Redman, Prior, Shrubsole, Russell, and Rankin. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Heath, W.M. 1642; H. G. Martin, W.M. 1622; A. H. Tubby, 1329; C. A. Hardwick, W.M. 1347; J. G. Forster, 1347; H. Taylor, 1347; A. Runacres, P.M. 1922; and D. Charteris, 2319.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Russell was raised to the Sublime Degree in a very impressive manner, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Nairne was saluted as a Grand Officer.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, after which the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were given, and received most loyally by the brethren.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and

Past," was given by the W.M. in very becoming terms, and received by the brethren most cordially.

In reply, Bro. Nairne thanked the W.M. on behalf of the Grand Officers for such highly complimentary terms and for such a cordial reception. He would state that the brethren so universally had such confidence in their leaders, and Freemasonry being so wide and comprehensive, extending all over the civilised world, which alone thoroughly inspired the Grand Officers. For his part he felt very diffident in responding, but he was proud on that occasion to be able to do so, as he had been associated with the Crichton Lodge since its consecration, and was one of its permanent officers, and had always received such kindness and courtesy from the brethren, that he was very pleased that such an honour should be conferred on the lodge.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Hamilton, I.P.M., in a few eulogistic remarks, specially commending his work of the Third Degree and giving the Traditional history. In fact they all knew his excellent capabilities.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, most heartily thanked the brethren for their confidence, and said he would endeavour to emulate the excellent services rendered by the Past Masters, and he hoped still with their valuable assistance, especially of Bro. Nairne, who had always extended great kindness to him, he should be enabled to carry out his duties most creditably.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given most cordially, the W.M. remarking that they had many eminent brethren among them, and the brethren of the lodge gave them a hearty welcome.

Bros. Heath, W.M. 1642; Martin, W.M. 1622; Hardwick, Runacres, Foster, and Tubby ably responded, one and all highly complimenting the working, especially the closing down of the lodge in the various Degrees which some had not witnessed before, and expressing their hearty thanks for the reception that each had received. Certainly one point was very complimentary to the lodge, inasmuch as it had been honoured by the appointment of Bro. Nairne as G.D.

The toast of "The Past Masters" received at the hands of the W.M. a just measure of praise, who said they all did their very best for the lodge.

Bros. Hamilton, Goldschmidt, Weeks, and Greenwood acknowledged the compliment paid them, and the pleasure it gave them at all times to do their duty by the lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Officers" in a most becoming manner, remarking that their work was admirable, and that they gave the greatest satisfaction to the W.M., and most readily and cheerfully supported him.

Bros. Murché, P.M., Sec., and Janau, S.W., most suitably replied, pledging their utmost support.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable meeting.

The following brethren added greatly to the harmony: Bros. Day, Org.; Heath, cornet; Vincent, Nettleship, Russell, Watson, Henderson, and Rankin, elocutionist.

Scots Lodge (No. 2319).—VISIT OF THE

GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND.—An emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Scottish Corporation Hall, E.C., to which the members were summoned "to give a hearty welcome to the M.W.G.M. of Scotland and his officers, who have honoured the lodge by a promised visitation during their official visit to London." The meeting was a very grand one, and was

numerously attended, and visitors and members had an opportunity of seeing some splendid working of the Masonic ritual by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. John Page, W.M., presided, and there were also present in the course of the meeting—principally for the commencement of it—Bros. J. Whitehead, P.M., P.Z., I.P.M.; Lord Saltoun, Sub. G.M. Scotland, S.W., W.M. elect; D. J. Gellion, P.M., J.W.; James Gray, J.P., P.M., Trustee; Jas. Thomson, Sec.; T. Grant, W.M. Wolsey Lodge, S.D.; J. Whitehead, J.D.; Dr. D. M. Forbes, I.G.; C. Johnston Gordon, A.D.C.; Ashley Gordon, Org.; Peter Greig and D. R. Duncan, Stwds.; W. Robertson, Tyler; C. F. Matier, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Major F. W. Allan, G.S.B. Scotland; R. Berridge, P.G.D.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec. Scotland; J. R. MacArthur, J.P.; Capt. F. Campbell, D. Charteris, D. McKay, J. Plenderleith, C. De Bels Broutlie, J. Anderson, A. C. M. Ramsay, J. S. Fraser, Bailie Smith, J. Bennett, W. Laurie, T. Sandilands, J. Balfour Allan, J. Black, David M. Smith, Sergeant McLernon; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Dist. G.M. Malta; Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Sir Geo. D. Harris, P.G.D.; and Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D. There were also the following visitors present: Bros. General J. Curson Smith, 33, P.G.M. Illinois, U.S.A.; W. C. Gilles, P.M. 1910; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M. 704; Deputy Edmeston, P.M. 1035; F. J. Eedle, P.M. 179; Henry Langridge, P.M. 29, P.P.G. Stwd.; Francis W. Frigout, P.M. 171; J. Muir Smith, P.M. 2168; Thos. W. Neill, P.M. 33; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; F. W. Vernon, P.M. 58 (S.C.); J. Norman Callaway, W.M. 2310; T. Rae, W.M. 1641; W. F. Warner, S.W. 1297; Edward Gabriel, S.W. 1818; J. Whitehead, J.W. 1446; Wallis Haddon, J.W. 2024; R. Grant, D.C. 2310; Frank John Whitehead, I.G. 110 (S.C.); R. Churchman, I.G. 1425; J. Cooper, J.D. 3; Sir John Heron Maxwell, Bart., 400; John Allan, 748, Singapore; H. Gebhardt, Dalhousie Lodge; F. Griffith, 1853; E. Monery, 1641; John Page, 137; A. Robertson, 2345; Donald Ross, 1656; and J. Ardisher, 1140. The deputation from Grand Lodge of Scotland consisted of Bros. the Earl of Haddington, M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Lord Saltoun, Sub. G.M. Scotland and Prov. G.M. Aberdeen City; R. F. Shaw-Stewart, P. Sub. G.M.; John Martin, Prov. G.M. Dumbartonshire; G. Christie, P. Prov. D.G.M. Stirlingshire, G.D.C.; General J. J. Boswell, P. Prov. S.G.M. Roxburgh and Selkirk, G. Stwd.; David Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; Major F. W. Allan, G.S.B., P. Proxy P.G.M. Gibraltar; J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., P.D.S.G.W. Gibraltar; Robert J. Jamieson, President Grand Stewards; Sir James Buchanan, Bart., Grand Steward; and A. Mitchell. Telegrams and letters of apology were received from the following members of the lodge regretting absence: Bros. Alex. Ritchie, C.C., Treas.; F. F. Begg, G. W. Jones, P. McLagan, M.P., Prov. G.M. Linlithgowshire; J. C. Hozier, M.P., Prov. G.M. Lanarkshire; Upperward R. Mitchell, and J. Bennett.

Bros. Black and Fraser were passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Frederick John Young was initiated. The Grand Master of Scotland did not arrive till late, a circumstance which he alluded to in his address in lodge. On his arrival, accompanied by his Grand Officers, the deputation was received with all the honours. After the deputation had been saluted, the Earl of Haddington said he was not going to detain the lodge by making a speech, but he might express to the brethren his sense of the very handsome and fraternal way in which they had been received. It afforded him, and those who had come with him as a deputation from Scotland, most sincere pleasure to find themselves in this Scots lodge, and he could not leave it without offering most sincere and abject apologies for having kept the brethren waiting so long. The delay occurred through no fault of his own, but through an accident on the way, and the consequent blocks that had occurred. He wished long success and prosperity to the Scots Lodge.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of 78, proceeded to the banqueting hall, where the W.M. presided over a choice Scotch banquet, having the Earl of Haddington on his right, and Bro. Whitehead, I.P.M., on his left. The toasts followed the banquet, and "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." were first duly honoured.

The W.M. next gave "The M.W.G.M. of Scotland, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Haddington." The brethren were proud that the noble earl was with them that night. Next to a visit from the Prince of Wales no greater honour could have been done this lodge. The toast was most heartily received.

