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## A PROPOSED SOUTH AFRICAN GRAND LODGE.

We gather from sundry remarks in some of our South African contemporaries that it is in contemplation to hold a Masonic conference during the exhibition at Kimberley; and it is suggested that it would be an excellent opportunity to ascertain the opinions of the Craft generally on the subject of a proposed United Grand Lodge for South Africa. The idea is by no means a new one. As far back as 1861, the Dutch Masons in Cape Colony were desirous of severing their allegiance with the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, their ultimate design being to establish a Grand Lodge of their own. The project, however, was abandoned out of respect for Bro. Sir C. BRAND. In 1876 a meeting of brethren was held in the Athenæum Hall, Cape Town, at which some 200 were present, and Bro. C. A. FAIRBRIDGE, D.D.G.M., who occupied the chair, stated at the outset of the proceedings that the purpose for which they had assembled was to consider "whether the Masonic fraternity in the Colony had not attained that stability, and were not sufficiently numerous and powerful, to be entitled to claim for themselves a supervision of the affairs of the Craft here, independently of the control of the Grand Lodges. Many leading members had come to the conclusion that that time had arrived, and, for his own part, he thought we were well able to take care of our Masonic interests." Ultimately it was resolved, "That a Committee should be appointed to collect the statistics required for that purpose, and for communicating with the country lodges and eliciting their opinion on this great question." But nothing further was done in the matter. Now, the idea appears to have been again mooted, and it is by no means improbable that ere long we shall hear of steps being taken with a view to establishing a local Grand Lodge, which shall exercise the powers now belonging to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland, and the Netherlands. There is ample material, undoubtedly, for the establishment of such a Grand Lodge. As regards the English section of the Craft in South Africa, a glance at our Grand Lodge Calendar will show that in the Eastern Division of South Africa, which has Bro. C. J. EGAN, M.D., for its District Grand Master, there are some 28 lodges, and in the Western Division, under Bro. the Very Rev. C. W. BARNETT CLARKE, Dist. G.M., 10 lodges. In Natal, over which Bro. R. I. FINNEMORE has presided with such conspicuous ability since 1882, there are about 15 lodges, while in other districts there are scattered about some 15 other lodges, the total of English lodges alone being not far short of 70. The Dutch lodges, according to the "Cosmo," are some 13 or 14 in number, and to these must be added the Irish and Scotch lodges, which will raise the total for all four jurisdictions in South Africa to over 100, which is ample enough to enable a Grand Lodge, once constituted, to make a fair start, with every prospect of maintaining and improving its position. Whether, however, the movement, which it is proposed to renew during the Kimberley Exhibition, will advance beyond the stage at which we left it in 1861 and 1876 remains to be seen. If the brethren who take the lead in the scheme are actuated by the same or similar tact and judgment as were the brethren of the several Constitutions in South Australia, when they started their project for establishing a Grand Lodge for that Colony, then there is no reason why the proposed Grand Lodge should not be established; but, on the other hand, if they take the Masons of New Zealand for their guides, we fear that Freemasonry will suffer very considerably, and that it will be many years before the Craft will recover the prosperity it undoubtedly enjoys at the present time. We can offer no opinion as to the feeling which exists on the subject among our South African brethren. They may or may not be enthusiastic in their desire for Masonic Home Rule. They are, as we have shown already, a sufficiently numerous body, and from what we read of their proceedings in the *South African Freemason* we judge them to be wealthy. But what is needed at such a time is prudence rather than mere numbers and wealth. If they see their way to setting up a Grand Lodge of their own and are practically unanimous in their determination to do so, we shall heartily wish them all success in their new state. But if on inquiry among the different lodges, it turns out that opinion is pretty equally divided as to the desirability of giving effect to their project; or if there turns out to be a strong minority for retaining their present allegiance, in either of these cases we earnestly exhort them to postpone the consideration of the scheme till a more opportune time. Let them take warning by the haste exhibited in New Zealand and the consequences which have followed to Freemasonry generally throughout that Colony. There is no need for hurry, and if they will only be guided by the well known motto—*Festina lente*, we feel sure that whatever fortune may be in store for them, they will have no reason to regret their deliberation.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Surbiton, on Thursday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master, supported by Bros. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; C. Belton, P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; H. J. P. Dumas, J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight; Dr. Strong, J. D. Langton, P.P.G.W.; S. Abrahams, P.G.P.; Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Cater, P.P.G. Chap.; George Price, Prov. G. Treas.; C. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; Hugh M. Hobbs, P.P.G.W.; J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org.; and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and members of the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes confirmed. The roll of lodges was called, and all were found to be represented.

The report of the Finance and Audit Committee was read, showing a balance of £210 18s. 5d., and was unanimously adopted. The Committee recommended that 10 guineas should be granted to each of the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions, and five guineas to the College Hospital, Surbiton, which was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. CHAS. BELTON, P.G.S.B., moved the appointment of Bro. Dr. Strong as Prov. G. Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. C. H. DRIVER.

Bro. Dr. Gibbs, P.P.G.W., was also proposed by a BROTHER, and seconded by Bro. DREWETT, and on the ballot being taken, was declared duly elected.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bro. J. T. Pirbeck, 1616	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. C. Houndle, 1826	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, 1826	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Dr. C. A. W. Reade, 1920	...	...	...	
" S. J. Attenborough, 1149	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Dr. Gibbs	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Chas. Greenwood, 410	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. G. Fenn, 1556	...	...	...	} Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" T. H. R. Beek, 2146	...	...	...	
" Dr. T. G. A. Burns, 370	...	...	...	} Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" J. H. Crofts, 1872	...	...	...	
" E. H. Minns, 1982	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. H. Hawkins, 410	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Price, 2096	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" W. H. Gardener, 2120	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. D. Blyth, 1714	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. R. Sowman, 1395	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. B. S. Lancaster, 2317	...	...	...	
" W. H. Brereton, 1920	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. E. Lear, 1564	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. J. Shelley, 1981	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Hodgkins, 1872	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. C. Morrison, 416	...	...	...	
" W. Hay Brodie, 1046	...	...	...	
" C. A. Hardwick, 2347	...	...	...	
" T. Montague, 1638	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. J. Mason, 2246	...	...	...	
" J. Potter	...	...	...	

Bro. BELTON proposed that an account should be opened at a Joint Stock Bank for the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds.

Bro. DREWETT proposed as an amendment that the matter should be referred to the Finance Committee, and the amendment was carried.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said he had to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. George Price, P.P.G. Treas. Bro. Price had been a Provincial Grand Officer for 48 years, having been appointed Prov. S.G.D. in 1844, Prov. S.G.W. in 1852, and Prov. Grand Treasurer in 1856. They were all, therefore, extremely sorry that Bro. Price felt it incumbent upon him to lay down the keys he had so long and honourably held. Thinking it would be the wish of the province to render him some tangible memorial of his services and their gratitude for them, he (the Prov. G.M.) had anticipated those wishes, and had had an address beautifully illuminated. He therefore proposed that the address should be presented to Bro. George Price.

The following is the text of the address:

Provincial Grand Lodge, Surrey.

W. Bro. George Price, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, not desiring, in consequence of advancing age, to seek re-election for the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer, at a Provincial Grand Lodge held this day at Surbiton, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., in the chair, it was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of this Grand Lodge be (and they are) hereby given to W. Brother George Price, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Surrey, for the great and valuable services he has rendered to the province as its Grand Treasurer for a period of over 36 years, during which time he has materially assisted the Masonic Charities and has endeared himself to every brother of the province by his very high personal character, his great zeal for the welfare of the Craft generally, but especially in the Province of Surrey.

Dated this the Fourteenth day of July, 1892.

(Signed) G. NOEL MONEY, P.G.M.

Bro. FREDK. WEST, D.P.G.M., seconded the proposition, and mentioned that it was his lot some time ago to install Bro. Price into the chair of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, that brother having previously occupied the chair in the same lodge nearly 50 years previously.

Bro. Dr. STRONG having endorsed the remarks made, the resolution was adopted, and the address was formally presented to Bro. Price.

Bro. GEO. PRICE, P.P.G. Treas., expressed his great thanks. It was 36 years ago since he was first elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and had been elected from time to time without break during that long period. He had always felt it a great honour to hold the position, and the duties had always been a labour of love. He did not retire without some regret, but he was 83 years of age, and that they would consider a sufficient reason. He had the consolation of knowing by the vote passed that he retained the confidence and good wishes and esteem of the brethren.

Bro. J. D. LANGTON, P.P.G.W., proposed several additions to the Provincial Grand By-laws for the purpose of organising and concentrating the voting strength of the province at the elections of the Masonic Institutions, and of managing the Charity Fund. He said there was a Charity Committee meeting in the province, but without the authority of Provincial Grand Lodge and without by-laws. At the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex a similar resolution was unanimously adopted, and Surrey was one of the few provinces without such a Committee to concentrate the votes. Such Committees had worked well in other provinces, conferred great benefit, and helped forward deserving cases.

The SECONDER of the motion said there was no desire to interfere with the liberty of the subject, but to invite fraternal co-operation. There frequently happened loss of power, and by co-operation deserving cases would be helped forward.

The proposition was carried unanimously, and the Prov. G.M. said that a Provincial Grand Calendar had been prepared with great care by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and was now ready for the brethren, price 1s. 6d. each.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then duly closed, after which a banquet was held, which was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. Dr. STRONG responded for "The Grand Officers," and said he was but an initiate in Grand Office, and whatever he had to do he hoped he should carry out efficiently. It had been a rule that the Grand Officers should occupy important positions in Masonry before they attained that office. They were, however, not content with occupying that position, but went on improving in Masonry.

Bro. C. BELTON, P.A.G.D.C., said he had been asked to propose "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M." on the spur of the moment, and they would, therefore, receive his remarks with the heartiness with which they were uttered. He had the honour of knowing the Prov. Grand Master some time before he was appointed to that office, and from every quarter he heard nothing but the most flattering encomiums passed upon him. He hardly thought it necessary in this Prov. Grand Lodge to say more, and he would therefore give the toast with every feeling of enthusiasm.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren very heartily for the extremely kind way in which they had drank his health. He had been in charge of this province for a year, and he did not think Masonry had gone back, but thought they were going on very well. There was one new lodge in the year, which showed great promise. Surrey was a very pleasant province to rule over, for the brethren were all true-hearted Masons, and the rule was therefore rendered a very easy one. He thanked all the brethren of the lodges which he had been able to visit for the extremely kind reception given him, and he thanked the brethren for their kind reception that day. He thought this had been a very successful meeting in every way. He thanked them most heartily, and hoped they should have many such pleasant gatherings in the future.

"The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who said that Bro. West had been known to the brethren for a long time, and too much could not be said of his services to Masonry, and this province in particular. The Prov. Grand Officers had done their duty in the past, and he was sure the present officers would fulfil their expectations in the future in the same manner.

Bro. FRED. WEST, D.P.G.M., said he knew of no assembly in which it was more pleasant to respond to a toast than a Masonic lodge, and it was still more pleasant in a Provincial Grand Lodge where there was so much unanimity and good feeling as there was in Surrey. The Prov. Grand Officers, one and all, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for proposing the toast, and the brethren for receiving it. Speaking individually, he had known of nothing but good feeling, kindness, and everything that was Masonic since the time he became officially connected with the province. That had been a great help, and had enabled him to carry out the duties which were so suddenly cast upon him, and which he hoped he had performed satisfactorily. He took this—the first opportunity of meeting the brethren in Prov. Grand Lodge to express to all those who not long ago testified to him in such a substantial way their appreciation of his services to this province. That appreciation was expressed in a way he should never forget, and in a way which would encourage him in the future to give his best services to the province as long as he was able to continue them. He hoped the good feeling would continue to be extended to all the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, responded for "The Visitors," and said the name of Col. Money was well-known, not only in Surrey, but in the Metropolis and everywhere, and since his appointment he had been one of the most regular attendants at Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter among the provincial rulers. The name of Bro. West also stood pre-eminent amongst Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, he having had to rule over this large province during the interregnum before the appointment of Col. Money as Prov. G.M. With regard to the resolution of Bro. Langton forming a Charity Committee, the Province of Hants would be sorry for the step, for the result would no doubt be that the votes in Surrey would be collected together, instead of, perhaps, a portion being given to the province which he represented. He, however, congratulated Surrey on the step it had taken. A similar course had been adopted by Hants for 10 years and had been found to be very useful and profitable. He thanked the brethren on behalf of the visitors for the kind reception given them.

"The Entertaining Lodges" was next submitted by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who said the arrangements made for their comfort had been very successful, and special thanks were due to Bros. Sebastian Hart, P.P.G.D.; Dr. Gibbs, Brereton, Gray, Pearce, and Hodgkin.

Bro. J. HODGKIN, Prov. G. Stwd., replied, after which "The Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary" was duly honoured.

Bro. Dr. GIBBS, Prov. G. Treas., said that coming after an old Mason he felt diffident in undertaking the duties, but would endeavour to follow in the steps of Bro. Price.

Bro. CHAS. GREENWOOD, Prov. G. Sec., said that the work of the Secretary of Surrey was extremely onerous, but the weight had been lifted from his shoulders—and honour to whom honour was due—by the appointment of an assistant, Bro. Latham, whom he personally thanked for the valuable work he had done.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The excellent arrangements made by the entertaining lodges resulted in a successful gathering. The musical programme, which was of a most enjoyable nature, was contributed by Bros. G. May, Harper, Kearton, Gawthrop, Brereton, and Sebastian Hart, P.P.S.G.D.

### CONSECRATION OF THE HAMPDEN LODGE, No. 2427.

The large roll of Metropolitan lodges was further increased on Monday, the 18th inst., by the consecration of the Hampden Lodge, No. 2427, at Hampden House, St. Pancras. A Masonic temple had been especially prepared for the future home of this new lodge, which for elegance of design and suitability will hold its own with any in the Metropolis. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, and his assistants were Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., I.L.D., P.G.W., as S.W.; Major-General J. Crossland Hay, C.B., S.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Deputy Prov. G.M. Bucks, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as I.G.

The following brethren are founders of the lodge: Alex. Adamson, E. J. Beale, P.M.; W. J. Beatty, C. Challen, P.M.; Lord Carrington, P.G.M. Bucks; J. H. Collingridge, P.M.; R. D. Cummings, P.M.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M.; Thos. Eccleston Gibb, P.M.; H. W. Higgins, P.M.; Washington E. Haycock, P.M.; R. A. Jamieson, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; W. Lawrence, J.D.; H. L. W. Lawson, Arthur L. Marlow, Alfred A. Millward, Thomas Moss, M. Titford, and G. Zendequi.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER having appointed his officers pro tem., and opened the lodge, addressed the brethren as follows: We are met together to-day on an occasion of great Masonic interest—for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new lodge, and of adding one more to the long roll of lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. I need not on this occasion discuss the question whether the large number of lodges which during recent years has been added to our register is a subject for unmixed satisfaction, but I may say this, that his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. entertains a very strong opinion that the time has arrived when no new lodges shall be warranted unless it can be shown beyond all doubt that they will be of great advantage to our Order. I can assure you that every petition presented to his Royal Highness is strictly scrutinised, and it is not until he is satisfied that the establishment of a lodge will advance the interests of the Order that he sanctions the granting of the warrant. The petition presented by the founders of this lodge has undergone that examination, and I most heartily congratulate them on the success which has resulted from their efforts. I trust this lodge may have before it a career of great usefulness and unbroken prosperity, and I am sure that under the able management of the first officers—more particularly the Worshipful Master designate—it cannot fail to occupy a very high position among the lodges within the Metropolis.