Bro. The Earl of Haddington, in reply to the toast, said he could not fail to recognise most sincerely and deeply the very kind and warm reception the brethren had given him. He came among them as a stranger, and yet he felt that as a Scotchman coming up to see Scotchmen he could hardly consider himself a stranger. But he felt he was unworthy of such a reception, for, as many a good soldier had said, he had done his duty and nothing more. He only hoped that, as far as was in his power, he had done his duty, at least he had strived to do so, and if he had failed the fault was one of the head and not of the heart. On Wednesday evening he had the honour of occupying a somewhat prominent position, having the pleasure and privilege of presiding at the installation of Bro. Lord Euston as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland in London and the Metropolitan Counties. He then made some remarks in regard to the Royal Order which he thought might be of some interest as showing not only the antiquity of the Order but its wide scope. He did not wish to detain the brethren now by such a long speech as he then made; but there were certain facts he might refer to in regard to the Scots Lodge which might be interesting. It was only three years ago that the Scots Lodge was established at a rendezvous in the centre of London Masonry where a Scotchman might meet his brother Scotchmen. One of the founders was Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, whose name was known to all the brethren, and than who no more popular Master Mason in Scotland ever existed, and without fear of contradiction he might say that no predecessor in his (Lord Haddington's) office of Grand Master had ever done more for the promotion of Freemasonry in Scotland and all over the world, because wherever the British flag was unfurled there was Masonry, and there Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart promoted its interests. Sir Michael was to have been the first Master of this Scots Lodge, but a technical objection under the English jurisdiction stood in the way—he had never served as Warden of an English lodge. Lord Saltoun, who was present that night, and who was Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, was a Warden of the Scots Lodge and W.M. elect. Next month the brethren would have for a Master one who when his time came would be a worthy Master of the lodge. The jurisdiction of each of the great British lodges of England and Scotland was so well defined, that really there could be no confusion between the working of the lodges of England and the lodges of Scotland. Among the brethren now present was one who perhaps was known to but few of the brethren in England, but he was well known in Scotland as one of the best Masons—the Grand Secretary of Scotland, Bro. David Murray Lyon—a great power in Masonry, reckoned among the best, the ablest Masons, who had written an exhaustive work on Scottish Masonry, and in that work was to be found an interesting narrative that in 1641 at Newcastle there was a Scotch lodge where a candidate was initiated. That was an interesting fact, perhaps the first record we had of a Scotch lodge established in England. There were no Grand Lodges then established, but in recent times they had instances of at least two Scotch lodges—one in Carlisle and one in the Isle of Man, but they existed no longer. He believed he was correct in stating that the last visit of a deputation from Scotland to London was in the great Jubilee year, when the Prince of Wales officiated at a great meeting of Freemasons. On that occasion in 1887 there was a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland; they were now in 1892 at this comparatively young lodge a deputation which he was proud to say comprised many of the principal office-bearers in Scotland. He sincerely wished a long existence, prosperity, and every success to the Scots Lodge. He could not but repeat what he said the night before, that he hoped these re-unions of the Scottish brethren might be more frequent, for he was sure they would tend to promote the spirit of fraternity, and increase that feeling of sympathy and brotherhood that ought to exist between Scotland and England. The two sets of brethren were separate, but they were separated by a very narrow limit—the separation was one of distance, not one of spirit; they were bound to one another as the living stones of a sacred temple, by the cement of fraternity and every social virtue. The oftener they met the better it would be for them all, and as stones of one temple, as the living stones of a great sacred temple, they were fitting emblems—if he might so say—of that time alluded to by a great national poet—

"When man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be, and a' that."

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, replying to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the brethren of Grand Lodge had recognised the Earl of Lathom's merits by ordering his portrait to be painted and placed on the walls of the Temple in company with the paintings of the illustrious Grand Masters who had preceded him. His lordship's acceptance of the office of Pro Grand Master had been most welcome. The officers of Grand Lodge deserved to be placed in the high offices they filled, and it was very gratifying to them to have attended a meeting of the Scots Lodge. He only regretted that the work of the

lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, after which the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were given, and received most loyally by the brethren.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by the W.M. in very becoming terms, and received by the brethren most cordially.

In reply, Bro. Nairne thanked the W.M. on behalf of the Grand Officers for such highly complimentary terms and for such a cordial reception. He would state that the brethren so universally had such confidence in their leaders, and Freemasonry being so wide and comprehensive, extending all over the civilised world, which alone thoroughly inspired the Grand Officers. For his part he felt very diffident in responding, but he was proud on that occasion to be able to do so, as he had been associated with the Crichton Lodge since its consecration, and was one of its permanent officers, and had always received such kindness and courtesy from the brethren, that he was very pleased that such an honour should be conferred on the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given most cordially, the W.M. remarking that they had many eminent brethren among them, and the brethren of the lodge gave them a hearty welcome.

Bros. Heath, W.M. 1642; Martin, W.M. 1622; Hardwick, Runacres, Foster, and Tubby ably responded, one and all highly complimenting the working, especially the closing down of the lodge in the various Degrees which some had not witnessed before, and expressing their hearty thanks for the reception that each had received. Certainly one point was very complimentary to the lodge, inasmuch as it had been honoured by the appointment of Bro. Nairne as G.D.

The toast of "The Past Masters" received at the hands of the W.M. a just measure of praise, who said they all did their very best for the lodge.

Bros. Hamilton, Goldschmidt, Weeks, and Greenwood acknowledged the compliment paid them, and the pleasure it gave them at all times to do their duty by the lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Officers" in a most becoming manner, remarking that their work was admirable, and that they gave the greatest satisfaction to the W.M., and most readily and cheerfully supported him.

Bros. Murché, P.M., Sec., and Janau, S.W., most suitably replied, pledging their utmost support.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable meeting.

The following brethren added greatly to the harmony: Bros. Day, Org.; Heath, cornet; Vincent, Nettleship, Russell, Watson, Henderson, and Rankin, elocutionist.

lodge had been finished before he arrived. He agreed with the Earl of Haddington that the visit of the Masons of another country to the Masons of England promoted good feeling, although he could scarcely call Scotland another country. Still, as the noble earl had said, in Freemasonry they were separated, though they were united in spirit. There were some slight differences in working wherever Masons went, but the essentials were always the same, and the spirit was the same. Only that day he met a Scotch brother who said he had been visiting several lodges in Japan. He (Bro. Beach) had had the opportunity of visiting lodges in America and Canada, and, as in other parts of the world, Freemasonry was carried out universally. He could not but think the fraternal intercourse and the feeling of amity that went on could not fail to produce the most happy feelings among different nations. When they found Masonry extending so enormously, and fraternal intercourse growing in different countries, they could not but hope that the principles of Freemasonry would have a great effect in promoting the peace of the world. If such were to be the case Masons would have reason to congratulate themselves on becoming members of the great Order, and that they had done something in their day and generation for the benefit of the world, and through the happy intercourse between themselves producing happiness among others. For himself he could only say that from the first moment he entered Masonry he had taken great interest in it; he had a most gratifying recollection of friends, some passed away, but some remaining, who he trusted would be spared as long as he himself was spared to have the opportunity and pleasure of their friendship.

Bro. Lord Saltoun, Substitute G.M., and W.M. elect, replied to the toast of "The D.G.M. of Scotland, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, and the other Grand Officers of Scotland." He said he felt he had to return thanks for a double toast, and he would first return thanks for the Grand Officers who had come up on a visit from Scotland. The W.M. had certainly set him a very hard task when he desired him to explain the working of Masonry in Scotland, for he felt absolutely in the dark. The W.M. should have called upon the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. All the Grand Officers who had come with the Grand Master Mason of Scotland most fully appreciated the kindness and hospitality with which Scotchmen under the English jurisdiction had met them. They could not forget that they were all Scotchmen, and when they were under one jurisdiction—the jurisdiction of England—which he must say was the only possible jurisdiction under which a lodge of Scotchmen could be held in London—he thought they should most thoroughly appreciate the kindness with which they had been received. If they would come across the border they would be as heartily received. Having requested the other Grand Officers of Scotland to resume their seats, his lordship said he would reply to that part of the toast which concerned himself particularly. The brethren of the Scots Lodge had done him the very great honour of electing him as their next Worshipful Master, but it was with very great diffidence he accepted the office, as his time was so fully occupied in various Masonic duties in the north of Scotland, that he found very great difficulty in attending meetings of the lodge in London. But he must ask the brethren to take him as he was, and he would do his utmost to benefit the Scots Lodge, and attend as often as it was in his power, and carry out the precepts which had fallen from the present Master and his predecessors. It might in one way be a diminishing of the little line which rested between English Masonry and Scottish Masonry that they had elected him their W.M. for the ensuing year, because he—without vanity, in fact with pride—said he came from one of the oldest Scotch families, one of the oldest clans, and he claimed to be the chief of that clan; he believed there was no doubt about it that he was the representative of the elder branch. Another noble lord called himself the chief; so did he (Lord Saltoun). At present the other's father acknowledged to his (Lord Saltoun's) father that the latter were right in their claim. Well, he thought when they got a descendant of one of those who were in arms against England, and who at the battle of Worcester raised at his own expense 1000 men to fight the King—and there was only one left alive, and he took care of Lord Saltoun, very badly wounded, after hiding three weeks in this country—he thought when they had a representative of a family which for generations had been at continual war with the English people, attended by most of the ancestors of the brethren whom he saw sitting around him, and made him their Master, they would all agree with him that the line of demarcation between England and Scotland became very, very thin. With the allusion to the quarrels between the English and the Scotch, he thought the friendship between the Masonic bodies of England and Scotland would be increased, and that it would flourish. He trusted that he might be the means of drawing nearer these two separate bodies, although he confessed he took all little differences of working and minute things of that sort as non-essential, because he was sure that it must be for the interest of both if those who came from his mother country to England saw English working, and Englishmen who went up to Scotland saw Scotch working, it gave each an interest in each other. He trusted these visits would be frequent, and if little differences remained they would be the better friends, and if possible draw ardour into their unity and become completely *tria juncta in uno*. He was sincerely proud at being elected W.M. of the Scots Lodge, most proud that they had asked him to be so, because he thought that for a descendant of one of the oldest Scottish Highland families to be chief in England among Scotchmen in a Scotch lodge was quite a unique position.