The officers named in the warrant were approved by the founders, and the following excellent oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chaplain:—

The foundation, under special and peculiar circumstances, of your new lodge is an assurance that there is no movement connected with either moral or social advancement in which our Craft cannot bear its share, provided always that we are not committed to any departure from our strict neutrality in religious and political matters. It is of this neutrality that I would specially speak this evening—a neutrality by which our Craft has in this country been saved from becoming, as it has become elsewhere, a positive evil to society, and has been enabled to teach men that the strongest convictions in religion and politics are not incompatible with brotherly love and truth. The most thoughtful men are becoming every day more anxious about the rash and unscrupulous methods of attack which men of all parties and opinions are now-a-days not ashamed to use against those who differ from them. It is very easy to see the weak points and inconsistencies of our opponents. It is very hard to realise that ignorance and falsehood and dishonesty are not confined to any class of society or any shade of opinion. Hence comes the growing evil. The special danger of the moment to all controversialists on all possible subjects that they construct almost every argument *not* upon the sound basis of its own inherent righteousness, but upon that most rotten of all foundations. The imputation to their adversaries of all that is most base and dishonourable. Am I exaggerating if I say that during the past fortnight—a few great men—and a great many little men on both sides of political opinion have said things which have not strengthened their own arguments, and which have certainly been unfair and untruthful representations of the motives by which their opponents have been guided. Admitted them all, the din and clamour of an excited atmosphere, let us remember that our Craft is neutral in all party ships, and endeavour inside the walls of her lodges to persuade men to lay aside for a few hours the odious habit of seeking to advance any particular on which there is a strong feeling by personal invective. Our Craft asks no man to yield in his conviction of what is true and best for his country or his religion, but he bids him avoid all that is little and ignoble in his dealings with the man whose convictions are different from his own.

The anthem "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is," was sung, and the lodge was dedicated and constituted.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb, P.M., W.M. designate, was then installed into the chair by the Grand Secretary, and the following officers were appointed: Bros. James Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Robert D. Cummings, P.M., S.W.; Wm. Lawrence, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Middx., Treas.; T. Moss, Sec.; A. A. Millward, S.D.; J. H. Collingridge, P.M., J.D.; Charles Challen, D.C.; and Arthur L. Marlow, I.G.

On the motion of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officer and his assistants, and all the Grand Officers present were unanimously elected honorary members.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Bros. Lord Carrington, J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., and many others.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet served in the theatre. The usual toasts subsequently received hearty recognition.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that not for the first time, and probably not for the 100th time, he rose to respond to this toast, and say that the Grand Officers present were gratified to assist at the consecration of a new lodge such as this. What had been said that night by the Consecrating Officer should never be forgotten, that a large increase of lodges was undesirable, and that being admitted and recognised by the M.W.G.M. and every Grand Officer, it was no small compliment to any band of petitioners when their petition was granted. That being the case, he thought Grand Officers worthy of the name, were never better pleased than when bringing into existence a new lodge such as this, as they had seen done in such an interesting and solemn manner. That the Hampden Lodge had a good future before it they could not doubt. It was started by earnest men who were known not to lightly undertake that which they did not mean to go on with. It was started in a building the objects of which the Worshipful Master had explained to him, and in looking over it one could see it was an Institution founded and was intended to carry out every kind of social benefit and educational instruction that could be conceived, and the W.M. himself had well said that he was glad that a Masonic lodge was now added. As an old Mason himself, not quite the oldest present, he could say there was nothing so beneficial in life as Masonic work properly carried out. The Grand Officers were glad to be present on that interesting occasion, and thanked the brethren heartily and cordially for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Consecrating Officer and his Assistants," and said the brethren had witnessed the consecration with a great deal of pleasure. The Grand Secretary threw into the ceremony a zeal and earnestness they must all appreciate, and those who were determined to carry out this lodge well would always look back to the good beginning of the consecration ceremony that night. Their little room they were proud of, and those who came into the lodge would know of the interesting ceremony they had witnessed, and how anxious they were to benefit by that ceremony, and to lead those who joined to work in Masonry as they hoped all to work together in the Hampden Lodge.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary, said that as they had already listened to his voice, he would not occupy their time with many words. But if his words were few they would be hearty and sincere. The Consecrating Officers thanked them for the extremely kind manner in which they had received the toast proposed in such kind words by the W.M. He could assure them it had been a very great pleasure to one and all to be present. They would observe that for every Consecrating Officer who assisted him he had an understudy, and he knew he was expressing their feelings when he said that any Grand Officer present would have been pleased to take any place, as Sir John Monckton had done by acting as I.G., although the highest in rank present. The Consecrating Officers wished the founders every possible success, and hoped that this lodge, which had been founded in connection with an admirable institution, might have a career of usefulness and great prosperity. He was sure that under the rule of their excellent W.M., aided as he would be by their Secretary, Bro. Moss, this lodge would have before it a great career. That it might be successful was the hearty wish of those who were privileged to assist in the consecration.

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., P.G.W., said it was very gratifying to him, as one of the Consecrating Officers present, to have the privilege of proposing for the first time "The Health of the first Worshipful Master of the Hampden Lodge." He had known the W.M. for a good many years in connection with one or two bodies with which he was or had been connected, and this was the first occasion on which he had met him as W.M. of a lodge, although Bro. Eccleston Gibb had held that high position before. The Chaplain, in the very excellent address given in lodge, spoke of Masonry as a body which united them whatever their differences in religion and politics. It had been his fate in one body in which he sat with the W.M. to be on opposite sides, and it was a good thing to have a good friend with whom you might pair if necessary. They had in the present W.M. one who had well and thoroughly served that neighbourhood in many ways, and in a lodge started in connection with Hampden House which it was hoped would do so much for the welfare of the neighbourhood, they could not have a better Master than Bro. Eccleston Gibb. He asked them to drink in all sincerity to the health of the W.M. of the Hampden Lodge.

Bro. ECCLESTON GIBB, W.M., said he had first to thank Sir Reginald Hanson who had spoken so kindly of him. The Grand Officers would recognise how fitting a Masonic lodge was in that place. He thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had drunk his health and he hoped to be able to do the work, perhaps better than he had that evening. He was afraid the Consecrating Officers would not recognise in him a Mason of many years, but he had had many duties to perform. He would do his best to make this lodge a success during the 12 months he was in office.

Bros. HARDING, W.M. 2108; H. WALDEN, P.P.G.W. Jersey; and NATHAN ROBINSON; 55, returned thanks for "The Visitors," and "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. J. P. FITZGERALD, acting I.P.M.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements, which left nothing to be desired, were under the management of Bro. Rose, Prov. G. Org. Bedfordshire, ably assisted by Bros. H. W. Schartau, E. Dalzell, J. Brand, and C. T. Johnson.

### FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The 24th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Masons' Benevolent Fund was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., P.G.W. The interest of the brethren and ladies in the Fund and its objects seemed in no measure to have decreased, for about 150 sat down to dinner, and the tables appeared to be as well filled as on any previous occasion.

The Chairman was supported by—

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bro. the Earl of Euston, Lady Hanson and Miss Hanson, Lady Eleanor Harbord, Bro. the Hon. Judge McLeod, Grand Master of Burma, Miss Harrison, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Bro. Col. and Mrs. A. B. Cook, Bro. Frank Richardson, Bro. George Cooper, Bro. Lennox Browne and Mrs. Browne, Bro. Robert Berridge, Bro. C. F. Matier, Mrs. and Miss Matier, Bro. R. Clowes, Mrs. Sayer, Bro. F. and Mrs. Mead, Bro. Col. Shirley, Mrs. Field, Bro. Edgar A. Baylis, Bro. Sir George Prescott, Bro. James Moon, P.G.T., Bro. Gordon Miller, P.G.T., Bro. Major Clifford Probyn, Bro. W. and Miss Lake, Bro. Capt. Marshall, Bro. Major Collins, Bro. W. Shurmur, Bro. Eugene Monteuis, and Bro. Charles Belton.

Each lady was presented with a handsome bouquet, a bottle of scent, and a box of sweetmeats, and each brother with a packet of cigarettes, of the Alexandria Cigarette Company.

During the dinner a beautiful selection of music was performed by a string and reed band, and after dinner a charming concert was given, under the direction of Bro. Frederick Bevan, by Madame Isabel George, Miss Ethel Bevans, Miss Kate Chaplin, Bros. Charles Chille, F. Bevan, and Turle Lee.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and drunk with enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, and the Past Grand Masters; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Euston; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that these were brethren to whom Mark Masonry owed a very great deal—in fact, without their continued and active support Mark Masonry would not have attained its present position of eminence. None had been more conspicuous in this work than the Earl of Euston, who had especially devoted himself to Mark Masonry, though in other branches of Masonry he had shown such devotion that he (the Chairman) referred with pardonable pride to being Inner Guard of his Craft lodge, and admitting Lord Euston when he presented himself for initiation.

The Earl of EUSTON, in reply to the toast, said, after thanking Bro. Sir R. Hanson for the kind words he had used with regard to him personally, that the one and sole object of the Grand Officers was to increase and fortify the Order, to multiply and do good to it, and to encourage those who came after them to do better than they if they could. They themselves followed very good men. They were all trying to maintain the objects of Mark Masonry to the best of their skill and ability, and if the Grand Officers who came after them would do as they did he felt confident that the Order would be enhanced in value and in numbers. He hoped the Grand Secretary would give a good report that evening, though he did not expect the subscriptions would be found to be so large as they had been on some former occasions. His lordship then proposed "The Health of the Chairman." Sir Reginald Hanson, in every capacity of life he had been called upon to fill, whether as a man of business, or as Chief Magistrate of the old City of London, or as Master of his lodge, or as Grand Warden in Mark Masonry, always done and acted to the best of his skill and ability—and very well, too, had he done it. In everything he had been asked to do he had shown keenness and zeal. This had been exhibited in his desire to promote the good of Mark Masonry, and more especially had he shown those qualities in promoting the great object which Mark Masons had ever at heart—Charity.

The CHAIRMAN, in acknowledging the toast, which was most cordially received, said he only wished he could say he deserved one-half the kind expressions which had been used by Lord Euston with respect to him. It was unusual to propose the health of the Chairman so early in the evening. His own experience of benevolent festivals was that the Chairman's health was not proposed till after the toast of the evening, and when the Stewards' lists had been read. In the present instance, however, it might be that as gratitude was a lively sense of favours to come, the brethren were expressing their thanks to him for something they expected he would be able to do. He was very much afraid, considering all the circumstances, not only in the commercial world this year, but in the political world also, as well as in the Masonic world, which had subscribed as it never had before to the Masonic Charities, that the result of to-night's meeting might not be so good as otherwise might have been expected. Certainly, this year one of the Craft Associations had received the largest sum that ever was collected, and the others, though they did not receive so much, yet received a good deal. Therefore, the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival coming last of all, it was perhaps liable to suffer, and especially when such tremendous exertions had been made on behalf of the other branches. The brethren would not be Masons if they begrudged to the children or the old people in the other branches what they got, even though it were to the detriment of Mark Masonry. He thanked Lord Euston for what he had said in the efforts he (the Chairman) had made on behalf of Charity, and he would now give the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." And here again, any one occupying the chair felt it a somewhat difficult position, because as a rule they wanted to appeal to people to make them give. But in this Mark Degree the presence of the ladies and brethren indicated their sympathy with the Fund. This Fund did not vie with the other Benevolent Institutions of Masonry—either with the Boys', the Girls', or the Aged; still, it had a certain work to do, and he thought they might claim that hitherto they had done it exceedingly well. There was this to be said of it, that whatever was given to this Fund went almost direct into the hands of those who most required it, without any expense. And when he said without any expense, he was not intending to say anything to the detriment of the other Institutions. There was no expensive staff to pay for, and none of the expense of issuing a large number of balloting papers. By examining the books placed before them, they would find that a certain scale of voting was accorded to subscribers. Fortunately, from one point of view, unfortunately, from another, those votes had never been exercised, and it might be said when there was no voting no interest was exercised, and people did not contribute as much as they should. This happened in other charities. When there was voting the charity was brought before the public; it was a form of advertisement—a characteristic of the nineteenth century, particularly of the last 10 years. It was a question whether a great deal of money was not wasted, not only in charities, but in other walks, in advertising. It was all very well to throw a sprat to catch a herring; but it was hardly well to throw a herring to catch a sprat. However, in this Mark Benevolent Fund they did not spend a lot of money in postages to every subscriber, and the money in the Benevolent Fund was not diminished to that extent which it must necessarily be if they had regular and frequent elections. It was a very proud thing to be able to say that of all the Aged Mark Masons who had applied to the Board for relief there had been no obviously proper case that had not been relieved, and the children had all had assistance, and this without the expense of elections, old or young, whichever they who had a fair claim on the fund and who had applied were relieved. But it was only by the constant and regular benevolence of Mark Masons and their friends that this could be continued, and it was only by increased assistance that an increased number of claims could be met, which must be naturally expected as the ranks of Mark Masonry expanded. It was for this reason that he now appealed to the brethren and ladies, although by the benefactions of former years and judicious investments the school fees of children and £5 a year each for outfit had been found. He hoped next year they would be able to increase their funds, otherwise they could not do as they had been doing.



He now left the claims of the Fund with confidence in the brethren's hands, notwithstanding the appeals to their general Charity.