The Worshipful Master, in responding to the toast of "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was admirably proposed by Bro. Whitehead, I.P.M., said he could conscientiously say he had done everything in his power to further the benefit of the Scots Lodge, and he could assure the brethren he should continue to do so. Whatever they placed under his charge would be done to the best of his ability. He hoped to live to see the younger members of the lodge raised to the position he was now in. It was a grand thing for him to entertain their illustrious visitors that night; he was very proud of it, and so were all the brethren of the lodge. Whenever they were again present in London he hoped they would visit the Scots Lodge, and if they did they would meet with the same hospitality.

Bro. General J. C. Smith, P.G.M. Illinois, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and claimed kinship with Scotchmen.

Other speeches followed before the brethren separated.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 9th ult., when the W.M., Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, was supported by Bros. J. Niven, S.W.; J. T. Last, J.W.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; S. A. Ault, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, as S.D.; J. Morton, as J.D.; S. Robinson, I.G.; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; I. Hirst, Org.; J. A. Drake, C. Wood, J. Wm. Bland, and A. E. Harris, Steward. Visitors: Bros. James Duff, 61; B. Rowley, Org. 61; and R. Wilson, 1303.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Bland and Wood were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. and Bro. Bailey, P.M., respectively, the working tools being explained by Bro. Last, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Niven. A candidate for initiation having been given, "Heartly good wishes" were offered by the visiting brethren, and a message of apology for the unavoidable absence of a sick brother, whose recovery was exceedingly doubtful. This was acknowledged in sympathetic terms by the W.M., who sent a cheery message in reply to the suffering brother, and, on behalf of the lodge, expressed a hope that in His Providence the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him a speedy recovery. A telegram was also sent from the lodge to a brother at a distance congratulating him on his recovery from the result of what might have been a serious carriage accident.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

CHISLEHURST.

Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The installation meeting of this important Kentish lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst. As usual, this popular gathering brought together a goodly number of members and visitors. Among these we may include Bros. Chas. F. Quicke, P.M., W.M.; J. Marshall, S.W., W.M. elect; C. A. Dettmer, J.W.; W. Hollis, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; W. Kipps, P.P.G.O.; J. Behenna, P.P.G.P.; T. Brailey, P.P.A.G.P.; R. Nevill, P.M.; G. Bundy, P.M.; J. Muir-Smith, P.M.; T. Smith, S.D.; G. Procter, I.G.; A. Muir and J. Drinkwater, Stwds.; W. Tunstall, J. Shaw, J. Gleaves, G. Whomes, C. Gardener, W. Herring, J. Storey, G. Dowsett, R. G. Robinson, Nathan Robinson, L.C.C., and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Thomson, W.M. 1297; John West, P.M. 933; H. Algar, W.M. 2147; G. Harlow, 2147; T. Poole, 1321; W. White, 1321; E. L. Berry, 1321; C. Callaghan, 1278; G. Rock, 2147; A. Sims, 1298; and W. Dettmer, 747, Melbourne.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. Robert Gladstone Robinson, who had been previously balloted for and elected, was initiated by Bro. Quicke, P.M., W.M., in his usually able and impressive manner. Bros. J. Muir-Smith, P.M., and Nathan Robinson, L.C.C., were then elected joining members. Bro. Robinson, L.C.C., returned thanks in a suitable speech, and thanked the brethren for his own election as a member, and of his son as an initiate that day. Bro. Wm. Hollis, P.M., Treasurer, was re-elected Charity Representative for the ensuing year, and expressed his willingness to carry out the duties of that office. The next business was the installation of Bro. John Marshall, S.W., W.M. elect. This ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. C. F. Quicke, P.M. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. F. Quicke, P.M., I.P.M.; C. A. Dettmer, S.W.; Thomas Smith, J.W.; William Hollis, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Goodale, P.M. Sec.; William Kipps, P.P.G.O., D.C.; W. J. Gleaves, S.D.; A. J. Perriam, J.D.; G. Procter, I.G.; C. F. Gardener, A.D.C.; Andrew Muir and J. E. Drinkwater, Stwds.; and James Rawles, Tyler. Bro. Quicke, P.M., then completed the installation ceremony, rendering the usual addresses in a manner that did him the highest credit, and afterwards drew the admiration of the brethren. Before the lodge was closed a vote of deep sympathy was accorded to the widow of the late Bro. Nunn, P.M., in her sad bereavement.

The banquet was held in the Village Hall, and it was an exceedingly bountiful and enjoyable spread.

The usual toasts received due honour. Special attention was paid to the toasts of "Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M.," and "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M."

The toast of "The W.M." was heartily received, as were also "The Installing Master," "The Joining Members," and "The Initiate."

Bros. Nathan Robinson, Dowsett, Kipps, Berry, Harlow, Dettmer, and others, contributed to the musical arrangements.

The prosperity of this popular Kentish lodge is very gratifying, and the brethren are about to present a testimonial to the I.P.M., Bro. C. F. Quicke, as a mark of their appreciation of his services in conducting to the progress of the lodge, and in recognition of his second year of office as W.M.

GRAYS.

Lodge of St. John (No. 1343).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. M. T. Tuck, W.M.; J. H. Potter, I.P.M.; F. S. Guy, J.W.; Jas. Howell, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Geo. R. Colham, P.M., Sec.; C. Cobham, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Durham, S.D.; C. Westwood, J.D.; W. B. Heagerty, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; G. W. Forsdick, A.D.C.; F. W. Pelling, I.G.; J. G. Wingrove, Org.; F. J. Clark, F. J. Turner, A. R. Longland, W. H. Scott, J. Weymouth, H. L. Coates, J. Capstick, W. J. Hodge, Chas. Rigby, C. B. Chattey, T. Baldwin, F. Dorman, F. B. Kimbell, R. T. Bristow, and Rev. F. Haslock. Visitors: Bros. Geo. L. Bokenham, 1902; Captain Scriven, R.N., 537 (I.C.); and Major Fred. Carne Rasch, M.P., 179 (I.C.).

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Dorman, Kimbell, Bristow, and the Rev. F. Haslock, and being unanimous in their favour they were initiated. Bros. Rigby, Coates, and Chattey were passed to the Second Degree and Bro. Capstick raised. The Preceptor and Secretary to the lodge of instruction presented a report of the years proceedings to the W.M. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. F. J. Dover. A grant was made to a distressed brother, and after notice of gentlemen as new members of the lodge the meeting was closed.

At the subsequent banquet Bros. Bokenham, M. T. Tuck, Dr. Harley, Borradaile, Dorman, and J. G. Wingrove, the talented Organist of the lodge who took charge of the musical arrangements, contributed to the harmony of the meeting.

The usual toasts were given, and in reply to that of "The Visitors," Bro. Major Carne Rasch, M.P., expressed his satisfaction at visiting a lodge in which the W.M. worked the whole of the three Degrees, and stated that if it met with the wish of the brethren he should be pleased to be proposed as a joining member; his observations were received with applause.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 13th ult., when there were present Bros. H. Sapsworth, W.M.; T. Grant, S.W., W.M. elect; H. J. Bond, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. Spooner, S.D.; W. T. Peat, P.G. Org., J.D.; J. J. Smith, I.G.; E. Dare, I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Drummond, P.M.; R. W. Rice, D.C.; F. Figg, Org.; and R. W. Simpson, and J. Miles, Stwds. Among the visitors were Bros. D. F. Gillion, W.M. 1425; W. R. Williams, P.M. 975; J. Whitehead, P.M. 1425; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; Nelson Prower, M.A., F.R.G.S., P.M. 1745; B. E. Blasby, P.M. 2032; Keyes, 2032; Aldridge, 1475; Tucker, 795; Stafford, 902; Custance, 795; Kenelly, 795; Grant, 127; J. Whitehead, 2319; Churchman, 1425; W. Bishop, 975; Neal, 1348; Chisholm, 1381; Davy, 1537; F. R. Robinson, 2032; Pentelow, 2032; W. J. Juby, 975; and others.

In consequence of the recent and lamented death of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M., the lodge was deeply draped in mourning. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Loosen was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Robert Reynolds and Frederick George Gardiner, and it being unanimous they were impressively initiated by the W.M. into Craft mysteries. Bro. T. Grant, W.M. elect, having been duly presented he was ably inducted into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. E. Dare, P.M., as S.W.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., as J.W.; Capt. Walls, P.M., as D.C.; and R. Drummond, P.M., as I.G. The appointment and investiture of officers was as follows: Bros. Bond, S.W.; Spooner, J.W.; Featherstone, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; Peat, S.D.; Rice, J.D.; Simpson, I.G.; Gentle, D.C.; Miles, A.D.C.; F. Figg, Stwd.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hy. Sapsworth, I.P.M., and a vote of thanks was passed to him as Installing Officer. The audit report was postponed. The lodge passed a vote of condolence to Lady Burdett and family upon their recent irreparable loss. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; George Read, and many others.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, ably superintended by Bro. H. G. Gedda and staff.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts received full justice, but in consequence of the protracted proceedings in the lodge room they were but briefly prefaced by the W.M., who, however, proved an excellent chairman in every respect.