Bro. MATIER then read the following

#### STEWARDS' LISTS.

THE CHAIRMAN—R.W. Bro. £ s. d.  
Sir R. Hanson, Bart.,  
M.P., P.G.W. ... 52 10 0  
The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor,  
Bro. Alderman Evans. ... 10 10 0

#### LADY STEWARDS.

Lady Hanson ... 10 10 0  
" Eleanor Harbord ... 5 5 0  
Mrs. Lennox Browne ... 5 5 0  
" Carrell ... 5 5 0  
" Knightley ... 5 5 0  
" C. F. Matier ... 5 5 0  
" Gordon Miller ... 5 5 0  
" Carter ... 5 5 0

#### GENERAL BOARD.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M. ... 5 5 0  
" F. Richardson, Vice-Pres. ... 10 10 0  
" Robert Berridge ... —  
" Rev. Hayman Cummings  
(see Kent) ... —  
" C. H. Driver ... 10 10 0  
" Gordon Miller ... 5 5 0  
" A. R. Carter ... 5 5 0  
" James Moon ... 5 5 0  
" Alfred Williams ... 5 5 0  
" Jabez Church (see Rose  
Croix) ... —  
" Richard Clowes ... 10 10 0  
" C. W. Carrell ... 10 10 0  
" Sir Augustus G. Harris ... 10 10 0  
" Charles Belton ... 5 5 0  
" Col. A. B. Cook, Pres. ... 7 7 0

#### LONDON.

Lodge  
Grand Master's, Bro. Viscount  
Dungarvan ... 26 5 0  
Old Kent (T.I.), Wm. Maple ... 16 10 0  
1 Bro. G. V. A. Schofield ... 30 9 0  
22 " G. W. Marsden, jun. ... 5 5 0  
303 " E. Monteuis ... 15 15 0  
433 " A. H. Bateman ... 11 11 0

#### UNATTACHED.

Bro. George Cooper ... 5 5 0  
" C. F. Matier ... 87 0 0  
" Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert ... 10 10 0  
" Stanley J. Attenborough ... 5 5 0  
" T. Blanco White ... 10 10 0  
" W. E. Stewart ... 5 5 0  
" H. Massey ... —  
" J. Larkin ... 5 5 0

#### PROVINCES.

##### BEDFORDSHIRE.

Lodge  
434 Bro. S. L. Kilpin ... 15 15 0

##### BERKS AND OXON.

Province  
Bro. John Tomkins ... 10 10 0

Lodge  
27 Bro. Reginald Maples ... 5 5 0  
55 " P. Colville-Smith ... 14 14 0  
225 " Rev. H. Lewis ... 6 0 0  
247 " P. W. Margetts ... 18 0 0  
247 " Charles Phillips ... 18 0 0

##### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

163 Bro. S. L. Kilpin (see  
Bedfordshire) ... —

##### CHANNEL ISLANDS.

525 Bro. Dr. J. B. Cockburn ... 10 10 0

##### CHESHIRE.

Unattached  
Bro. C. K. Benson ... 10 10 0

CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND.  
Lodge  
195 Bro. Thos. A. Argles ... 30 10 0

##### DEVONSHIRE.

Province  
Bro. the Hon. Herbert V.  
Duncombe ... 52 10 0

##### DORSETSHIRE.

Province  
Bro. S. R. Baskett ... 11 11 0

##### EAST ANGLIA.

Lodge  
105 Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn ... 15 15 0  
334 " O. Papworth ... 15 15 0  
342 " F. P. Sutherly ... 13 10 0

GLoucestershire and Herefordshire.  
Province  
Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith,  
P.G.M. ... 5 5 0

Lodge  
439 Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart. ... —

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.  
Province  
Bro. J. D. E. Loveland ... 26 5 0

##### HERTFORDSHIRE.

Lodge  
354 Bro. A. R. Carter (see  
General Board) ... —

354 " Major C. Probyn ... 26 5 0  
354 " Rev. A. W. Oxford ... 5 5 0  
354 " A. S. Brown ... 10 10 0  
354 " Corrie Jackson ... 15 15 0

##### KENT.

Lodge  
235 Bro. F. W. Wright ... 10 10 0  
294 " G. W. Armstrong ... 11 11 0  
294 " Robert Main ... 6 0 0  
294 " F. H. Miller ... 7 7 0  
322 " Dr. E. W. Wright ... 12 12 0

#### LANCASHIRE.

Bro. A. H. Jefferis ... 5 5 0  
" Capt. C. H. Garnett ... 10 10 0  
" W. Jaffrey ... 5 5 0  
" S. F. Simons ... —

Lodge  
St. John's (T.I.) Bro. J. Kenyon ... 10 10 0  
St. John's (T.I.) " E. G. Harwood ... 10 10 0

34 Bro. C. E. Towell ... 5 5 0  
393 " James de Bels Adam ... 36 15 0

#### LEICESTERSHIRE, &c.

Bro. Thomas Roe, M.P. ... 5 5 0  
" J. H. Thompson ... 5 5 0  
" A. Woodiwiss ... 5 5 0  
" W. H. Wright (see  
Bro. J. Walker) ... —

" Percy Wallis ... 5 5 0  
" George Fletcher ... 5 5 0  
302 " John Walker ... 21 0 0  
353 " J. H. Cook ... 14 14 0  
414 " Alfred Schofield ... 21 0 0

#### LINCOLNSHIRE.

Province  
Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, P.G.M. ... 50 0 0

MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.  
Bro. Capt. C. J. Knightley ... 5 5 0  
" The Rev. Viscount  
Molesworth ... —

Province  
Bro. Charles Hammerton ... 15 15 0

Lodge  
4 Bro. W. F. Bates ... 15 5 0  
104 " A. F. Church ... 10 10 0  
144 " E. Y. Jolliffe ... 26 5 0  
181 " A. J. R. Simmonds ... 11 11 0  
197 " Sir G. Prescott, Bart. ... 10 10 0  
224 " S. Hodgkinson ... 10 10 0  
224 " Sir George D. Harris ... 10 10 0  
239 " W. Shurmur ... 21 0 0  
284 " C. Handley ... 5 5 0  
331 " Dr. W. H. Kempster ... 5 5 0  
361 " A. H. Bowles ... 50 0 0  
399 " the Earl of Euston  
(see Gen. Board) ... —  
399 " Viscount Dungarvan  
(see G.M.'s Lodge) ... —  
399 " E. A. Baylis ... 5 5 0  
399 " F. Mead ... 7 7 0  
399 " Sir Lionel Darell,  
Bart. (see Gloucestershire and Herefordshire) ... —  
399 " A. Cooper ... 5 5 0  
399 " C. Godson ... 5 5 0  
399 " Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook  
(see Gen. Board) ... —  
400 " Lennox Browne ... 6 6 0  
400 " Belgrave Ninnis ... 5 5 0  
407 " Major Geo. Collins ... 7 7 0  
442 " A. H. Bowles (see  
Lodge No. 361) ... —

#### NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM.

Province  
Bro. Hans B. Olsen ... —

Lodge  
Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D. ... 36 15 0  
346 Bro. Thomas Purvis ... 77 10 0

#### SHROPSHIRE.

441 Bro. Rowland G. Venables ... 10 10 0

#### SOUTH WALES.

Province  
Bro. John Munday ... 53 0 0

#### SOMERSETSHIRE.

Province  
Bro. Arthur Duckett ... 63 10 0  
" A. G. Hayman ... —

#### WARWICKSHIRE.

Bro. Thomas R. Arter ... 10 10 0  
" W. H. Rollason ... 5 5 0  
" J. A. Dexter ... 5 5 0  
" W. Frazier ... —  
" T. H. Bill ... —  
" Joseph Round ... 5 5 0  
" F. Rowbotham ... 10 10 0  
" E. Mallard ... 5 5 0

#### WEST YORKSHIRE.

Province  
Bro. C. L. Mason, P.G.M. ... 5 5 0

Lodge  
53 Bro. F. Cleaves ... 24 3 0  
393 " W. Langbridge ... 10 10 0

#### WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bro. Gen. Crease, C.B. ... 5 5 0  
330 " Abraham Green ... 13 5 0

#### NORTH AFRICA.

Capt. Williams-Freeman ... 10 0 0

#### ROSE CROIX.

Chapter  
97 Jabez Church ... 5 5 0

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.  
Council  
Prince Edward (T.I.)  
Comp. John J. Green ... 5 5 0  
7 Comp. H. P. Hay ... —

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.  
Council  
2 Bro. B. R. Bryant ... 28 7 0

#### SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bedfordshire ...	15	15	0	Leicestershire, &c. ...	82	10	0
Berks and Oxon ...	54	15	0	Lincolnshire ...	50	0	0
Buckinghamshire ...	—	—	—	Middlesex and Surrey ...	229	1	0
Channel Islands ...	10	10	0	Northumberland and Durham ...	114	5	0
Cheshire ...	10	10	0	Shropshire ...	10	10	0
Cumberland and Westmorland ...	30	10	0	Somersetshire ...	63	10	0
Devonshire ...	52	10	0	South Wales ...	53	0	0
Dorsetshire ...	11	11	0	Warwickshire ...	42	0	0
East Anglia ...	29	5	0	West Yorkshire ...	39	18	0
Gloucestershire and Herefordshire ...	5	5	0	Worcestershire ...	18	0	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight ...	26	5	0	North Africa ...	10	10	0
Hertfordshire ...	63	0	0	Rose Croix ...	5	5	0
Kent ...	69	6	0	Allied Masonic Degrees ...	5	5	0
Lancashire ...	73	10	0	Royal and Select Masters ...	28	7	0

LONDON—35 STEWARDS ... £ 431 8 0  
PROVINCES—95 STEWARDS ... 1205 2 6

GRAND TOTAL ... £ 1636 10 6

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON proposed "The Ladies," a toast which was acknowledged by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, who said that if the Mark Degree had done nothing else, it had done good in striking out a new course and inviting ladies to join the brethren at the banquet. The presence of ladies not only added zest to the brethren's enjoyment, but also to the amounts collected yearly for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Major CARRELL, President of the Board of Stewards, replied to the toast of "The Stewards."

The LORD MAYOR, in acknowledging the toast of "The Visitors," said that Masons carried out the work of Charity to the fullest extent, and he referred to the fact that during the present year nearly £80,000 had been collected for the three Charitable Institutions of the Order.

Bro. the Hon. Judge McLEOD said he was proud to have his name associated with the toast, and to be called upon to respond for the visitors; but he felt he must not go beyond his duty, representing the brethren away from home, coming as he did from a very distant province, and having the great honour of ruling over that province in the Mark Degree. He could assure the brethren that Masonry was flourishing in that province. It was not merely British Burma, but Burma as a whole brought under the Craft and the Mark. It was a matter of satisfaction that it was so, and he felt that all bodies away from home would consider it an honour, as he did, to be called upon to respond for the visitors.

The brethren then joined the ladies in the concert room, whither they had repaired previously to the proposition of the last two toasts. The company separated about 10 o'clock, after spending a delightful evening.

#### ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It may be reasonably assumed that the special exertions in behalf of the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution must have exercised an unfavourable influence on the fortunes of the Mark Benevolent Fund so far as this particular Anniversary is concerned. The Schools were at a disadvantage by reason of their Festivals being held after the said Jubilee, and, on the same ground, the supporters of the Mark gathering on Wednesday must have found it hard work to raise even the sum which was announced in the course of the proceedings. It must not be supposed that in offering these few remarks we have the slightest idea of instituting any comparison between the greater Festivals in aid of the three Central Masonic Charities, which rely for support on the subscriptions of the whole body of the English Craft, and the Mark Festival which appeals only to one section of it; but what affects the whole body must to a certain extent affect the several parts. However, the point is one on which it is unnecessary we should dwell at any length. It is enough to point out that there is a falling off in the total realised in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund as compared with that of 1891, while the latter was less by some £500 than the amount subscribed in 1890. There is, however, this slight consolation, that though the result still shows a downward tendency, the sum obtained is greater than could have been expected, and will amply suffice for the year's requirements.

Turning to the actual figures, we find that the Board of Stewards which supported Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson consisted of eight ladies and 122 brethren, and the aggregate of the donations and subscriptions they had the good fortune to obtain was £1636 10s. 6d. Last year Bro. Viscount Dungarvan was supported by a Board of 149 Stewards, the total of the contributions being £1858 3s., while in 1891, when Bro. the Earl of Euston was in the chair, the number of Stewards was 179, and the total subscribed £2354. We have said we regret this progressive diminution, but at the same time we fully realise that the Chairman, his Stewards, and the executive officers of the Fund have spared no effort to obtain the largest possible total, and they are not the less entitled to the thanks of Mark Masons generally, because their efforts have not been crowned with the same success as during the last five or six years.

As regards the composition of the Board, the extra-Provincial section included eight ladies, 15 members of the General Board, six representatives of as many London lodges, and eight brethren Unattached. The ladies returned £42, the General Board £91 7s., the six lodge representatives £106 1s., the lists of Bro. Schofield £30 9s., of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, and Bro. Lord Dungarvan, £26 5s., acting for the Grand Master's Lodge, being the most important. The Unattached Stewards returned £129, to which must be added the Chairman's personal donation of Fifty Guineas (£52 10s.)—and what has never before been included in the Returns of any of the Mark Benevolent Festivals—a contribution from the Lord Mayor of London—Bro. Alderman Evans, who figures in the list for £10 10s. Thus the total for London was £431 8s. as compared with £545 3s. 6d. obtained by 42 Stewards in 1891, and £600 4s. 6d. by 56 Stewards in 1890.

#### THE PROVINCES

were represented by 95 Stewards, whose lists amounted in the aggregate to £1205 2s. 6d. Last year this section of the Board was composed of 107 brethren, who raised £1312 19s. 6d., and in 1890 there were 121 Stewards, their contributions reaching £1744 14s. 6d. As to the details, Bro. S. L. Kilpin did duty for BEDFORDSHIRE—which, however, has no Provincial organisation—and BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, or rather one of its lodges, the amount of his list being £15 15s.

#### BERKS AND OXON

sent up seven Stewards, of whom Bro. John Tomkins acted for the Province generally, while the other six represented five out of its six lodges, the joint list of Bros. P. W. Margetts and Charles Phillips, of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, Oxford, amounting to £18, and the sum of the lists being £54 15s. This shows a considerable advance on the 1891 total of £40 12s., but is not quite up to the 1890 level, when a contingent of 10 Stewards among them compiled £77 7s. Bro. Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, of the Sarnian Lodge, No. 425, GUERNSEY, handed in a list of £10 10s., while a like sum was raised by Bro. C. K. Benson, who as Unattached Steward did duty for CHESHIRE. CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND had a very worthy representative in Bro. Thomas A. Argles, of the Kent Dale Lodge, No. 195, Kendal, his list being £30 10s. The

Province of DEVONSHIRE is credited with £52 10s., its representative being Bro. the Hon. Herbert V. Duncombe, and DORSETSHIRE had Bro. S. R. Baskett to represent it, the amount of his list being £11 11s. Three of the nine lodges in the Province of EAST ANGLIA figure in the Returns, the Freeman Lodge, No. 105, Bury St. Edmund's, having Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., to represent it, while Bro. O. Papworth did duty for the York Lodge, No. 334, Cambridge, and Bro. F. P. Sutherly for the Chelmer Lodge, No. 342, Chelmsford, the sum of their lists, so far as they have been received, being £29 5s. GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE was represented by its Prov. G.M., Bro. Vassar-Smith, and Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., and Bro. J. D. E. Loveland acted for the Province of HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT, the amount of his list being £26 5s.