The time at the disposal of the brethren was agreeably occupied by listening to the musical and dramatic efforts of Bros. Churchman, Jehu, Page, Juby, A. Grant, Alariaye, Gillion, Figg, and Whitehead. The Wolsey Quartette Party, directed by Bro. W. T. Peat, P.G. Org., in particular, being very entertaining.

The W.M. and the Executive of the lodge are to be congratulated upon the great success of the meeting, which passed off without a single hitch to mar the universal enjoyment.

LEICESTER.

John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. J. Curtis, W.M., was supported by Bros. A. Laurence, S.W., W.M. elect; Rev. H. S. Biggs, Chap.; G. Newsome, P.M., Treas.; F. G. Pierpoint, Sec.; G. Neighbour, S.D.; A. F. Holland, J.D.; J. B. Waring, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Rev. F. Tibbits, Org.; W. A. Spencer, I.G.; W. Bream and F. Cartwright, Stwds.; T. Dunn, Tyler; S. S. Partridge, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M.; F. J. Baines, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. Thorp, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Young, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; T. G. Charlesworth, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; and Dr. W. H. Barrow, P.P.G.O., I.P.M. The members and visitors numbered about 40, and among the latter were Bros. H. R. Maynard, I.P.M. 25; J. Raven, W.M. 1007; Rev. H. J. Mason, P.M. 1146; W. Gardner, P.M. 1333; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391, P.G. D.C.; H. Howe, W.M. 1391; C. S. Lee, I.P.M. 1599; J. Gregory, P.M. 1779; R. Pierpoint, P.M. 1828; and G. Jessop, P.M. 2028, 2081, P.J.G.W.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Laurence, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. by Bro. J. B. Waring, P.M., D.C., whereupon a Board of Installed Masters (19 in number) was formed, and Bro. A. Laurence was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. was assisted in the installation ceremony by Bros. Dr. Barrow, I.P.M., and J. B. Waring, P.M., D.C., who duly proclaimed the newly-installed W.M., and J. T. Thorp, P.M., who gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Curtis, I.P.M.; T. B. Neale, S.W.; F. G. Pierpoint, J.W.; Rev. R. W. Lancaster, Chap.; G. Newsome, P.M., Treas.; G. Neighbour, Sec.; A. F. Holland, S.D.; W. A. Spencer, J.D.; J. B. Waring, P.M., D.C.; G. J. Pegg, Org.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, I.G.; W. Bream and R. J. Lulham, Stwds.; and T. Dunn, Tyler. The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., who acknowledged the gift in feeling terms. The Treasurer's and Stewards' reports were received and passed. The former showed the lodge to be in a satisfactory financial condition, due in a great measure to the energy displayed in the duties of his important office by the worthy Treasurer, Bro. G. Newsome, P.M. Several items of routine business were quickly dispatched, and a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent by the Secretary to the relatives of a worthy departed brother and an old member of the lodge. Three candidates

were proposed for initiation, and a very large number of letters of apology (including one from Bro. W. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M., the father of the lodge) was read. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from Prov. Grand Lodge and Lodges Nos. 39, 279, 442, 455, 1007, 1146, 1265, 1330, 1333, 1391, 1779, 1828, 2028, and 2081, after which the lodge was closed.

At the customary banquet which followed the W.M. presided, and after full justice had been done to the good things provided, he gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received by the brethren present.

To "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the John of Gaunt Lodge," proposed by the I.P.M., the W.M. responded in suitable terms.

The toast of "The Visitors and Sister Lodges," ably proposed by Bro. J. B. Waring, P.M., was responded to by Bro. C. S. Lee, I.P.M. 1599, in a most happy manner.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," to which Bros. W. J. Curtis, J. T. Thorp, J. B. Waring, and W. H. Barrow replied.

After the toast of "The Officers," responded to by the S.W. and J.W., the Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a happy conclusion.

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. Birch, McRobie, Page, and Pierpoint, while Bro. Dr. W. H. Barrow, P.P.G.O., most ably presided at the pianoforte.

Royal Arch.

Ebury Chapter (No. 1348).—The regular convocation of this flourishing chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Present: Comps. F. Whiting, M.E.Z.; Jas. Warren, P.Z., acting H.; T. Weeks, J.; Peter Parsons, P.Z., Treas. and S.E.; C. H. Stone, acting S.N.; J. T. Davis, P.S.; Walter Davies, 1st A.S.; S. Wright, 2nd A.S.; J. Evans, H. R. Hobbs, W. Wills, W. J. Alford, F. E. Pow, H. Ford, and J. F. Lowden. The visitors were Comps. J. T. N. Callaway, J. elect 1216; C. H. Stone, P.S.N. 1275; N. Salmon, S.N. 177; J. H. Duff, J. elect 145; and John Lightfoot, 1329. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. W. Wills, I.P.M., W. J. Alford, F. E. Pow, and Harry Ford, of 1901, which proving unanimous, they were exalted in a very creditable manner by the M.E.Z., the addresses from the chairs being much appreciated.

Letters of apology for non-attendance through unavoidable circumstances were read, and after "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a capital banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, after which the M.E.Z. gave the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The M.E.G.Z.," and "The G.H. and G.J.," and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, in a capital style, which was equally well responded to.

The next toast, given by Comp. Warren, H., was that of "The M.E.Z.," who had acquitted himself so admirably that evening, and very impressively exalted four companions. He must say it had been done exceedingly well, and one and all were very pleased indeed at the great pains taken.

In reply, Comp. Whiting, M.E.Z., thanked all most heartily for what he considered the too flattering remarks, but at any rate he was pleased if he had given satisfaction.

The toast of "The Exaltees" followed in high terms of praise, the M.E.Z. remarking the pleasure it gave in receiving such good and true brethren "in shoals." He asked the companions to receive the toast in a bumper.

The toast was very ably responded to by Comps. Wills, Alford, Pow, and Ford, who complimented the chapter on its officers, and especially at having been exalted in this chapter, in which were some very old friends. They hoped their inauguration into the Ebury Chapter was a happy omen in their career, for the ceremony had been so impressively rendered that it would never be effaced from their memories.

The M.E.Z. then gave the toast of "The Past Principals" in very appropriate terms, and Comps. Peter Parsons and Warren, in response, said it gave them great pleasure to assist in any way, because it was only a duty. It was very gratifying to see such excellent brethren of the Selwyn Lodge exalted, for they were most enthusiastic workers. They hoped they might remain members of the Ebury Chapter, as the companions were always so united.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Visitors," giving them all a most cordial reception.

Comp. Lightfoot, in reply, stated that for several reasons he was pleased to be present. First, in witnessing such capital working—he being in pursuit of knowledge in Royal Arch Masonry; secondly, because he was pleased to see so many old faces of his mother lodge—No. 1901—exalted that evening; and lastly, because those brethren had unanimously placed him in the chair of K.S. He was quite at home, and was delighted with the heartiness and intelligence displayed in the chapter, and he heartily thanked them on behalf of the visitors.

Comps. Callaway, Stone, Duff, and Salmon also suitably replied.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the M.E.Z. said it gave him great pleasure in proposing it, for he had never seen the work done better.

Comp. Davis, P.S., most ably responded, stating that since his admission into Masonry it had been his study to do everything in his very best way, and it was his intention still to do so.

The Janitor's toast closed a most successful meeting.

Covent Garden Chapter (No. 1614).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 16th ult., when there were present Comps. J. Coltart, M.E.Z.; F. Kedge, H.; S. Hewett, I.P.Z., acting as J.; C. O. Burgess, Treas.; G. Reynolds, S.E.; W. Hancock, S.N.; R. F. Potter, Janitor; James Rowe, G. H. Foan, G. C. Stacey, A. L. Bullen, G. A. Bergholz, J. D. Graham, W. J. Thrussell, J. Woodward, and others.

The convocation having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Being a very busy time with the Covent Garden Lodge brethren, the exaltees were unable to be present. The notice of motion altering the dates of meeting to the fourth Thursday, instead of the third, in the months of March, June, and October, was

unanimously adopted. The following companions were unanimously elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year: Comps. F. Kedge, M.E.Z.; J. Skinner, H.; W. Hancock, J.; C. O. Burgess, Treas.; G. Reynolds, S.E.; G. Coleman, S.N.; J. W. Elvan, P.S.; C. Frommholz, 1st A.S.; G. H. Foan, 2nd A.S.; A. L. Bullen, D.C.; G. Graham, Steward; G. C. Stacey, Org.; and R. F. Potter, Janitor. The following companions were appointed to audit the accounts for the past session: Comps. J. Rowe and G. Bond. A P.Z.'s jewel, of the usual value, was unanimously voted to Comp. Coltart, Z., in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office, for which he returned thanks in a few kind words. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were received from Comp. J. Skinner, J., who was in Paris, and from other companions.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent repast, provided by Bro. G. P. Bertini.