One of the five lodges in

#### HERTFORDSHIRE

was represented by five Stewards, of whom four have sent in lists amounting to £57 15s., and Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., acted as Unattached Steward, the total for the Province reaching £63. This is £26 5s. more than was contributed in 1891, when four lodges had a share in the contribution. In 1890, five Stewards returned £26 5s.

Only three out of the 18 lodges in the Province of

#### KENT

took part in Wednesday's celebration, and Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, the D.P.G.M., acted independently. The total subscribed was £69 6s., of which Rev. Bro. Cummings was responsible for £21, and Bros. Armstrong, Main, and Miller, representing the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 294, Greenwich, for £25 4s., the balance being contributed by the Robinson and Temple Lodges, Nos. 255 and 322, respectively, Bro. F. W. Wright being Steward for the former, and Bro. Dr. Ernest Wm. White for the latter. This is a very serious falling off as compared with last year, when the Returns furnished by eight out of nine Stewards reached £178 3s., of which Bro. Cummings, for the Province as a whole, raised £94 9s., and also, but not to the same extent, as compared with £1890, when 11 Stewards amongst them raised £117 1s.

#### LANCASHIRE

sent up a contingent of eight Stewards, four of whom acted independently, and four as representatives of three lodges. The total subscribed was £73 10s., the principal item being the list of Bro. J. de Bels Adam, Liverpool Lodge, No. 393, for £36 15s. This is an improvement upon the £57 15s. raised in 1891, but compares unfavourably with the £195 5s. compiled by 11 Stewards at the Festival of the preceding year.

Of the nine lodges in the Province of

#### LEICESTERSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, &c.,

so long and so ably presided over by the veteran, Bro. William Kelly, three sent up Stewards, whose lists amounted to £56 14s., and there were six brethren Unattached, the total being £82 9s. In 1890 there were six Stewards, who amongst them compiled the excellent total of £115 10s., and in 1891 ten Stewards obtained a sum of £86 15s. These are very satisfactory figures, and so likewise is the £50 which stands to the credit of Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, till quite recently Provincial Grand Master of LINCOLNSHIRE, which contributed £26 5s. per Bro. Cousans last year, and £43 1s. per a band of five Stewards the year preceding.

As for the very important Province of

#### MIDDLESEX AND SURREY

it figured in a manner worthy of its reputation. The Province as a whole was represented by Bro. Charles Hammerton, D.P.G.M. in charge, while of the 38 lodges on the roll, 14 were represented by 22 brethren, the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, contributing £26 5s. per Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, and the Menatschim Lodge, No. 224, £21 per Bros. S. Hodgkinson and Sir George D. Harris. The Royal Naval Lodge, No. 239, per Bro. W. Shurmur is entered for £21, and Bro. A. H. Bowles, who represented the Onslow Lodge, No. 361, and the Weyside Lodge, No. 442, stands credited with £50. The Euston Lodge, No. 399, had eight of its members in the Returns, but as four of these appear elsewhere, the total sum it contributed—£23 2s.—is comparatively small. There were likewise two Unattached brethren the total raised by the 24 Stewards amounting to £229 1s. In 1891, 25 Stewards raised £328 5s. 6d., and in 1890 there were 41 Stewards, who obtained amongst them £393 3s. 6d., while in 1889, the subscriptions by the hands of 35 Stewards reached £411 3s.

There were three Stewards from

#### NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM,

one—Bro. Hans B. Olsen—being Unattached, while Bro. C. D. Hill Drury represented the Province, and Bro. Thomas Purvis the Tristram Lodge, No. 346. The total raised was £114 5s., of which £36 15s. stands to the credit of Bro. Hill Drury, and £77 10s. to that of Bro. Purvis. This shows a very substantial improvement, the sums contributed in 1890 and 1891 being £57 15s. and £27 6s. respectively. SHROPSHIRE, per Bro. Rowland G. Venables, is a contributor of £10 10s., and SOUTH WALES, which gave £10 10s. in 1891, and £52 10s. in 1890, will be found entered in Wednesday's list for £53, the Steward who had the satisfaction of raising this sum being Bro. John Munday.

#### SOMERSETSHIRE

had Bros. Arthur Duckett and A. G. Hayman to represent it, the amount of their joint list being £63 10s. Last year when Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, who is Craft P.G.M. of Somersetshire, occupied the chair at the Mark Benevolent Festival, the total raised in his lordship's support was £164 17s., of which £115 10s., was comprised in Lord Dungarvan's own list. But though the difference in the contributions of the two years exceeds £100, we still consider the Province has acquitted itself well.

#### WARWICKSHIRE

had as many as eight representatives, of whom two were Unattached, and six represented the Lodge of Charity, No. 430, Birmingham, and the sum of their contributions is £42, which is only a few pounds less than last year's total of £48 6s., when the number of its Stewards was nine, of whom five stood for the same Lodge of Charity. In 1890, the sum contributed was £15 15s.

The Province of

#### WEST YORKSHIRE

was represented by Bro. C. L. Mason, P.G.M., and Bros. F. Cleaves and W. Langbridge, Stewards for the Britannia, No. 53, Sheffield, and the Danum, No. 398, Doncaster, respectively. The total reached £39 18s., of which Bro. Cleaves was fortunate enough to obtain £24 3s. The amount in 1891 was £71 8s., and in 1890 £53 15s. 6d. At all three Festivals the Provincial Grand Master figured among the Stewards. As for the rest, WORCESTERSHIRE, with two Stewards, gave £18 10s. 6d.; NORTH AFRICA, per Bro. Capt. Williams-Freeman, D.D.G.M., £10; the Rose and Lily Rose Croix Chapter, No. 97, per Bro. Jabez Church, £5 5s.; the Allied Masonic Degrees, per Bros. J. J. Green and H. P. Hay, £5 5s.; and the Constantine Council, No. 2, of Royal and Select Masters, per Comp. B. R. Bryant, £28 7s. The total, as we have said, reached £1031 7s. 6d., and taking into account the circumstances set forth at the outset of this Analysis, we consider the result, though appreciably lower than last year's total, is in all respects to be commended. It will suffice to keep the Fund at its present level of efficiency, and for this reason our hearty thanks are due both to the distinguished brother who presided, and the Stewards and others who co-operated with him to such excellent purpose.

## VALUABLE ADDITIONS TO THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Thanks to Bro. Hughan, P.G.D., who is ever on the alert for anything rare or curious that may come to the front, the already large collection of Masonic treasures in the Grand Lodge Library has recently been enriched by several most valuable and unique additions.

The rarest and, to my thinking, the most important of these, from an historical point of view, is a pamphlet, quite new to me, entitled "A Defence of Free-Masonry as Practised in the Regular Lodges, both Foreign and Domestic, under the Constitution of the English Grand Master. In which is contained a Refutation of Mr. Dermott's absurd and ridiculous account of Free-Masonry in his Book, entitled 'Ahiman Rezon.' . . . Printed for the Author and sold by W. Flexney, near Gray's Inn Gate, Holborn, and E. Hood, near Stationers Hall Ludgate-street. 1765. Price One Shilling."

Notwithstanding that the author's modesty, or some other reason, prevented the publication of his name, this little book is of great value to Masonic readers not alone on account of its rarity, but because it contains information which seems to have escaped the notice of all our historians, from Preston downwards. Bro. Hughan casually mentions the pamphlet, and quotes it in his "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," but even he had not made himself familiar with the whole of its contents, until the present copy came into his possession. As I purpose shortly reprinting this rarity, I need only state that the substance of its contents tends to confirm my pet theory of the Irish origin of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge as propounded some years back, in the pages of "Masonic Facts and Fictions." As Bro. Hughan was one of the most formidable opponents to that theory, it is, of course, most gratifying to the author of it that he, with characteristic frankness and generosity, should have brought the book to me, and, after pointing out the several passages confirmatory of my views, have offered it as a personal present, well knowing that many Masonic collectors would be glad to pay handsomely for its possession. However, finding that there is not a copy of the book in the British Museum, nor in England, so far as I know, I considered that its proper home would be in the Grand Lodge Library, where it would be accessible to all who might desire to read it.

Possibly some of my collecting friends would consider a copy of the exceedingly scarce first edition of Cole's engraved Constitutions (1728) of greater value than the aforementioned pamphlet, and if original cost be taken into account, they would undoubtedly be in the right, but as a second edition was published in 1732, the book is fairly well-known to Masonic students. I have, therefore, concluded to give it the second place in the three rare works under notice.

The small volume before me is of especial value apart from its rarity. It appears to have been printed on extra stout paper, and is in the original binding—rich red morocco, fully gilt, and beautifully tooled on back and sides, in excellent preservation throughout. Hitherto my acquaintance with the first edition of this book has been limited to Hughan's facsimile, published in 1869, which has a dedicatory address to the Grand Master, officers, &c., by Benjamin Cole, facing the title page. This appears to have been removed from the present volume, and in its place are two leaves of thinner paper, on which are very carefully and neatly written in red and black, in imitation of copper plate, a title-page with ornamental border, and the following quaint dedication, which will doubtless interest some of our Irish brethren:

To the Right Worshipful David Fitz Gerald, Esqr., Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Munster, And to the Worshipful the Master, Wardens, and Members of No. 27 Lodge of the Most ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Corke Arms Tavern in the City of Corke.

Gentlemen and Brethren, This ancient Tract of the Constitutions of Free Masonry, having by accident fallen into my hands, gives me the greatest pleasure, in hopes of its being acceptable to you to whom with all honour and respect 'tis humbly dedicated, and tho' insignificant the offering yet you will I hope receive a Brother's mite, which his sense of your well-known zeal for the revival and happy establishment of the Royal Art influences him as a small Testimony of his love for the same and gratitude to you, to lay it at your feet, being with the greatest sincerity and respect.—Worthy Sirs, Your obedient humble Servant and Brother,

JOHN BAIRD.

The third and last acquisition to which, on this occasion, I shall direct attention is probably almost as rare as those already mentioned, although by the speculative fraternity of the present day it may be deemed only of minor importance. It consists of two volumes, 8vo. in perfect condition, of the scarce work on architecture by Sebastian Le Clerc, London, 1732, originally published in Paris in 1714. Volume I. has for a frontispiece an excellent engraved portrait of the celebrated author. The title page, which is printed in the ordinary Roman type of the period, bears a Bible surmounted by a sun and encircled by a floral garland, doubtless the trade mark or shop-sign of the printer, "Richard Ware, at the Bible and Sun in Amen Corner, near Paternoster-row." A Mr. Richard Ware, whom Anderson describes as a mathematician, was Junior Grand Warden in 1720, but whether he was the printer of the book is uncertain. Volume II consists entirely of architectural engravings including a handsome frontispiece. It has also an engraved title page with a small and well executed representation of some palatial building with grounds, &c., and the following elaborate title. "A Treatise of Architecture, with Remarks and Observations, by that excellent Master thereof, Sebastian Le Clerc, Knight of the Empire, Designer and Engraver to the cabinet of the late French king, and member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, Necessary for Young People who would apply to that Noble Art. Engraven in 181 Copper Plates by John Sturt, Translated by Mr. Chambers. Printed and Sold by Richard Ware at the Bible and Sun on Ludgate-hill."

The first four pages are occupied by excellent engravings of the arms, with proper heraldic descriptions of the Masons, Bricklayers, Joiners, and Carpenters Companies respectively, with a dedication to each by the engraver.

As neither of the works herein mentioned are in the British Museum I consider we are greatly indebted to Bro. Hughan for having secured them for the Grand Lodge Library, and, I need hardly say that I shall be pleased to show them to any brother who will favour me with a call.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the MASONIC HALL, NEWPORT, under the banner of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1429, on THURSDAY, 28th JULY, 1892, at Two o'clock prompt, and I hereby summon the Brethren who are members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be present.

By order of the R.W.P.G.M.

ALFRED TAYLOR,  
Provincial Grand Secretary.

The BANQUET will take place at the KING'S HEAD HOTEL, Newport, at FOUR p.m. prompt, at which the presentations will be made to the R.W.P.G.M. and his Deputy to celebrate the 21 years' rule over the Province.

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Blackpool	12.20	3.57	4.45	6.05	6.47	7.50	8.55	9.45	10.51
Ilkley	11.25	3.33	4.21	5.41	6.23	7.26	8.31	9.21	10.27
Huddersfield	11.22	3.33	4.21	5.41	6.23	7.26	8.31	9.21	10.27
Morecambe	11.15	3.55	4.43	6.03	6.45	7.48	8.53	9.43	10.49
Grange	12.58	3.57	4.45	5.65	6.47	7.50	8.55	9.45	10.51
Windermere (Lake Side)	1.35	4.50	5.38	6.58	7.40	8.43	9.48	10.38	11.44
Barrow-in-Furness	1.35	4.50	5.38	6.58	7.40	8.43	9.48	10.38	11.44
Glasgow (St. Ew.)	3.55	7.0	7.48	9.08	9.50	10.53	11.58	12.48	13.54
Greenock	4.30	7.50	8.38	9.58	10.40	11.43	12.48	13.38	14.44
Glasgow	3.55	7.0	7.48	9.08	9.50	10.53	11.58	12.48	13.54
Edinburgh (Wav.)	3.55	7.0	7.48	9.08	9.50	10.53	11.58	12.48	13.54
Perth	5.58	9.0	9.48	11.08	11.50	12.53	13.58	14.48	15.54
Dundee	6.10	9.15	10.03	11.23	12.05	13.08	14.13	15.03	16.09
Aberdeen	8.10	11.15	12.03	13.23	14.05	15.08	16.13	17.03	18.09
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Buxton	8.22	9.0	9.48	11.08	11.50	12.53	13.58	14.48	15.54
Ashbourne	8.3	9.17	10.05	11.25	12.07	13.10	14.15	15.05	16.11
Liverpool (Cent.)	8.15	9.03	9.51	11.11	11.53	12.56	14.01	14.51	15.57
Southport	10.21	11.09	11.57	13.17	13.59	15.02	16.07	16.57	18.03
Blackpool	11.10	11.58	12.46	14.06	14.48	15.51	16.56	17.46	18.52
Ilkley	8.27	9.15	10.03	11.23	12.05	13.08	14.13	15.03	16.09
Huddersfield	10.19	11.07	11.55	13.15	13.57	15.00	16.05	16.55	18.01
Morecambe	10.19	11.07	11.55	13.15	13.57	15.00	16.05	16.55	18.01
Windermere (Lake Side)	10.19	11.07	11.55	13.15	13.57	15.00	16.05	16.55	18.01
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SATURDAY, JULY 30th, 7.45 a.m., to MINEHEAD, ILFRACOMBE, Barnstaple, for 3, 10, or 17 days, and to EXETER, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, PLYMOUTH, Truro, ST. IVES, Penzance, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days.

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SUNDAY, JULY 31st, 8.10 a.m., to CIRENCESTER, Stroud, Gloucester, CHELTENHAM, &c., 1, 2, or 6 days.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 6.10 a.m., to SWINDON, Chippenham, BATH, and BRISTOL, for 1, 2, 6, or 13 days.

6.20 a.m. to OXFORD, Leamington, BIRMINGHAM, Wolverhampton, &c., for 1 or 4 days.

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On SATURDAY, JULY 30th, to Rugeley, Lichfield, Tamworth, Nuneaton, and Rugby, for 6 days.

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Euston Station, July, 1892.

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July, 1892.

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SECOND APPLICATION.

NOVEMBER ELECTION, 1892.

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The favour of your Vote and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

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Candidate for the Pension,

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Applicant was formerly Journalist and Overseer-Printer in various London establishments, and was for many years Printer and sometime Editor of *The Artisan* (Engineering Journal), *The Freemasons' Magazine*, and afterwards Printer of *The Freemason*, *Civil Service Gazette*, and other publications.

Being for some years a member of a Freemasons' lodge, he applied for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when it was discovered that his subscriptions fell three months short of the qualification necessary to be placed on the list of Candidates.

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**To Correspondents.**

The following communications amongst others unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES.—Union Waterloo, No. 13; Yarborough, No. 244; Royal Albert Edward, No. 906; Campbell, No. 1415; St. Mark's College, No. 2157; and St. Nicholas, No. 2159. A. AND A. RITE.—De Carteret Chapter, No. 108, Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham. Several reports of lodges of instruction also stand over.



SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1892.

**Masonic Notes.**

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-day (Friday), at 5 p.m. The various accounts will be submitted and approved, and when votes of thanks to the several officers have been passed, the Board will be dissolved.

The James Terry Chapter, No. 2372, was consecrated at the Cheshunt Hall, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, on Wednesday, the presiding Principals being Comps. George E. Lake, Prov. G.H.; C. B. Cooper, Prov. G.J.; and C. E. Keyser, G.S.B., P.P.G.J.; while Comp. James Terry acted as D.C. The ceremony was very ably performed by Comp. Lake, and Comp. Keyser delivered a most eloquent oration. As the Principals designate were all of them installed First Principals, they were merely inducted into their respective chairs, Comp. Terry being M.E.Z.; Comp. R. F. Brickdale, P.Z. 1623, H.; and Comp. James Knight, P.Z. 174, J. At the conclusion of the proceedings, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the presiding Principals, who were at the same time elected honorary members of the new-born chapter, an additional compliment being paid to Comp. Lake in the shape of a founder's jewel. The usual banquet followed, and from the genial feeling displayed, there is every reason to believe the chapter will be a successful one. It has our best wishes.

This increases the number of chapters on the roll of Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire to seven, and is the third which has been consecrated within the last three or four years—the Cecil having been warranted in 1889, the Halsey last year, and the James Terry this week—so that there is now a Royal Arch chapter to every three lodges, which is by no means a bad proportion.

The new hall erected by the brethren of the Amberley Lodge, No. 2007, E.C., at Amberley, N.Z., was consecrated on the 10th May last, by Bro. P. Cunningham, District G.M., who was assisted by Bros. R. D. Thomas, D.D.G.M.; J. Forest, S.W.; T. S. Foster, J.W.; and others. The new room measures 40 feet by 20 feet and has a lobby and retiring room adjoining. It has been well fitted and furnished in excellent taste, and we trust our Amberley brethren will find themselves the stronger and the better able to carry out their Masonic duties now that they have more commodious premises at their disposal.



The District Grand Lodge of Bengal is to be congratulated on having such an efficient District Grand Secretary as Bro. H. M. Rustonjee, P.D.S.G.W., who issues his quarterly reports of his District Grand Lodge in excellent form, and being paged consecutively, the volumes are both handy and valuable for reference.

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The last published is for March 21st, 1892, when, as usual, the Hon. H. T. Prinsep, the R.W. District Grand Master, was in the chair, and presided over a large gathering of the Craft. That worthy brother reported that there were 35 lodges on the roll, but five were more or less in abeyance, which is much to be regretted, though, happily, they are not of any antiquity. The total effective membership is about 800. The funds generally are in a satisfactory condition, and there is the best of good feeling subsisting between the English and Scottish Freemasons. The Maharajah of Cooch Behar, G.C.I.E., Past S.G.W. of England, is a P.D.D. G.M. of Bengal, and takes a lively interest in its welfare.

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The tables which follow the report prepared by the District Grand Secretary are of an elaborate character, and thus place in the hands of the members complete accounts of all the lodges in the District for all practical purposes, both as respects finances and the Craft generally, besides giving particulars of the officers as far as possible from 1728 to 1792. Half-yearly reports of the District Grand Chapter are issued in like manner by the same able District Officer.

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Bro. Rustonjee does similar work for the Mark District Grand Lodge, of which body his Highness the Maharajah of Cooch Behar is the D.G.M., and the Hon. H. T. Prinsep is the Past D.G.M. The present D.D.G.M. is the Hon. Sir John Edge, Q.C.

## Correspondence.

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

### THE "OLD MASONIANS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

In your report last week of our annual dinner you mention that I made a very touching appeal on behalf of our Benevolent Fund. The object was to bring the balance of the fund, which is lying at our bankers on deposit, up to a total of £100. Through the munificent donations of our past Chairman, Col. Lambert, of Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, and of other Masonic friends, I have collected £95.

If, through the medium of your valuable paper, any Masons would assist me, I should be exceedingly grateful. The Secretary or myself are quite willing to supply full particulars and results of past working to anyone requiring them.

Trusting you will find space for this appeal,—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

C. HEWARD UWINS,  
Hon. Treasurer.

P.S.—Donations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. S. Chandler, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, or to myself at the following address—72 and 73, Fore-street, E.C.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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### "SCRIEBER COLLECTION," &c.

The above collection, *South Kensington Museum*, contains a few Masonic relics, the first-mentioned being of great beauty.

#### Oval Badge.

"1425. Freemasons' badge in the form of an oval plaque, printed in black, with the coat of arms and crest, the ark of the covenant, two winged cherubim, and the motto—*Faith, Hope, Charity*. Gilt metal mount." The size 2½ in. by 2¼ in., and in Battersea enamel. The arms are those of the "Ancients," and not the ordinary legend or motto.

#### Masonic Jug.

*Obverse*: Freemasons' arms of the "Moderns," possibly, but not able to see fully because turned from spectator. Motto—*Amor, Honor, et Justitia*, with two lines—

"A heart that conceals,  
And the tongue that never reveals."

*Reverse*: Masonic emblem and legend—*Deum Time et Regem Honora*. Wedgwood.

#### Masonic Mug.

On one side a swan and "E.M."; on the other, mottoes, *Honor et Justitia* and *Veritas*, &c. The fine arrangement of emblems being similar in many respects (so far as my memory serves me) to those on the Masonic jug owned by Bro. J. L. Carson, C.C. 2076, Inniskillen. Both designs have the W.M. on top, with an officer on either side. Also another jug with Masonic emblems, old, but not needing special

mention; likewise a plate, with the "Modern" arms and the emblems as those described above. There may be others, as my glance was but a hurried one.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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### AN OLD SEAL.

A few weeks since a brother sent me an impression of an old seal, on which were depicted two pairs of compasses and other figures. He thought it was *Masonic*, but I replied in the negative, and stated the seal likely belonged to a member of the Joiners' Company (or to that body itself possibly) at one time. I now confirm my supposition (after arriving home), but have mislaid the brother's name, so take this plan to inform him of the fact.

W. J. HUGHAN.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

#### Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. H. Slade, P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd., W.M.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Barton, P.M., P.G.S., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., S.D.; Masters, G. Stwd., J.D.; W. H. Kempster, jun., I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd.; C. Robinson, Mecklenburg, Debenham, and Thomas. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. W. Mason, W.M., and G. Davis, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Kempster, P.M., S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. H. Young, Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. H. J. Lardner was elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1893. The lodge was then closed.

The members of the lodge and their guests then journeyed by coaches to the Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Sadler, whose personal efforts to please gave unqualified satisfaction.

Upon the removal of the cloth, a few toasts were given, and the majority of the brethren at the termination of the proceedings returned by coach to London.

The W.M. in particular and the executive in general are to be congratulated upon the success of the summer outing of this old lodge.

#### Studholme Lodge (No. 1591).—

A strong and influential muster of the members of this, certainly one of, if not the most powerful and flourishing of all the lodges in the Metropolis took place at their rooms at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Friday, the 15th inst. The energetic Secretary, Bro. Col. Cook, had prepared an agenda paper replete with business, the whole of which was most ably and smartly conducted and carried out by the W.M. in the chair, Bro. Lord Euston, assisted by Bros. Richardson, Scarlett Campbell, and Alfred Cooper.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Charles Drummond, 1029, as a joining member. Bros. Price, Gilbert-Smith, and Hulton were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, who had already been initiated by Bro. Lord Euston, presented himself, and was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. in the chair. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was then proceeded with, when the S.W., Bro. Owen, was announced as the W.M. elect, and Bro. Alfred Cooper, as Treasurer.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where, under the genial presidency of Bro. Lord Euston, some 40 brethren assisted, amongst whom we noticed: Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, Lord Skelmersdale, Sir Reginald Hanson, Colonel Lockwood, C. Fitzgerald Matier, Colonel A. B. Cook, Frank Richardson, C. Godson, Balfour Cockburn, Alfred Cooper, Scarlett Campbell, Owen, H. Price, T. Gilbert-Smith, F. C. Hulton, General Sim, and others.

#### Alliance Lodge (No. 1827).—

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there was a numerous attendance. The two most important items on the agenda were the election of W.M. for the ensuing year and the ceremony of raising Bro. George Hand to the Third Degree, which latter was impressively performed by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton. Bro. the Rev. J. C. Scott was unanimously elected to the chair, and Bro. Harry Clarke was elected Treasurer.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to the Crystal Palace, where the newly-raised brother entertained the company to a banquet.

Amongst those present were Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Sir Polydore De Keyser, Capt. N. G. Philips, the Rev. J. G. Scott, F. S. Jackson, W.M., the Rev. J. H. Smith, H. P. Monckton, Lieut.-Col. J. Perry Godfrey, Alban Gibbs, Walford, Col. Dundas, F. J. Horniman, H. T. Squire, C.C., Col. E. P. Rodney Wilde, J. L. Sayer, Barrow Emanuel, M.A., Under-Sheriff F. Hill, Capt. V. Dunfee, J. Perkins, Capt. H. Wright, Col. T. Davies Sewell, Capt. E. Pugh, Dr. Ernest Clarke, F. Jewson, W. Bruce Clarke, M.A., F.R.C.S., and Roberts.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been given and duly honoured,

The Chairman proposed that of "Bro. Sir John B. Monckton," whom he personally thanked for the great interest he had taken on his (the speaker's) behalf. He had thought the first and second ceremonies impressive, but his later experience in Freemasonry he should never forget.

Bro. Sir John Monckton tendered his thanks. He considered the meeting a true exemplification of Masonic spirit. Here were a number of friends brought together by a brother Mason as a sequel to what he had just described as a very

gratifying ceremony, and one which, from its very nature, must make a forcible impression on anyone taking part in it for the first time. He considered that if ever a Mason came into Freemasonry with sincere motives it was their host that day, who, though only a few hours old as a Mason, had already qualified as a Life Governor of two of the Masonic Charities.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Master of the Alliance Lodge." As the veritable baby of the lodge, the speaker had no knowledge of all the duties of the Master, but he did know that Bro. Jackson had displayed great kindness towards him—kindness that was more than brotherly.

Bro. Jackson, in reply, said he felt that the members of his lodge had heard his voice quite often enough during the past year, which had been somewhat uneventful in the lodge, primarily because the Lord Mayor had not taken any marked interest in Freemasonry. On that, probably the last occasion on which he should address the lodge as its Master, he desired to express gratification at the many friendships he had formed in it.

Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser proposed "The Health of the Host," who, from the reception accorded his name, was evidently much respected. He was personally a stranger to him, but that was rather an advantage in proposing such a toast, as there would probably be less soap and more truth in the remarks uttered. Bro. Hand had something to be proud of, inasmuch as he had introduced a new feature into Freemasonry, which, so far as he was aware, had not previously witnessed such a display of Masonic spirit as had been shown by the new member of the Alliance Lodge on this occasion. Such generous Masonic hospitality in a Mason's early career, coupled as it was with practical Charity towards those in distress, must lead to the most gratifying results in later days. If, in time to come, their host of that evening should aspire to further advancement, and even the office of Sheriff of the City of London was as open to him as other citizens, he would no doubt previously prove his ability for office, and would do credit in any sphere to which he might be advanced.

Bro. Hand made a forcible reply, in which he warmly thanked the company for their kindly expressions. He found that Masonry was really part and parcel of the system he had tried to live up to for years past, and he hoped to make a name for himself in the Order.

Bro. Horniman felt he could not do better than to follow the example of the youngest member of their lodge, and accordingly he invited the Alliance Lodge to a social meeting on the 28th instant, when, he said, he should do the best in his power to make them enjoy themselves as much as he had done that day.

The toast of "The Secretary" was responded to by Bro. Col. Sewell, and the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. A. Jewson, the Organist of the lodge.

### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

#### EAST STONEHOUSE.

**Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th instant at its rooms at the Town Hall, when the W.M. elect, Bro. Stirling Graves, was installed. Bros. Geo. Stawell, the retiring W.M., Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W., Prov. G. Chap., and A. S. Hendry, 189, were the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. G. Jackson, G. Hawken, C. F. Dunsterville, J. Ward, F. R. Thomas, Dr. Jas. Harrison, R. Pike, P.P.G.O.; S. Woolley, J. B. Moulder, J. Gidley, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Truscott, 496, P.P.J.G.W. and Charity Representative for Cornwall; S. Jew, 2258, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T., Prov. G.D.C.; W. E. Cook, 515, 1923 (E.C.), 387 (I.C.), P.P. G.D. Malta; Rev. R. T. Tyacke, P.P.G. Chap.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W., and J. H. Blackell, of 1099; V. Harris, 230; R. Dickson and A. Trout, of 1205; and C. G. Withell and W. J. Pengelly, of 2025. The officers invested were Bros. G. Stawell, I.P.M.; G. Dunsterville, S.W.; F. E. Sach, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; G. Hawken, Treas.; A. S. Hendry, Sec.; J. Parker, S.D.; T. Peain, J.D.; F. Strick, D.C.; F. S. Hodge, Org.; S. H. Duff, I.G.; H. W. Mayne, J. Wainright, Tom. Greenslade, and J. J. Holcomb, Stwds.; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bro. W. Parker presided at the organ. Bros. Rev. Dr. Lemon, representative at the Committee of Petitions, and A. S. Hendry, Charity Steward, were re-elected to those offices.