The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Masonic toasts in a very happy vein; and, in reply to his health, said he had had a very happy year of office, and congratulated the chapter on the happy manner in which all worked together for its success.

STRETFORD.

Urmston Chapter (No. 1730).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall. It being the meeting for the installation of Principals and appointment of officers for the ensuing year, there was a very large attendance of companions present, among whom were Comps. J. Walton, Z.; G. A. Myers, H.; F. G. Goodacre, J.; J. Chadderton, S.E.; J. W. Leathley, P.S.; P. Heaton, 1st A.S.; F. Batty, 2nd A.S.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; H. Crosby, P.Z., P.A.G.S.E.; John Slyman, P.P.G.S.N.; Thos. W. Bone, P.Z.; E. L. Littler, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. R. Lloyd, W. Chesshyre, R. E. Stringleman, J. Hurst, H. Nickson, G. Stott, and J. Hardwicke Marsh. Visitors: Bros. Ralph Betley, Z. elect 1335; George S. Smith, P.Z., P.G. Org. East Lancs.; Robert Wardle, P.S. 350; and J. J. Lambert, 1387, P.P.G.R.

The chapter having been opened, the First Principal, Comp. G. A. Myers, was installed by Comp. J. Slyman, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. Comp. F. G. Goodacre was installed Second Principal by his father, Comp. William Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br. The ceremony under the circumstances was very interesting and impressive. Comp. F. G. Goodacre installed his successor, Comp. Jos. Chadderton, as J. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. T. Barratt, S.E.; J. W. Leathley, S.N.; Peter Heaton, P.S.; F. Batty, 1st A.S.; Charles Mackay, 2nd A.S.; William Goodacre, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, D.C.; R. E. Stringleman, Org.; and Jas. Hirst, John M. Graham, and Harold Nickson, Stwds. The officers were addressed respectively by Comp. John Slyman, who also gave the addresses to the Principals and companions. We have had occasion before to comment upon Comp. Slyman's estimable working, and we find he has lost none of his former lustre. Comp. John Walton, I.P.Z., presented to the chapter a very large store chest, admirably fitted to hold all the furniture, which was gratefully accepted by Comp. G. A. Myers, Z. Comp. J. Chadderton also presented a beautiful white-figured veil, which present also was duly acknowledged.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).

—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 15th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., M.E.Z.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.J., H.; A. Toulmin, jun., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; W. J. Hakim, S.N.; G. Dunkley, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; and Harrison, Janitor. Comp. R. H. Thrupp, P.Z., P.G.H. in charge of the province, was also present.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. C. Robinson, 60, and, it being unanimous, he was most impressively exalted to the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by the Second and Third Principals and Comp. Hakim, S.N., who officiated as P.S. in an effective manner. A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Grand Superintendent was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. W. H. Saunders, P.Z.; Smiles, P.Z.; the Rev. R. Hosken, M.A., P.Z., P.P.G.J.; and E. W. Davis, P.S.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed.

Comp. R. H. Thrupp acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers," in the course of which he touched feelingly on the loss Freemasonry had sustained by the death of the universally respected Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.

In the intervals of the toasts Comp. G. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org., &c., greatly entertained the companions by his musical efforts.

Mark Masonry.

Keystone Lodge (No. 3).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held for the installation of a W.M., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on the 28th ult. Bro. W. Shakespeare Webster, P.M. and Treas., presided, in the absence of Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones, W.M., who attended, however, at a later period. The only work to be performed was the installation of the new W.M., and the appointment and investiture of the officers for the year. Bro. W. S. Webster, P.M., installed Bro. Frederick A. Jewson as W.M., a dispensation having been obtained from the Grand Mark Master, as Bro. Jewson had not yet become an installed Master of a Craft lodge. The ceremony was, therefore, curtailed. After the ceremony had been performed, the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. James Llewellyn Jones, I.P.M.; W. H. B. Scott, S.W.; C. Erhardt, J.W.; W. S. Webster, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Williams, P.M., Hon. Sec.; A. C. Gooding, M.O.; R. Clay, S.O.; and C. A. Corderoy, J.O. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a choice banquet, the superintendence of which was under Bro. Ashby, manager of the Ship and Turtle.

The usual Mark Masonic toasts followed. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, J.G.W., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and

said it was a somewhat notable occasion, because it was the first time he had attended a Mark lodge since he was appointed a Grand Warden. He was particularly pleased to be present because a colleague of himself in the Corporation was installed in the Master's chair. He had watched with considerable interest the career of Bro. Jewson, not only in Masonry, but outside it. For himself, he was a thorough believer in Freemasonry for all the good it did. If there was anything bad in it, it was only in the minds of the people who thought it. Those who worked in the Craft, the Mark, and the Arch could speak, as he could speak, as a very old Mason, of the good that Masonry did. He was old enough to make these remarks without being considered flippant, and he could say emphatically that he was at all times a thorough believer in Masonry in all its branches and Degrees. Brotherly love, relief, and truth were the great landmarks of the Order—Charity to others who needed it.

Bro. Llewellyn Jones, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. Jewson, W.M., responded, and said he was very much impressed that night with the beautiful ceremony by which he was installed as Master of the Keystone Mark Lodge. He would not have undertaken the office of Master of that lodge if he had not felt he had so many friends around him to support him during his year. It brought him back to the year 1878, when in the Alliance Craft Lodge he was initiated by Sir John Monckton. Sir John did not now forsake him; Sir John Monckton was his chief in his daily work, and as a brother Mason he came to see him installed as Master of that Mark lodge. He was very, very proud that he had such a chief, and also that so many brethren were present to witness his installation. He could assure the brethren that he would not forget the high honour which had been conferred upon him.

Bro. Webster, P.M., Treas., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and Bros. Bateman and Thomas H. Gardiner replied.

Other toasts succeeded, including that of "The Masonic Press," acknowledged by Bro. Henry Massey.

The brethren then adjourned to a charming concert, in which the executants included Miss Florence Bethell, R.A.M., Miss Mary Hay, R.A.M., Bros. Bainbridge Hardwicke, Arthur Strugnell, Mr. Herbert Grover, Mr. Sebastian King, Bro. Arthur Weston, Mr. Charles Rowcliffe, Mdm. Dunbar Perkin, Mr. Rowland Henry, Mr. Sam Wright, and Mr. C. Hugh Rowcliffe, F.C.O.

BRADFORD.

The Old York Lodge (T.I.).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th May, at Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, when Bro. Thomas Norfolk, W.M., was supported by Bros. J. L. Atherton, P.P.G.W., as I.P.M.; Thos. H. Pattinson, S.W.; T. Eap Greenough, J.W.; Frank D. Harrison, M.O.; J. W. Monckman, P.G. Stwd. Eng., P.P.G.W., as S.O.; J. T. Last, Sec.; Wm. Laycock, S.D.; Geo. Martin, J.D.; R. H. Bonsor, R. of M.; Geo. C. Gamble, as I.G.; John Hill, Tyler, Chas. Crabtree, P.P.G.W., as Chaplain; S. Whiteley, Org.; John Niven, S. A. Auty, John Ingleby, W. Moxon, and Joseph Clifford. Visitors: Bro. Edwd. Macbean, Grand Chancellor Scotland.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. A. W. Pullin, J.W. 302, who had been previously elected, was advanced to the Degree of a Mark Master Mason by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Simeon Whiteley, P.P.G.D.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. Pattinson, S.W., proposed "The Visitor," and stated that the lodge had felt complimented by the presence amongst them of such a distinguished Mason as Bro. Macbean, who was almost as widely known in England as he was in Scotland.

Bro. Edward Macbean, Grand Chancellor of Scotland, in responding, referred to the coincidence that he had initiated a very old friend, a clergyman in Glasgow, a few years ago, and that evening, when 200 miles from home, he had casually and unexpectedly been present at the advancement of his friend's son (the candidate) whom he had not previously the pleasure of knowing. Bro. Macbean acknowledged the cordial reception accorded him by the West Yorkshire Lodge, and complimented the Worshipful Master and his officers on the satisfactory manner in which the ceremony had been conducted. He also pointed out that the working he had witnessed in the lodge differed from the Emulation in certain respects, and was somewhat similar to the Scotch working, which in this Degree, in his opinion, had proceeded northwards from York, and no doubt also into the West Riding to this—The Old York—time immemorial lodge. Bro. Macbean remarked that he found the working of the Mark Degree far more interesting in the North than in the South of England. He spoke of Mark Masonry as it probably existed in the remote past, and referred to the Hallowell and other old manuscripts, and discussed the subject of "Masons' Marks," referring to their probable esoteric significance and strong Theosophic meaning, more especially in remote antiquity.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Macbean, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Thos. Norfolk, W.M.