#### HALIFAX.

**De Warren Lodge (No. 1302).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in their Private Rooms, at the White Swan Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. Fred. Smith, W.M., and the following brethren were also present: Bros. Bailey, S.W.; Butterworth, J.W.; John Seed, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Asquith, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Cooke, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Fawthrop, P.M.; Pratt, S.D.; A. Alderson, J.D.; P. Alderson, D.C.; Maxwell, I.G.; H. Sutcliffe, Stwd.; Hodgson, P.M.; Tyler; H. Tyson, G. Tyson, Dodsworth, and Benn. Bro. Jessop, P.M., P.J.G.W., represented the Prov. G.M. of West Yorks.

The principal business of the evening was the initiation of a Lewis, who was also a grandson of a late member of the lodge. The usual routine business of the lodge having been transacted, and it having been decided to have the summer picnic on the 21st inst., Bro. John Seed, P.M., then took the chair for the purpose of initiating his son, Mr. Frederick Evelyn Seed (who had been balloted for at the previous meeting), the Secretary giving the charge.

An adjournment was then made for supper, and a few toasts, after which business was resumed by the W.M., and Bro. Dodsworth raised. A brother having been proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed, and the brethren enjoyed themselves for the remainder of the evening.

#### HAMPTON COURT.

**Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).**—This highly successful and prosperous lodge held its second installation meeting at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 10th instant, when Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D., had the gratification and unique privilege of installing his son, Bro. W. W. Lee, as the third Master of the lodge. The members present were Bros. G. R. Langley, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M.; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; W. W.



Lee, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Blenkarn, J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; G. Castle, J.D.; C. Fruen, P.M., D.C.; S. H. Latham and J. G. Galbraith, jun., Stwds.; A. E. Sansom, M.D., P.P.G.W.; E. Scott, A. Whittaker Fawkes, W. J. Barton, J. Joel, A. S. Bailey, H. J. Syrett, J. W. Stevens, E. Williams, J. Durno, C. R. Cutler, J. J. Newland, J. F. Potter, H. W. Weston, and A. Leighton. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; E. A. Francis, P.M. 183; Horace S. Folke, J.D. 2234; J. W. Elvin, P.M. 538; J. P. Castle, 1451; W. J. Bradley, 1541; R. T. Galing, I.G. 141; W. H. Latham, 1962; Herbert Gardiner, S.D. 1261; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org.; E. Dalzell, P.M.; W. Johnson, and J. Brand.

Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. A. Leighton, 203, was elected a joining member, and Messrs. J. F. Potter and H. W. Weston, Mus. Bac., were unanimously approved by ballot as candidates for initiation. The report of the Audit Committee was received, showing balances in the General and Benevolent Funds of £40 and £20 respectively, with no liability outstanding, and was unanimously adopted. The lodge is to be congratulated on attaining such a sound financial position after a brief existence of 20 months. By kind permission of the W.M., the chair was assumed by Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., for the purpose of installing his son, Bro. W. W. Lee, W.M. elect, which was accomplished in a very impressive and able manner. The following officers were appointed: Bros. A. Blenkarn, S.W.; H. J. Wicks, P.M., J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., Treas.; G. R. Langley, I.P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; G. W. Castle, S.D.; H. Hooper, P.M., J.D.; C. Fruen, P.M., I.G.; S. H. Latham, D.C.; J. G. Galbraith, jun., and J. J. Newland, Stwds.; Mitchell, Tyler. The customary addresses were delivered by Bro. Geo. R. Langley, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M., in a masterly manner. The W.M. then initiated two personal friends—Messrs. J. F. Potter and H. W. Weston, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., and afterwards delivered the ancient charge. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Langley, I.P.M., in appreciation of his valuable services and of the courtesy and kindness shown by him during his year of office, and was appropriately acknowledged. On the proposition of the Secretary, Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., and E. Letchworth, G. Sec., were unanimously elected honorary members. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., in acknowledging the compliment, said he was proud to have been elected an honorary member of a lodge which had attained so prominent a position in such a brief space of time, which was doing such good work in maintaining the principles and landmarks of the Order, and which gave such good promise of continuing to do so in the future. Bro. W. W. Lee, W.M., was appointed a Steward to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and five guineas voted to support his list. Bro. Langley, I.P.M., was appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bros. T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M. in charge; Howard H. Room, P.G. Sec.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet was well served under the superintendence of Bro. Gedda.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards heartily honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Grand Officers," having alluded to the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M., said the lodge was honoured that evening by the presence of three distinguished Grand Officers. He had had frequent opportunities of remarking the esteem and regard in which Bro. Philbrick was held in a neighbouring province—Essex—of which he was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he was assured that that feeling was only equalled by the love and affection which the Craft generally felt for the Grand Registrar of England. Bro. Letchworth had won golden opinions since his appointment as Grand Secretary, and although it had been said that no brother would ever attain the popularity of his predecessor in that office, yet Bro. Letchworth had made rapid strides towards attaining the impossible. With regard to Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., that brother represented an Institution which held the record for the largest total ever announced at the festival of a charitable institution.

Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, in response, expressed his gratification in visiting the lodge, and also of seeing his friend and colleague, Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., install his son into the chair in such a masterly manner. He thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by electing him an honorary member, and assured them he was pleased to occupy a position in the Bushey Park Lodge which was held by his lamented predecessor, Bro. Colonel Clerke. He wished the W.M. and the lodge a happy year of office.

Bro. Dr. Sansom, P.P.G.W., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and expressed the great interest he felt in the welfare of that lodge, having been present at its consecration. He congratulated it on attaining a prominent position so speedily, and hoped that remarkable progress would continue in the future.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master" in a felicitous speech, and, referring to the installation of the W.M. by his father that evening, said that when they found a father initiating his son into Freemasonry, and some years afterwards installing him as Master of a lodge, it was a complete answer to the charges frequently made against Freemasonry as a secret society. He felt that the lodge had acted wisely in placing Bro. W. W. Lee in the chair and was assured that with a W.M. so competent to perform the duties and uphold the dignity of the office, the lodge would maintain the good position it had already secured.

The Worshipful Master having replied and expressed his determination to conduct the affairs of the lodge on the same lines as his predecessors, proposed "The Initiates." He had been very pleased to propose and initiate Messrs. J. F. Potter and H. W. Weston, Mus. Bac., into Freemasonry, for both those gentlemen being personal friends of his own he was confident they would carry out the principles of the Order and be a credit to the lodge.

Bros. J. F. Potter and H. W. Weston responded in an appropriate manner.

In giving "The Past Masters" the Worshipful Master referred to the excellent services rendered by Bros. W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D., and G. R. Langley, I.P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., to whom in a very great measure the success of the lodge was due. Bro. Langley, I.P.M., had, during

the past year, rendered the ceremonies in a very impressive manner, and had initiated eight gentlemen into Freemasonry. These eight brethren had asked him (the W.M.) to express to the I.P.M. their high appreciation of the manner in which the ceremonies had been rendered, and the geniality, kindness, and courtesy which had characterised his occupancy of the chair. They had further desired to express those feelings in a more tangible form, and, therefore, asked Bro. Langley's acceptance of a handsome silver tea service. They hoped that when the I.P.M. used that service at home, and partook of the "cup that cheers, but not inebriates," he would be reminded of the eight brethren he had initiated into Masonry, and of their gratitude for the deep impressions made by his impressive rendering of the ritual.

Bro. George R. Langley, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M., said he could not possibly find words to express his thanks for the kindly spirit which had prompted the gift, but he thanked the brethren concerned from the bottom of his heart, and assured them that the tea service would always be prized by him and his wife, than whom no woman could have a better or more exalted idea of Freemasonry, looking as she did on the charitable side of the Order, and the assistance rendered to those in need of it. He thanked the officers and brethren for the support given him during his term of office, which had rendered his year a very successful one.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D., also replied, and expressed his thanks for the kindness with which he was invariably received.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. Langley, I.P.M., and acknowledged by Bro. James Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., who thanked the lodge for the handsome donation of over £200 contributed on Bro. Langley's list at the Jubilee Festival of the Institution.

Bro. Elwin, P.M., returned thanks for "The Visitors," and Bro. A. Blenkarn, S.W., acted in a similar capacity on behalf of "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening.

A choice selection of music, admirably performed by Bro. H. Schartau's part singers, added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. The glees and part songs were rendered with a delicacy of expression which it would be difficult to hear surpassed, and were heartily enjoyed and keenly appreciated by all the brethren present.

#### PLUMSTEAD.

**Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—The installation meeting of the above powerful lodge—the premier lodge in the Province of Kent—took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, upwards of 160 of the members and brethren of the neighbouring and provincial lodges attending to do honour to the occasion. The lodge was opened by Bro. Busbridge, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. C. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Busbridge to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. The ceremony having been splendidly worked, Bro. Taylor invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Busbridge, I.P.M.; Dr. E. Bryceson, S.W.; C. J. Clapham, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., and S. G. Scott, M.A., Chaps.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and C. H. Lawson, Secs.; J. J. Collins, S.D.; D. J. Somers, J.D.; J. O. Cook, I.G.; J. J. Murphy, D.C.; C. W. Scantlebury, and E. M. Taylor, A.D.C.s; R. F. Tyler and J. H. Bull, Orgs.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R., J. Farrier, A. Moore, and R. E. Saunders, Stwds.; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. Busbridge then gave the charges splendidly, the delivery of which was perfect both in elocution and impressiveness. He was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a vote of thanks, for both of which he returned thanks. Bro. Coupland was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and then the lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., H. Mason, P.M., R. Edmonds, P.M., Col. E. Hughes, M.P., P.M., Rev. R. Jamblin, P.M. 1837, P.P.G.C. (Hon.); C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472 and 2184 (Hon.); F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.P. Dorset, G. H. Letton, P.M., F. Estler, P.M., E. Morris, P.M., W. Lomax, J. Griffith, C. Hartnup, G. Frost, Capt. W. Young, J. Topp, W. Sallenger, J. Hooton, R. Ginman, D. C. Capon, A. Wallis, J. J. Mitchell, J. F. Franklin, W. Harris, R. Turrell, H. Towns, W. Rahty, W. Sanders, H. Malings, W. Buckley, G. Laurance, C. Hager, A. D. Capon, W. B. Ledger, H. H. Grafton, R. Courtman, W. Jackson, G. H. Campbell, W. A. Fenn, G. W. Clifton, W. G. Newton, W. H. Pryce, H. Steward, F. Hoar, H. G. Baker, J. Rigdon, T. Arnold, W. J. Baker, W. Squires, B. Littlewood, J. Turton, A. M. Oxley, S. Horton, J. Shotton, J. Trapnell, J. W. Dickenson, E. Lonergon, R. L. Pollard, Capt. E. M. Foster, L. Mills, T. Turton, G. Standing, Dr. R. E. Williams, W. H. Lewis, E. G. Denton, D. G. Jelley, B. Hammond, A. Eaton, Dr. W. R. Smith, Lieut. C. J. Swiss, H. J. Spencer, T. Jefferson, Nell, C. H. Stone, J. Rose, J. Widger, and W. Davidson, all of the lodge; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B.; J. McCollough, W.M., G. F. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect, J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec., S. E. Southgate, P.M., G. H. Nichols, I.G., G. Porter, D.C., W. Davies, A. T. Davies, C. F. Sharman, H. Tammant, M. Bell, and J. Chennells, all of 700; J. Matvey, S.W. and W.M. elect, A. Deans, J.W., and I. Dixon, of 13; Col. C. Vansittart, W.M., and Capt. R. C. Woollett, J.W., of 2399; C. F. Ashton, W.M. 1050; J. O. Solomon, W.M. 77; Lieut. W. Simpson, P.M. 2195; C. W. Trollops, P.M. 1826; F. G. Nichols, P.M. 700; C. E. Skinner, J.W. 20; J. Basham, 2074; J. C. Lerstock, 2006; S. Ellison, 507; A. C. McNair, 1472; Capt. G. Graham, 2041; E. Chinery, 184; J. McGregor, 548; T. H. Berry, 1262; G. Horton, 1319; H. Andrews, 1263; J. Hunter, 1789; F. Corbett, 1973; and others.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Jamblin, in response to the toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," desired to thank them for their hearty reception of the toast so genially put by their esteemed Bro. Col. Hughes. Some little time ago he (Bro. Jamblin) had the honour of being the Chaplain of their lodge, an honour he greatly prized, but quite believed it was for the good of the lodge that one of their resident clergy, Bro. Horsley, should hold that office. With regard to the Grand Officers, Present and Past, he confessed that when he came to that strong and flourishing lodge and saw so few

brethren wearing the purple it surprised him, for he knew of one lodge in the province with something like 15 members, most of them Past Masters, nearly all, if not all of whom were Present or Past Prov. Grand Officers. He could not help thinking that if more honours came that way, it would be not only fair, but beneficial to the province generally. He congratulated the W.M. on having the honour of presiding over so large and influential a lodge, and concluded by trusting some day to see the name of Col. Hughes on the roll of the Prov. Grand Officers of the Province of Kent.

Bro. Busbridge, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said no more important toast than the one he now had the honour to propose, had, or would be submitted to them. It was in fact the toast of the evening. He was sorry it had not fallen into better hands than his own. They had already shown their appreciation of their Worshipful Master by electing him as their head. From the first moment that Bro. Taylor had been in office up to the present he had been most indefatigable in the discharge of his duties, and no one could say otherwise, and now that he was their Worshipful Master, he felt sure they would all say that he was well worthy of the position. He urged the officers to assist the W.M. in the best possible manner they could, as nothing gave so much encouragement to a W.M. as good officers. He asked the brethren to attend, and show how unanimous they were in the cause of Masonry and brotherly love.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with enthusiasm, said he could assure them that that was the proudest moment of his life. It was an occasion of which any Mason might well be proud. They had by a large and unanimous vote placed him in the chair of that lodge, in which he fully believed he had the hearty support and good wishes of every Past Master, officer, and brother, and who were pledged to support him during his year of office. Nothing should be spared on his part to maintain the prestige of that grand old lodge, and he looked forward with confidence to a happy and prosperous year.

The other toasts were "The Installing Officer," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

The Misses Amy Sargeant and Lucy Johnstone, and Bros. Clifton and Nell, and Messrs. G. Neville and L. Palmer sang selections splendidly; Bro. S. Horton played a solo on the violin, and Bro. Tyler presided at the piano.

#### SOUTHALL.

**Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).**—This lodge met at the Railway Hotel on Monday, the 4th inst., Bro. Geo. Harper, W.M., presiding. The officers present were Bros. John Tidmarsh, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. Cocks, S.W.; C. Mead, J.W.; W. C. Hall, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; S. Meech, P.M.; W. Freemantle, S.D.; C. C. Sanger, J.D.; A. L. Bullers, D.C.; T. Payne, I.G.; E. H. Moseley and J. Webb, Stewards; and G. L. Duffin, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Guy, 1612; H. Mercer, and J. J. Wilson, P.M., of 382; and the attendance of members was unusually large.