With music and singing a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 4th instant, when there were present Bros. Barr, W.M.; Rice, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; P. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Cass, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Lord, I.G.; Orton, Stock, Hobbly, and Niblett.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the Orton candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose the usual number of times. Bro. Rice, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. M. Rosenberg, W.M.; J. T. Haly, S.W.; R. W. Board, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Hillier, Preceptor 167, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; J. Powell, I.G.; W. L. James, Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Tyler; Major E. J. Reed, C. Godfrey, and H. Campbell. Visitor: Bro. E. Clare, S.D. 1732.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reed being the candidate. Bro. Hillier, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Clare being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Clare was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment in very suitable terms. Bro. Haly was elected W.M. for the next meeting—officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Rosenberg for so ably presiding as W.M., was passed, which compliment was duly acknowledged. The brethren were invited to attend the opening night of the St. John's Lodge of Instruction. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., when there were present Bros. Hardiman, Preceptor; Randall, W.M.; Stafford, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Wills, S.D.; Walter George, I.G. and Sec.; Higerty, and Smith.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Smith answered the questions in a very satisfactory manner leading from the Second to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Carter gave the charge in his usual faultless style. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. Stafford was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After a vote of thanks to the W.M., the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Cummings, P.M., W.M.; E. Fox, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; W. S. Whiteley, S.D.; R. J. Williams, J.D.; W. Hide, I.G.; F. A. Barth, Stwd.; R. Reid, and others.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Reid being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Reid being again the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Fox 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 1st inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Crutenden, 779, M.E.Z.; G. March, P.Z. 733, H.; W. Hillier, 834, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, P.S.; and A. J. Taylor, P.S. 186.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Taylor being the candidate. Communications were read from Comps. Davies and Bailey. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. March as M.E.Z. After the usual risings, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of Kent and Surrey was held in the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Wednesday, the 15th ult., under the banner of the Black Prince Preceptory, the members of which fully maintained their well established character for hospitality on this occasion. A considerable number of the members accepted an invitation to lunch at the Fountain Hotel prior to business.

Black Prince Preceptory was opened at 3 p.m., its business transacted, and Sir Knight A. J. Crane eloquently installed into the office of E.P. by Sir Knight H. Shirley, who officiated literally at a moment's notice, in the regretted absence of the retiring E.P., Sir Knight Smythe, who was detained by military duty.

The Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight HORATIO WARD, having assumed the throne, the PROV. REGISTRAR called the muster roll, and read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed.

The SUB-PRIOR moved, and Sir Knight CUMMINGS, G.H.P. seconded, that an expression of the deepest regret of the members of the priory be entered on the minutes in respect to the lamented removal by the hand of death of the respected and beloved Prov. Prior, Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. Geo. H. J. Haldane. The Sub-Prior had already written in the name of the province to Mrs. Haldane, and had received a reply.

Many letters and telegrams expressive of regret for absence both from officers, members, and invited guests having been read,

The Treasurer presented his annual statement, which was considered satisfactory, and approved.

Sir Knight Bateman was unanimously re-elected Prov. Treasurer.

Notice was then given that the very High and Eminent the Great Prior of England and Wales, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T., 33°, &c., &c., was without demanding admission that he might install the V.E. the Prov. Prior designate.

A deputation having been appointed to receive the Great Prior, the arch of steel was formed at the north

side of the sepulchre, and that officer entered and assumed the throne.

Sir Knight C. F. MATIER, acting as Sub-Marshal, then announced that Sir Knight Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., 33°, was without, claiming admission to be installed into the chair of his province.

The GREAT PRIOR having ordered that he be admitted, the Prov. Prior nominate entered, preceded by his Sword Bearer, and followed by his Banner Bearer, with Standard furled.

The patent of appointment having been demanded and read, and the usual formalities in such cases duly complied with, the Prov. Prior nominate was obligated by the Great Prior, invested and placed on the throne.

The PROV. PRELATE having pronounced the Apostolic Benediction, the HERALD proclaimed the newly-installed Prov. Prior, the sir knights saluted, and the PROV. PRIOR addressed the members of Provincial Priory, referring in feeling terms to his lamented predecessor, and craving the same personal loyalty that had been heretofore extended to Sir Knight Col. Haldane.

The Provincial Prior appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Sir Knight Horatio Ward	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. H. Cummings	...	Prov. Prelate.
" Surg.-Major G. F.	...	
" A. Smythe	...	Prov. Chancellor.
" Col. Vincent Bailey	...	Prov. Constable.
" A. J. Crane	...	Prov. Marshal.
" A. H. Bateman	...	Prov. Treas. & Reg.
" J. M. McLeod	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" Rev. J. M. Maughan	...	Prov. Almoner.
" George R. Todd	...	Prov. Herald.
" Major-Gen. Cuming	...	Prov. Std. Br. (Beau.)
" R. Staines Davey	...	Prov. Std. Br. (V.B.)
" Edward Lukey	...	Prov. Prior's Ban.Br.
" R. T. Wheeler	...	Prov. Capt. of Gd.
Frater George Harrison	...	Prov. Equerry.

The alms were collected, a donation of £5 5s. was voted—on the proposition of the TREASURER—to the Mark Benevolent Fund, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Knight Matier for his able services and admirable management as Acting D.C., a vote of thanks was passed to the E.P. and officers of the Black Prince Preceptory for so hospitably entertaining the members of Provincial Priory, and the same was closed.

The members subsequently adjourned to a *recherché* banquet at the Fountain Hotel.

The Prov. Prior, Sir Knight Col. Money, C.B., presided, supported on his right by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Capt. Philips, Prov. Prior East Anglia, and F. Lawrence, P.G.H.; and on his left by Sir Knights the Rev. H. Cummings, C. F. Matier, and R. Clowes. Sir Knight Crane, E.P. of the Black Prince Preceptory, occupying the vice-chair.

Time being limited, the Prov. Prior gave the toasts briefly but pithily, and able but similarly short responses were given by the respective speakers.

Amongst those present, in addition to those whose names have already been given, were Sir Knights Cobham, Lethbridge, Sankey, Newton, Weightman, Monteuiis, G.S.B. England, and R. Percy Clowes.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI REPRINTS.

The next reprint to be issued by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, forming Vol. IV. of the Quatuor Coronatum Antigrapha, will be exceptionally interesting, as will be seen by the following: It will contain "Full Facsimile and Transcript of the Grand Lodge Roll No. 1 of the Constitutions." This roll is dated 25th December, 1583, is the oldest one extant with a date attached, presumably the third or fourth oldest known, and its text is of especial value; inasmuch that in Dr. Begemann's now received classification it gives its name to the most important family of these documents, and to the most important branch of that family.

"Full Facsimile and Transcript of the Grand Lodge Roll No. 2 of the Constitutions." The MS. has only lately been acquired by the Grand Lodge and is probably of about 1650. Its great value, apart from its beauty, is that it corroborates the text of the Harleian No. 1942 MS. (reproduced by No. 2076 Q.C.A., II.), whose authority has been so severely called in question by some students of these documents. It has never been published in any form hitherto.

"Full Facsimile and Transcript of the Buchanan Roll of the Constitutions," also in the Grand Lodge Library. The date of the MS. would presumably be about 1670, and has been once before printed, in Gould's "History."

"Full Facsimile of 'The Beginning and First Foundation of the Most Worthy Craft of Masonry, with the Charges Thereunto Belonging Printed for Mrs. Dodd 1739.'" This is also a recent acquisition of the Grand Lodge Library, and the print is so rare that only two other copies are certainly known to exist, and these are both in the United States of America.

"Partial Facsimile and Full Transcript of the Harris No. 2 MS. of the Constitutions," bound up with a copy of the "Freemasons' Calendar" of 1781 in the British Museum. Although of so late a date, the additions to the ordinary text presented by this version are of great interest and curiosity.

Masonic students owe a lasting debt of gratitude to the zealous Secretary of the lodge and editor of its Transactions, and we trust the prosperity of this enterprise will enable him to continue his valuable labours in the interest of Masonic Archaeology.

NEW WORK BY DR. SPARK, MUS. DOG.

Bro. Dr. Spark, whose name is associated with, perhaps, the best volume of Masonic music ever issued, does not limit his talents to musical composition only. As Organist of the Town Hall, Leeds, editor of *The Organists' Musical Journal*, and conductor of large musical enterprises, he has naturally gained much knowledge and experience of men and things, and following in the wake of others in recent years, he is about to publish his "Reminiscences." It is sure to be smart, for Bro. Spark has the "trick of the pen," and during a long and exceptionally active professional life, he must have accumulated much that will be of interest to the general as well as the musical reader. The work is to be uniform with the author's "Life of Smart," and the price to subscribers will be 5s. Dr. Spark's address is—Newton Park, Leeds.



Most plays which are popular when produced have an interest merely for the time being, and it is risky to revive them; but there are exceptions to every rule. Every now and then an author of to-day writes a piece which becomes a standard work, and may be classed with the old English comedies. Such a play is Mr. Grundy's "A Pair of Spectacles," which ever since Bro. Hare first brought it out at his theatre has been welcomed on revival, and we venture to think that Bro. Hare's patrons will almost demand a few weeks of this pretty play annually. It may now be placed amongst such pieces as "School for Scandal" and "The Rivals," for like them it is a perennial, and whilst Bro. Hare, Mr. Chas. Groves, and Miss Kate Rorke are at hand to act in it, "A Pair of Spectacles" will be as fresh as the flowers that bloom in the spring. We sat at the feet of the brothers Benjamin and Gregory Goldsmith a few evenings ago where we have sat so often before, and, though we knew every line as it was uttered, it was time most pleasantly spent. When circumstances permit of another visit to the Garrick, it will be another treat to hear "I know that man, he comes from Sheffield," and to witness the fine acting of Bro. John Hare, Mr. Charles Groves, Bro. Sydney Brough, Mr. Rudge Harding, and Miss Kate Rorke.

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Mr. Eille Norwood has taken Bro. Terry's Theatre for a short season, and finding that at a trial matinee "A Noble Art," by himself, was spoken well of, he has put it into the evening bill together with "Chalk and Cheese," also by himself. The latter is a short piece in which Mr. Norwood plays in conjunction with pretty Miss Ethel Norton, who is seen to much advantage, and gives promise of better things later on. "A Noble Art" has a short story, which is that a young man in good society has embarked his inheritance in running a music-hall, and thinks it advisable not to tell his wife or his uncle who is his trustee. The lady soon finds it out through her sister, who is a most precarious young person. In order to obtain a further supply of money from the uncle, the nephew engages a professor of mesmerism, and gets him to put the uncle under his influence, in which state he does many odd things. He shows to his neices and nephews how he sowed his wild oats, and goes on the music-hall stage as a prize fighter in the place of a professional who has failed to appear. There is much scope for Bro. Arthur Williams and Mr. Julian Cross's humour, one as the uncle and the other as the mesmerist. Neither of them overdoes it, and "A Noble Art" goes well all through, and in these hot days makes one laugh. The third act is the best, which is unusual in farcical comedies. We wish Mr. Norwood success for his summer season.

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"The Private Secretary" was revived at the Comedy on Monday with every sign of re-entering the lists for another popular run. We know no reason why it should not, and many reasons why Mr. C. H. Hawtreys clever adaptation of Von Moser's farcical comedy should again furnish the bill for a good long period. Bro. W. S. Penley in his old part as the Rev. Robert Spalding shows he has not lost any of his cunning. All his old points told with his audience, "D'you know," "I don't like London," "If you are discovered all is lost must be a pass word." The people laughed as heartily as ever at these wheezes. His make-up and expression were as grotesque as ever, and to many "The Private Secretary" is quite new. To those who remember the wonderful run of this piece a few years ago at the Globe sad memories are brought up. We miss poor Bro. W. J. Hill, the Mr. Cattermole. Mr. W. F. Hawtreys now takes the part, and shows himself an apt pupil of the late Bro. Hill. Bro. C. H. Hawtreys has not cast himself in the part of the nephew, and is much missed, for we know no actor who could supersede him in any character he has created. The other parts are sufficiently well played. We are sure the woes of the timid and long-forbearing curate as depicted by Bro. W. S. Penley (S.W. 1319) will afford amusement to many in these sultry evenings at the Comedy Theatre.

The Princess Mary Adelaide Duchess of Teck, the Duke of Teck, and their daughter the Princess Victoria have arrived at the White Lodge, Richmond, from Germany.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m.

The marriage of Mr. Freeman Thomas with the Hon. Marie Brassey, daughter of Bro. Lord Brassey, will be solemnised at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, the 20th inst.

During the stay of the Gaekwar of Baroda in London he has undergone successful treatment, involving a slight operation on his throat, at the hands of Bro. Lennox Browne.

The meetings of the Duke of Albany Lodge of Instruction, No. 1963, held at Mason's Arms Hotel, Battersea Park-road, have been adjourned until the first Wednesday in September.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the St. John's Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306, are held every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, at the Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-street, Stepney, E.

It is authoritatively announced that the City Chamber of Arbitration, which there is reason to believe will commence active work at the close of the Long Vacation, will have two permanent officials who will be paid by fees only, a Legal Assessor and a Registrar, and that Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., will hold the former office, and Mr. T. Roderick, the City Secondary, the latter.

The Dean of St. Paul's and the President of the Royal Academy having invited the Corporation of London to assist in a movement for placing Stephens' Statue of the Duke of Wellington in a more suitable and prominent position in the Cathedral, the City Fathers have referred the matter to their Coal, Corn, and Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Prince Christian was present at a cricket match played on the Windsor Home Park, on Saturday last, between the Home Park Club and the Windsor Rugby Football Club. The former scored 69 and 52, of which the Prince's son, Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, made 31. The Rugby Football Club scored 163—Mr. Somerville scoring 73—in this one innings and thus secured the victory.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Bro. Lord Suffield, again visited the Imperial Institute on the 1st instant, being received by Bros. Lord Herschell, Sir Fred. Abel, and Sir Somers Vane. On Sunday his Royal Highness went on board the Melampus at Portsmouth, which has recently been commissioned by his son, the Duke of York, all the officers being presented to him. On Monday the Prince returned to town.

Tuesday was the opening day of the tercentenary celebration of the foundation of the University of Dublin, and among the representatives present of learned and artistic societies in London, were Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P.; Sir Richard Quain, Sir James Paget, and Mr. Alma Tadema. The procession to St. Patrick's Cathedral passed through the streets of Dublin, headed by the band of the Sussex Regiment, to attend Divine service, the sermon in commemoration of the event being preached by the Dean of St. Patrick's.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, with Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam left Portsmouth Harbour on Monday morning for a run through Spithead in No. 5 Torpedo boat. Subsequently their Royal Highnesses inspected the Royal Sovereign and then, after luncheon with the Admiral at Admiralty House, the Prince returned to town. On Tuesday his Royal Highness visited the second annual exhibition of the Society of Portrait Painters at the Royal Institute, Piccadilly, and the summer exhibition at the New Gallery, Regent-street.

On Friday, the 1st inst., Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill was returned unopposed for South Paddington, and for the space of 24 hours had the honour of being the only man in the United Kingdom who was privileged to write M.P. after his name. On Saturday over a dozen other members were elected without opposition, among them being Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick for South Kensington, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., for West Bristol, Sir James Whitehead, one of the two representatives for Leicester, and Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., for Hythe.

BRITISH EQUITABLE ASSURANCE COMPANY.—Amongst the assurance companies which have not only passed through their trial stage, but have firmly established themselves in the confidence of the public, the British Equitable may fairly be included. Established 37 years ago, each succeeding year has shown a steady progress, and the managing director, Bro. W. S. Gover, was not only able to congratulate himself on an unbroken record of attendances at each of the 37 annual meetings which he was fairly entitled to do, but what was of more moment to those assembled, he was also able to present to them an increasingly prosperous account of the year's business. Last year a satisfactory division of profits was made, and the accumulated fund now stands at £1,363,532. One excellent and somewhat remarkable feature in the conduct of the Company's affairs during the past year has been the large number of meetings held in the country in order to lay before the policy holders the actual position of the Company. Insurance companies are subject, and very properly so, to very keen criticisms in these days, and the real interests of both insurer and insured are best consulted by a perfectly frank and open statement of the exact position in which it stands. It is satisfactory to note that everywhere those interested have been convinced not only of the soundness, but of the wealth and prosperity of the Company.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter. Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially, it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless permit it to sap the spring of life.

At the general meeting of the society, held in June, Bro. Emra Holmes, F.R. Hist. Soc., was elected a Fellow of the Royal Antiquarian Society (Ireland).

According to the latest arrangements, the Queen, it is understood, will continue to reside at Windsor till Tuesday, the 19th inst., when the Court will move to Osborne.

In order to continue its series of experiments on liquid oxygen the Royal Institution of Great Britain has received £300 from the Royal Society, £120 from Mr. Ludwig Mond, and £50 from Mr. Hugo Müller.

The annual dinner of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in London will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, the 18th inst. The Duke of Aosta, nephew of the King of Italy, who is on a visit to this country, has signified his intention of being present.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress, who have returned from their visit to Cardiff, entertained the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England and the ministers of other denominations at dinner at the Mansion House on Wednesday evening.

The review of the Household Cavalry and 17th Lancers by the Duke of Cambridge which was originally ordered for Monday took place on Wednesday on Wimbledon Common, the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck and her daughter being present on the occasion.

The Royal Botanic Society gave their annual evening fête at their gardens in the Regent's Park on Wednesday, when there was a large, and fashionable attendance, the pleasure of whose presence was greatly enhanced by the music played by the band of the 2nd Life Guards.

We are pleased to hear that the Duchess of Connaught, who went abroad a short time since for the purpose of recruiting her strength, has greatly benefited by the change. The Duke met her Royal Highness on her return, and after a brief rest at Buckingham Palace, the two proceeded to Portsmouth.

The Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the cyclone in the Mauritius was stated to have reached over £10,000 by the close of last week. The name of Bro. J. de Bels Adam, Mayor of Liverpool, by whom £500 was collected for the fund, has been added to the list of the Committee.