Letters were read from Bro. Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., regretting inability to attend, and from Bros. Bishop and Harland, apologising for absence. Out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., the lodge was in mourning, and during the evening it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Lady Burdett. The work for the evening was heavy, there being two initiates, a passing, and a raising. The W.M., however, conducted the ceremonies with a promptitude and accuracy reflecting credit upon himself and the lodge. Bro. J. Tidmarsh ably assisted in his capacity as I.P.M., and Bro. W. Cocks, S.W., gave the traditional history, and Bro. C. Mead, J.W., the working tools. A motion to increase the initiation and joining fees was carried unanimously, and a notice of motion was given that the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the purchase of a Past Master's jewel for the W.M. on his retirement from his very successful year of office.

An excellent repast was subsequently served to the brethren, some capital singing and recitations following the various toasts.

In reply to the toast of "The W.M.," ably proposed by Bro. John Tidmarsh, the W.M. referred in grateful terms to the hearty reception and assistance he had met with at their meetings. He was proud of his position in the chair, and, as a founder, looked forward to the continued prosperity of the lodge under the rule of succeeding officers, who were so well qualifying themselves for that position. The W.M. also remarked the pleasure it gave the brethren and himself to congratulate Bro. Tidmarsh, I.P.M., on his recent promotion to Provincial honours, which compliment the brother acknowledged in a humorous speech.

#### Royal Arch.

**Aldersgate Chapter (No. 1657).**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Comps. Edward Anderton, M.E.Z.; John Larkin, H.; A. B. Hudson, J.; George Kenning, Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.Z., S.E.; George Rawlinson, P.S.; J. Shotton, 1st A.S.; M. M. Marsden, 2nd A.S.; G. Couchman, Janitor; H. B. Marshall, P.Z., Past Grand Treas.; P. F. R. Saillard, P.Z.; J. L. Mather, P.G.S.B. (Hon. Mem.); and Dr. Augustus Greatrex (Hon. Mem.). Visitors: Comps. H. Garrod, P.A.G.D.C.; John Ramsey, P.Z. 214; W. Maple, P.Z. 1293; J. Skinner, P.Z. 538; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; Samuel White; and C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the audit meeting was also read and confirmed. Comp. Dr. Augustus Greatrex then installed the Principals for the ensuing year, and Comp. John Larkin, M.E.Z., invested Comps. George Kenning as Treasurer; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.Z., S.E.; George Rawlinson, S.N.; and James Shotton, P.S.

A handsome gold jewel was presented to Comp. Edward Anderton, the outgoing M.E.Z.

The companions afterwards dined together.

**Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).**—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Comps. George Herbert, M.E.Z.; Nelson Prower, M.A., H.; E. Burrill

Lane, Mus. Bac., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; T. Simpson, P.Z.; J. Young, P.Z.; and J. S. Plummer, P.S. elect. Amongst the visitors were Comps. H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z. 2, P.P.A.G.S.; L. W. Harvey, P.Z. 9; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z. 742; W. B. Hamilton, S.; and T. O. Harding, M.A., late 1589.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., assisted by Comp. J. Young, P.Z., respectively installed Comps. N. Prower and E. B. Lane, as M.E.Z. and H. The Scribe E. then inducted Comp. J. Young as J. The following investitures took place: Comps. Capt. Walls, S.E.; H. Herbert, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas.; J. S. Plummer, P.S.; and E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officers. Comp. Geo. Herbert was presented with a Past Principal's jewel. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. E. M. Lott, P.Z., P.G. Org.; J. Strugnell, P.Z.; and others. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served under the supervision of Comp. A. Clemow, and assistants.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice, the M.E.Z. distinguishing himself by the originality of his utterances.

The I.P.Z., in giving the toast of "The First Principal," spoke in terms of the highest commendation of Comp. Prower's zeal, energy, and philanthropy in all branches of Freemasonry. He (the speaker), was confident that no member was held in higher esteem both in the Farringdon Without Chapter and Lodge than Comp. Prower.

This toast having been heartily drunk, the M.E.Z. briefly responded.

The other toasts followed in quick succession. During the proceedings Comps. E. B. Lane, G. Herbert, J. Young, J. S. Plummer, instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions, and Comp. F. W. Driver recited.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Strawberry Hill Chapter** (No. 946).—The regular convocation of this flourishing chapter was held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there were present Comps. H. Sapsworth, P.P.G.D.C., Z.; A. Simmonds, H.; J. R. Barnes, J.; R. N. Forge, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; R. R. Monger, S.N.; E. Dare, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; Burcham Cooper, P.Z.; J. S. Taverner, J. W. Ingram, H. Barton, G. Alciatore, and T. Bowler, acting Janitor. Visitor: Comp. E. W. Wainer, 1793.

The chapter having been opened, feeling reference was made to the recent death of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., who had held the position of Grand Superintendent of the province from its foundation. The following were unanimously elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Simmonds, Z.; Barnes, H.; Monger, J.; Stedwell, Treas.; Forge, S.E.; Trinder, S.N.; Alciatore, P.S.; Taverner, 1st A.S.; Frank Chapman, 2nd A.S.; and Walkley, Janitor. A brother was nominated for exaltation, and the usual P.Z.'s jewel was voted to the outgoing Z., after which the chapter was closed.

**Era Chapter** (No. 1423).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel on the 9th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. H. Higgins, P.Z. 1381, P.P.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z. 1381, P.G.S.B., H.; W. Fisher, J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; G. Moss, S.N.; E. H. Thielay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; R. Poore, P.S.; Robinson, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; and W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E., I.P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Higgins installed Comps. Köhler, as M.E.Z.; W. Fisher, as H.; and G. Moss, as J., the ceremonies being well performed. The following investitures took place: Comps. Walls, S.E.; R. Poore, S.N.; Thielay, P.Z., Treas.; Kirkland, P.S.; Robinson, 1st A.S.; A. Macchi, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. J. B. Riley, M.D., P.Z., P.P.G.J.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; and C. Stevens, P.Z., P.P.G. Organist.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts received full justice, the M.E.Z.'s remarks being pertinent but commendably brief.

Comp. W. H. Lee responded in fluent terms on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Comp. E. H. Thielay made a humorous reply in response to "The Past Principals."

The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Comps. Poore and Robinson, who duly acknowledged the compliment.

### Mark Masonry.

**Ubique Lodge** (No. 411).—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Criterion, W., on the 11th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Capt. W. A. Weston, P.P.S.G.W. Kent, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the annual balance-sheet was passed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. James Montgomery, P.M., P.D.S.G.W. Malta, &c., who in a most perfect and impressive manner installed Bro. Lieut. W. R. Arnold, R.A., P.P.G.I.G. Middlesex and Surrey, into the chair of the lodge, who was saluted accordingly. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Capt. W. A. Weston, P.P.S.G.W. Kent, I.P.M.; Major A. C. Hansard, R.A., S.W.; Major-General A. H. W. Williams, R.A., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, I.W.; J. Whitehart, P.M., &c., M.O.; H. Thomson-Lyon, S.O.; J. D. Vicary, P.M., J.O.; Lieut.-Col. Jas. T. Ritchie, R.A., P.M., P.G. Std. Br. England, Treas.; D. Swanson, Reg. of Marks; G. Kennedy, P.M., Sec.; G. Moore, S.D.; Capt. V. Paget, J.D.; Major-General T. Cumming, I.G.; Rev. A. C. Gough, Chap.; Dr. Mitchell, D.C.; G. Greenham and F. H. Gough, Stewards; and C. Warren, Tyler.

Bro. the Duke of Fife, who was last year prevented by the delicate health of the Duchess, has kindly promised to preside at the dinner of the Central Banffshire Farmers' Club, which will be held at Keith, on the 9th prox.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Mount Calvary Chapter** (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 8th instant, when there were present among others Bros. H. J. Lardner, 30°, M.W.S.; Major F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, Prelate, M.W.S. elect; G. Pigache, 1st Gen.; Grimwood, J.P., 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M. W.S., Recorder; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., G.M.; N. Prower, 30°, M.A., R.; L. Steele, Capt. of Guards; Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; W. Roebuck, 32°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, 30°, C.E., P.M.W.S.; F. Smith, Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S.; J. Spiller, J. Holland, A. W. Humphreys, W. Maple, and V. Jagielski, M.D.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Baldwin, and it being unanimous, he was ably and impressively perfected by the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Major F. J. Stohwasser was then inducted into the chair of M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner in a manner that left but little to be desired. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. G. Pigache, Prelate; G. Grimwood, J.P., 1st Gen.; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Recorder; N. Prower, M.A., G.M.; L. Steele, R.; W. Maple, Captain of Guards; W. Fisher, D.C.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Org.; F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; Corrie Jackson, Herald; and Victor Jagielski, A.D.C. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was presented with a P.S.'s jewel. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. C. Tayleur, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Major J. E. Anderson, 30°, P.M.W.S.; T. W. Coffin, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. E. M. Lott, 30°; E. Letchworth, 32°, P.M.W.S.; and many others.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet at the Café Royal, Regent-street, where they were joined by Bros. Curlier, 30°, P.M.W.S., and G. A. Berkeley, P.M.W.S. In consequence of the M.W.S. having recently suffered a domestic affliction, he did not preside at the banqueting table, but his place was most ably filled by Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner. The numerous toasts received full justice at his hands.

The proceedings were agreeably diversified by the clever instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. F. Egbert Roberts, Francis Smith, G. Pigache, and J. Piddlecombe.

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President; Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective positions. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary; Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. W. H. Lee, represented Grand Secretary's office, and there were also present Bros. Dr. Strong, W. P. Brown, H. Garrod, S. Vallentine, S. V. Abraham, Charles Dairy, H. Massey, George Read, D. D. Mercer, C. J. Tijou, T. W. Whitmarsh, J. A. Farnfield, Geo. B. Chapman, James Bunker, Thos. S. Cox, George R. Langley, G. Coop, A. C. Woodward, John M. Stedwell, Robert A. Gowan, W. Woodward, and Hy. Lovegrove.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the June meeting to the extent of £310. There were only 23 cases on the list, the smallest number known for a long time. Eight of them were deferred from last meeting. These were qualified through lodges in London, Berkeley, Surbiton, Dartford, New Mills, West Hartlepool, Bridlington, Oswestry, Lincoln, York, Plymouth, Jamaica, Carlisle, Devonport, Honiton, Calcutta, Hampton Court, and Bermuda. Two of these cases were deferred, not being complete, and one petition was dismissed. A total sum of £485 was voted to the remaining 20 petitioners. A recommendation to Grand Lodge to grant £60 was made in one case, and £50 in another; two recommendations of £40 each, four of £30 each, and one of £25 were made to the Grand Master; five grants were made of £20 each, four of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

### SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AT CROYDON.

The annual summer entertainment given to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when a large company journeyed from Cannon-street to assist in giving amusement to the Old People. The bad weather must have kept a good many brethren away, but the following ladies and brethren signed the visitors' book: Bro. J. Driscoll, Bro. Newton, Mrs. Newton, and Miss Newton, Bro. A. Grein, Bro. and Mrs. Lacy, Bro. Farnfield, Bro. and Mrs. Perceval, Bro. Hogard, Bro. Dr. Strong, Mrs. and Miss Towns, Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, and Miss Jessie Terry, Bro. J. G. Mulbourn and Mrs. Mulbourn, Bro. R. E. Bowyer, Mrs. Bowyer, Mr. Crutch, the Misses Crutch, Miss Raikes, Miss M. Raikes, M. A. Leage, Bro. R. Hargroves, Bro. A. Coombes, Bro. A. M. Hammonds, Bro. W. H. Browne, Bro. Herbert Campbell, Bro. A. W. Nightingale, Bro. A. Aske, Bro. A. Faull, Bro. James Terry (Secretary), Bro. W. J. Crutch, Bro. W. Airey, Bro. H. Sprake, Miss Massey, and Miss N. Massey.

Bro. H. Sprake arranged the entertainment, and provided a splendid programme. Bros. Herbert Campbell, Arthur Coombes, and Airey were among those who took part, whilst Miss Terry also assisted.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. SPRAKE, who said he should be happy to be of any use in providing for the enjoyment of the Old People on any future occasion.

### SUMMER OUTING OF THE ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 140.

On Friday, the 15th inst., the members of the above lodge, accompanied by several Masonic visitors had a most enjoyable coach drive to Sevenoaks. The affair was organised by the W.M., Bro. John Shepherd, very valuable assistance being given by the esteemed Secretary of the lodge, Bro. George Brown, P.M.

On arriving at the Royal Crown Hotel luncheon was partaken of, and the party proceeded to Knole House, the well known seat of Lord Sackville, where they inspected the various rooms, works of art, and antiquities which are to be seen in this old English mansion.

On returning to the hotel, a photographic group of the party was taken as a memento of the occasion, after which dinner was announced, this being hailed by the majority of the brethren with lively satisfaction.

"The Health of the W.M." and "The Visitors" were drunk with hearty good wishes, the venerable and greatly beloved father of the lodge, Bro. W. Noak, P.M., receiving quite an ovation on the proposal of his health, the W.M. informing the brethren that this was in a sense the Silver Wedding year of Bro. Noak, he having been the Master of St. George's Lodge just 25 years ago.

An exceedingly pleasant drive back to New Cross wound up the sociable brotherly gathering.

### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE KINTORE MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 333.

The session of this lodge of instruction was brought to a close by the annual supper, which took place at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on the 8th inst., and proved a great success. Bro. Voisey, Preceptor, occupied the chair, and Bro. Major Easterbrook the vice-chair. The following brethren were also present: Bros. V. T. Murché, P.M.; J. J. White, P.M.; R. A. Marshall, P.M.; C. Gooding, W.M.; W. Briant, C. Donaldson, R. McDonald, J. C. Osterstock, J. J. N. Callaway, W. J. Hewett, J. Hill, R. E. H. Goffin, A. J. Keys, J. A. Braik, C. J. Hayes, J. H. Salmon, F. Hilton, J. H. Cureton, P.M.; and R. C. Davis, Hon. Sec.

After the usual toasts had been given from the chair, Bro. EASTERBROOK proposed "Success to the Kintore Mark Lodge of Instruction," which was received with enthusiasm, and Bros. VOISEY and DAVIS replied.

Bros. Voisey, Briant, Keys, Donaldson, Braik, and others enlivened the proceedings with songs, &c., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The lodge will re-open on the first Tuesday in September.