The degree of "Dr." has been conferred *honoris causa* by the University of Dublin, on Bro. Henry Irving, who at the time of receiving the degree was the subject of a grand ovation from the students, who subsequently carried him shoulder high round the Quadrangle and were thanked by him in an effective little speech.

According to the latest returns of the Registrar-General the mortality in London, notwithstanding the extensive prevalence of scarlet fever, was so low last week as 16.8 per 1000. The number of deaths from diphtheria was more than double the corrected average, and there were registered four deaths from smallpox.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief made his annual inspection of the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, on Wednesday, in the presence of Generals Lord Chelmsford, Bro. Sir Reginald Gipps, Bro. Sir Redvers Buller, Sir Arthur Herbert, and others. The boys, to the number of about 250, headed by their excellent band, marched and counter marched, and went through their musical drill and other exercises with great precision, greatly to the pleasure of the Duke, who expressed himself well satisfied with their appearance and discipline.

The summer excursion annually organised by the Lincolnshire brethren took place recently, and resulted, in every sense, in the most brilliant success. The lovely country known as "The Dukeries" had been selected as a convenient and attractive place of resort, and no less than 100 ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the Masons' invitation. Many lodges in the province were represented, including Sutton Bridge, Bourn, and Sleaford, whilst various brethren from distant provinces were also of the party. After a drive through "The Dukeries" the excursionists returned to the Royal at Workshop to dinner. Bro. Harvey once more presided over his 100 guests, and a right merry time was spent until the stroke of eight signalled the hour for the return journey. The arrangements were efficiently manipulated by Bro. Harvey, Bro. Bimrose, the Secretary, and Bro. Barrell.

One of the most enjoyable excursions ever held in connection with the Elm Lodge, No. 1212, took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., under the supervision of the W.M., Bro. William Sweet. The party, which was a numerous one, left the Millbay and Devonport Stations for Liskeard in the morning, the journey proving the more agreeable on account of the comfortable saloon carriage provided by the railway authorities at the request of the W.M. Full justice was done to a luncheon, which was admirably served at Bro. Cleave's Stag Hotel. Thence the excursionists proceeded in open conveyances to the Cheesewring, the manifold beauties of which for some time attracted their attention. After indulging in a healthy scramble over the huge lichen-covered boulders, the visitors were photographed in a group as a memento of the outing. On Liskeard being reached once more an excellent meat tea proved very acceptable to the now hungry party. A convivial time was spent, during which the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of all present. The party returned to Plymouth well satisfied with their trip.

FIELD-LANE INSTITUTIONS.—The 50th anniversary of the Field-lane Refuges and Ragged Schools was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., in the Holborn Town Hall, the Earl of Aberdeen presiding; a large party of children from the industrial schools lent brightness to the occasion by singing a variety of pieces. Mr. Peregrine Platt in rendering a summary of the report gave some interesting particulars of the origin and work of this most useful Institution. Some idea of the work can be formed from the fact that during the past year the Refuges have received 805 persons and placed 251 of them in employment. The average attendance at the Bible Schools has been 509 every Sunday and 323 every Friday, and the Industrial Schools have had 217 boys and girls under instruction, while the girls sewing school has been in operation each Tuesday during the year with an average attendance of 250 scholars. The cost of maintaining the work of the Institution amounts annually to about £8200; the income, however, was below the expenditure, and there was a deficiency of no less than £800. It was therefore urged that special efforts should be made to raise funds for the maintenance of this work.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris was a guest last week at the inaugural dinner of the authors' Club, St. James's-place.

Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser has consented to take the chair on Monday, the 25th inst., at a complimentary banquet that is to be given at the Rainbow, Fleet-street, to Mr. Alderman Treloar, the hosts being inhabitants of the Ward of Farringdon Without.

Bro. T. Hastings Miller, the chairman, has arranged for a special concert of the Guildhall School of Music to be held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., in the Guildhall. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their ladies have promised to attend in state.

The recent meeting at the Mansion House in aid of the Children's Country Holidays Fund, 10, Buckingham-street, has resulted in the sum of £130 being handed over to Mr. Lyttelton. This amount will suffice to give a fortnight's holiday to about 300 poor children.

In consequence of the necessity for carrying out extensive repairs, painting, &c., at the University College Hospital, it has been decided to close it, with the exception of the Maternity Department, for six weeks from the 20th instant. The various repairs, &c., will necessitate considerable outlay, and the committee trust that the friends of the charity will help them to meet this heavy but necessary expenditure.

The competition for the Lord Mayor's prizes at the Guildhall School of Music took place on Thursday last, Madame Nordica acting as judge. There were 14 competitors, and the prizes were awarded to Jessie Bradford, Emily Briggs, and Ida Price. The competition for the tenor prize also took place on Friday, Mr. Barton McGuckin acting as judge. There were eight competitors, and the prize was awarded to Samuel Masters.

The competitions for the Lawn Tennis Championships were brought to a close at the All England Club at Wimbledon last week, when the winners of the Ladies' Singles and the Gentlemen's Doubles, All Comers' Competitions, met the holders of the two titles in the presence of a large company of spectators. As had been anticipated, Miss Dod retained possession of the Ladies' Championship; but in the other event last year's winners were defeated by three sets to one.

There would seem to be something in the combination of Freemasonry with medicine that makes for longevity. Not very long ago we (*British Medical Journal*) had occasion to congratulate Mr. William Salmon, of Penryn, Glamorganshire, the oldest member of the College of Surgeons, who is also believed to be the oldest Freemason in the world, on his completion of his 102nd year. Now a rival medico-Masonic planet swims into our ken in the form of Dr. Enoch Fithian, of Greenwich, Cumberland county, U.S.A., who on 10th May celebrated the completion of a century of life. Dr. Fithian, who was born on 10th May, 1792, claims to be the oldest Freemason in the United States. He boasts that he has seen every President of the United States from Washington down to the present occupant of the White House.—*Morning Leader*.

This year's match between Oxford and Cambridge, which was played at Lord's on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week, terminated, contrary to expectation, in a substantial victory for the former by five wickets. Dark Blue won the toss, and, electing to go in, made the fine score of 365, of which Messrs. Jardine and Hill compiled 140 and 114 respectively. Against this Cambridge were able to put together only 160, of which 63 stood to the credit of Waigall, who carried out his bat, and 34 to Jackson, the Light Blue captain. In their second venture they compiled 388, Streatfield scoring 114, R. N. Douglas, 51, Latham, 69, and Jackson, 35. This left Oxford 184 to win, which they did for the loss of five wickets only, Jardine compiling 39, and Palairat (captain) not out 71. Oxford have now won 26 matches against Cambridge 29, three other matches having been drawn.

The members of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, and their friends to over 100, held their annual picnic at Matlock Bath under very favourable auspices. To amuse the visitors a few sports were arranged and competed for as follows: 100-yards race for gentlemen: 1, T. Scott; 2, J. Bagott; 3, R. Coursey. 100-yards ladies' race (single ladies, relations of members): 1, Miss Keithley; 2, Miss Griffith; 3, Miss A. Heardman. 120-yards race (gentlemen), the Derby handicap, for members only: 1, J. W. Griffiths; 2, C. Lindsey. 100-yards race, for the wives of members only: 1, Mrs. J. D. Griffiths; 2, Mrs. C. W. Higson; 3, Mrs. Levi Turner. 220-yards race, for gentlemen: 1, Mr. Millington; 2, Mr. Keithley; 3, Mr. W. Briscoe. 120-yards race, for ladies: 1, Mrs. Norris; 2, Miss Coursey; 3, Miss Hornby. 75-yards race, for gentlemen: 1, R. Godbehere; 2, Levi Turner; 3, C. Higson. 50-yards race, for ladies: 1, Mrs. Chippcase; 2, Miss E. Heardman; 3, Miss Pritchard. Ladies' extra, 30-yards race: Mrs. F. Bohn. After tea the prizes were delivered to the successful competitors, and the party returned home after a very enjoyable outing.

THE INFANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.—The Board of Management of this well-known institution have, in the past, been particularly successful in obtaining the patronage and presence of Royalty on the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the scholars, and this year has proved no exception to the rule, for the annual proceedings which took place at Wanstead on Wednesday, the 29th ult., were graced with the presence of his Grace the Duke and H.R.H. the Duchess of Fife, her Royal Highness making the distribution of awards. In consequence a large and fashionable assembly gathered within the spacious examination room to witness the function, and receive ocular proof of the admirable manner in which the children are trained. The foundation-stone of this noble institution was laid by the Prince Consort nearly 50 years ago, and since then it has had an uninterrupted career of usefulness and philanthropy. To Bro. Green, the Secretary, much of this success is due, and the Management Committee has been an excellent one. It is not free from anxiety as to the means by which its usefulness can be maintained, sharing as it has done the depression which unfortunately overshadows similar institutions, but it is hoped that the corner will soon be turned, and that he will soon be able to announce that it has returned to a more prosperous state.

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