### COVENT GARDEN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION No. 1614, ANNUAL SUPPER.

The annual supper of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 23rd ult., Bro. G. H. Foan, W.M. 1614, Asst. Preceptor, President; Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1614, Sec., Vice-President. There were also present Bros. Richard Sandland, 2398; William Brett, 1305; J. Thos. Blyth, 1681; J. M. Kempner, 1632; Walter Hancock, W.M. 2191, 1056; George Reed, W.M. 1695; C. M. Coxon, 2198; A. Pearce, 2278; Chas. H. Grisslen, 660; E. J. D. Brownley, S.W. 179; B. Woodcock, 2005; Walter Dennis, 9; E. D. Richards, 834; G. Glover, W.M. 1677; Edward Harris, 435; Angelico Cogliati, 1559; Jas. Wm. Davis, 1614; Chas. Liddiard, 1614; C. Smalis, 1604; N. Dukas, 2398; W. A. Tinney, 1519; J. H. Muggeridge, 1507; C. M. H. Swan, 820; J. W. Sherwood; Geo. P. Channing, 1987; Hy. Hewett, 834; James Rowe, 2191; J. Hofferman, 1623; W. G. Taylor, 1604; E. A. Rice, 1320; H. J. Keen, 1614; E. D. F. Rymer, S.W. 1891; W. Fendick, P.M.; G. Roberts, 1326; A. Edwards, 1922; G. A. Bergholz, 2191; Stuart Walker, 1348; F. R. Faulkes, 1614; J. H. Campbell; Charles Morrell, 1614; William Ham, 1891; W. H. Drury, 1693; J. Wise, 1614; F. Cracknell, 1366; A. C. Smith, 1366; Walter Downes, 1614; M. Carter, 1614; J. C. Davies, 1524; B. Goldberg, 1524; H. J. Weston, 1310; James Millar, 72; Chas. O. Burgess, 2191; W. Harris, 1310; T. E. Weeks, and many others.

Previous to the supper, the lodge of instruction was held, when Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., &c., Secretary R.M.B.I., rehearsed the ceremony of consecration, assisted by Bros. G. H. Foan, as S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, as J.W.; C. O. Burgess, as D.C.; W. Hoggins, as I.G.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; and T. C. Seary, Org.

The excellent working of Bro. J. Terry was much admired by the brethren present, and, on the motion of Bro. G. REYNOLDS, a cordial and hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. Terry for his great kindness in being with them that evening. The Secretary remarked that Bro. Terry was no stranger amongst them, having consecrated the lodge of instruction when the late Bro. J. Coutts, the founder of the mother lodge, was with them.

The motion was seconded by Bro. W. HANCOCK, and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. TERRY replied in a few kind words, saying that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be with the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge or lodge of instruction. He was one of the oldest honorary members, Bro. J. Coutts and himself having worked hard together for its success.

The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. J. Blyth, C. Liddiard, E.

Malcom, H. Swan, W. Harris, E. A. Rice, J. Vilenpuer, J. H. Muggeridge, and W. T. Taylor.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Princes' Room, where a substantial supper was provided by Bro. Bertini, the much respected manager of the Criterion.

The PRESIDENT, after proposing the usual Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured in fine style, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and hoped all had enjoyed the great treat in the lodge and at the festive board, to which Bro. J. MUGGERIDGE replied.

Bro. G. REYNOLDS, in proposing "The Health of the President, Bro. G. H. Foan," said he greatly regretted that their worthy Bro. James Terry could not stay to supper, but they all knew how hard he had worked, and his work had been well rewarded at the Jubilee Festival of the Aged Freemasons by the magnificent contributions amounting to over £67,000, and he thought he could say that sum had never been collected by any Charity at one time in the world. Bro. Terry was also busy with the home at Croydon, and he felt sure all present hoped that Bro. Terry would be spared many years to carry on his duties as Secretary to the Institution which comforted many poor Masons (not forgetting the ladies) in their old age. In proposing "The Health of their worthy President," all knew how he had worked for the success of the lodge of instruction. He came and made himself useful as assistant Preceptor at the very nick of time, and all would agree that since Bro. Foan had taken the Preceptorship in hand the weekly attendance had been gradually increasing. It was entirely due to his perseverance, and he had much pleasure in proposing his health to be drank in bumpers.

Bro. G. H. FOAN replied by saying that his services were always at their disposal, and he should do all in his power for the success of the Covent Garden Lodge of instruction. In proposing "The Health of their worthy Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds," also Secretary of the Mother Lodge, he asked the brethren present to drink his health heartily. Bro. G. Reynolds had worked hard for several years past for the success of the lodge of instruction, and it was entirely due to him that he had made the lodge of instruction a success by moving the meetings to the Criterion, where, through the kindness of Messrs. Spiers and Pond they have such magnificent accommodation.

Bro. G. REYNOLDS, in replying to the toast, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had drank his health. He was very sorry Bro. Terry could not stay with them. The attendances lately to the lodge of instruction have been a marked improvement, for reasons best known to many brethren present, and he sincerely trusted and hoped they would continue to do so. They had splendid accommodation and their worthy Assistant Preceptor was one who worked hard and was well up in the ritual. As for himself as Secretary for nearly the last 12 years he had seen many changes, and he hoped that the attendances would soon be up to the old mark. He himself had learned much, for it was instruction to him as Secretary. He had learnt his duties amongst them, and he hoped at the end of the year some brother would undertake his duties as Secretary. He would assist him as much as possible, and did not wish altogether "to tear himself away" from them, but would be willing to retain the Treasurership. He had made many friends in the lodge of instruction, and trusted that brotherhood and friendship would last for many years to come.

The success of the evening was greatly enhanced by the singing and recitations of Bros. J. Stephens, W. Hoggins, W. Channon, J. Phillips, and others, Bro. T. C. Seary presiding at the piano.

The brethren on parting expressed themselves as having spent a most enjoyable evening.

#### THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

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

##### LONDON.

Lodge		£	s.	d.
63	Bro. R. H. Williams, additional ...	2	2	0
	(increasing his list to £35 14s.)			
975	" H. A. Brook (new Steward), new list	13	2	6
1002	" R. A. Homan, less ...	0	10	6
	(reducing his list to £34 2s.)			
2032	" A. Aldin, additional ...	1	1	6
	(increasing his list to £36 15s.)			

##### PROVINCES.

##### KENT.

913	Bro. William Sanders, additional ...	3	3	0
	(increasing his list to £134 8s.)			

##### WARWICKSHIRE.

925	Bro. T. R. Arter (new Steward), new list...	10	10	0
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#### THE IRISH MASONIC BAZAAR.

We have pleasure in recording the fact that the total amount received up to the present for the Centenary Fund of the Masonic Female Orphan School as the result of the bazaar has reached the magnificent sum of £23,461. The total outlay of every kind in connection with the celebration is only a sum of £3410. There is thus a nett balance to the credit of the Fund of £20,051. This sum will be increased by further contributions from four stalls whose returns have not yet been received, and by a considerable number of smaller balances of receipts outstanding, which are hoped to exceed £1000. It is therefore confidently

expected that the Centenary Fund will exceed £21,000. Already the Committee have invested £10,995 in the purchase of an income of £431 per annum for the Advancement Fund, for which the bazaar was started, and in addition £9000 has been put aside to carry out structural improvements for the school, and the remainder, after these improvements shall have been carried out, will be placed to the credit of the Advancement Fund. The foregoing facts and figures redound to the credit of Irish Freemasonry as unexampled in the history of bazaars.

#### BLUE SUNLIGHT ON P.G.M. BRO. MACCALLA'S COFFIN.

Bro. Chas. W. Alexander, writing in the *Keystone*, records the following interesting incident in connection with the funeral of the lamented Bro. C. P. MacCalla, P.G.M. Pennsylvania :

"A most exquisitely touching incident occurred upon the occasion of the funeral services of Bro. MacCalla, the late Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, that were held in the Church of the Atonement, in Philadelphia. "The casket containing the remains, which had already received the exceptional honour of Masonic rites in the far-away land of Egypt, was placed in the usual position before the chancel, and was covered with acacia and floral emblems, including a most artistic and singular wreath sent from the lodge near the Red Sea. Just after the services commenced, the clouds in the sky were broken, and the bright, June sunlight coming down through the stained glass windows made a pillar or shaft of blue light, which, resting on the head of the casket, gradually moved down its length.

"At the conclusion of the services, this column of blue light, that was exactly of the shade of the ribbon worn by the brethren present from Bro. MacCalla's lodge, had neared the foot of the coffin. There it was joined by a brilliant scarlet beam, the effect of which rendered it purple, just like the ribbon worn by the brethren of the Grand Lodge in attendance. And even as the bearers came up the aisle to remove the casket the pillar of light moved on so as to leave it illumined no longer.

"The incident was noticed by all within range of vision of the casket, and awakened much comment. To Masons it will always be a peculiarly beautiful and singularly appropriate event."

#### BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

##### GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end offices, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington and the tickets are available for use under precisely the same conditions as those issued at that station. The following are the offices at which tickets are issued, viz.—193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; 269, Strand; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; and the L.B. and S.C. Company's office, under the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar-square. The booking offices at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th, and the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, July 30th, the Company will run in duplicate, the 10.15 a.m., 1.15, 3.0, 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England, and the 11.55 a.m., 3.15 and 5.45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales respectively. The first portion of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first portion of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Friday, July 29th, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 10.15 p.m. on Friday, July 29th, and at 7.45 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30th, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western system. On Sunday, July 31st, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and on Monday cheap trains will be run to Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c.

##### LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western and Caledonian Railway Companies announce special train arrangements for the accommodation of passengers going North. In addition to the day expresses leaving Euston Station at 5.15 a.m., 7.15 a.m., 10.0 a.m., and 10.30 a.m., an afternoon express leaves Euston at 2.0 p.m. (with dining saloons attached for first-class passengers), arriving at Glasgow 11.0 p.m., Edinburgh at 10.50 p.m., Aberdeen at 3.5 a.m., and Inverness 6.10 a.m. The 8.0 p.m. Highland and Aberdeen express runs every week night (except Saturday) and also

on Sundays. From August 3rd to 10th a relief train leaving Euston 7.55 p.m. will be run in advance of the 8.0 p.m. for Perth, Stirling, and Inverness. Ballater and Braemar.—The 8.0 p.m. train from Euston is due to arrive at Aberdeen at 8.5 a.m., giving ample time for passengers to obtain breakfast at the refreshment rooms or at the Great North of Scotland Railway Company's Palace Hotel (which adjoins the station) before proceeding by the 9.30 a.m. mail, either in the direction of Inverness or for Ballater and the Deeside line. A coach leaves Ballater for Braemar in connection with this train during the summer. A special night express will leave Euston at 7.30 p.m., commencing Monday, July 18th, and running (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) until Wednesday, August 10th, for Perth and the Highland Line, and the Highland Railway Company have made arrangements to take this train forward to Inverness (due 10.40 a.m.) in advance throughout of the 8.0 p.m. express from Euston. An additional train leaving Euston at 9.0 p.m. is now run for Edinburgh, Perth, Aberdeen, and the southern portion of the Highland Line. For the conveyance of gentlemen's horses and carriages going to Scotland a special train will leave Euston Station at 6.20 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) from July 11th to August 10th inclusive. A special carriage for the conveyance of dogs will be attached to this train when required.

##### MIDLAND RAILWAY.

The Midland Railway Company have arranged, with a view to the greater convenience of the public, that the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, July 29th and 30th. Tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their offices: 445, West Strand; 267, Strand; 189, Victoria-street; 5, Charing Cross (corner of Northumberland-avenue); 101, New Bond-street; 38, Cranbourne-street; 101, High Holborn; 1, Shaftesbury-avenue; 33, Piccadilly; Gloucester Office, 495, Oxford-street; 13, Parkside, Knightsbridge; 272, Regent-circus, Oxford-street; 109, Tottenham Court-road; 9, Sloane-square; 33, Cannon-street; 13, Aldersgate-street; 10, Commercial-street; "Four Swans," 36, Camomile-street; 122, Mare-street, Hackney; Cook's Tourist Offices, Ludgate-circus; 99, Gracechurch-street; and 82, Oxford-street; at the L.B. & S.C. Co.'s Offices, 28, Regent-circus, Piccadilly, and 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar-square; and at "Red Cap," 6, Camden-road; "Empire" Office, 30, Silver-street; Notting Hill Gate; and Myers', 1A, Pentonville-road. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., on Saturday, July 30th, returning the following Thursday, and tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two previous days to the running of the trains at the above-named offices. Cheap excursion trains for six days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Keighley, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, Barnsley, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, July 30th. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast stations for 5, 8, 10, or 15 days, to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within 16 days. On Monday, August 1st, cheap day trips will also be run from Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Northampton, Bedford, &c., to London; and from London (St. Pancras) to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Leicester, and Birmingham, and a two days' excursion to Manchester.

##### GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that in addition to the ordinary service of express trains from London (King's Cross) to Scotland, arrangements have been made for the 8.0 p.m. express train from King's Cross to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the north of Scotland to be run specially on the nights of Saturday, 6th, and Sunday, 7th August. On Friday night, 29th July, cheap 5 to 11 days' excursions will be run from London to Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c. On Saturday, 30th July, cheap 6 days' excursion trains will be run from London (King's Cross Station) to Huntingdon, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tutbury, Stoke, Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, &c. On Saturday night, 30th July, a special excursion for 8 days will be run from London to Darlington, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. On Saturday, 30th July, and Monday, 1st August, cheap day excursions will be run from Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, Holloway, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Three or 4 days' tickets will be issued by the excursion on Saturday, available for return by the excursion on Monday or by any ordinary train on Tuesday. On Sunday night, 31st July, a fast excursion for two days will be run from London (King's Cross) to Manchester. On Monday, 1st August, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. Cheap return tickets will also be issued from London to Biggleswade on Monday, August 1st. A frequent service of special and ordinary trains will be run to the Alexandra Park Races between Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate, Broad-street, King's Cross, and the Wood Green Stations. To prevent inconvenience from overcrowding at the company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park Stations, and at various ticket offices.

The Duke of Aosta was the principal guest at the annual dinner at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday of the members of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in London. Count Tornielli, the Italian Ambassador, presided, and among those present were Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, Sir A. Rolitt, M.P., Sir Henry Layard, and Bro. G. A. Sala.





We are pleased to state that Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., has consented to be the President of the "Old Masonians" Association, in succession to Bro. Colonel Lambert.

At the meeting of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, held on the 18th inst., it was unanimously resolved to adjourn until the First Monday in October.

The Blackheath Lodge of Instruction continues to hold its meetings at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, throughout the summer.

In our report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, it was stated that Bro. W. M. Stiles was elected amongst others to serve on the Committee of General Purposes. This was incorrect. It should have been Bro. George Gardner.

A new garden, once the burial ground of the old parish church of Spitalfields was opened to the public by the Earl of Meath, President of the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, on Tuesday, and, as it has been laid out very prettily, it will no doubt be a great boon to the locality.

Encouraged by the popularity of last year's Sunday opening, the management of Niagara Hall, Westminster, have resolved to open for a limited period their splendid panorama of "Ancient Egypt and the Exodus of the Children of Israel" on Sundays, from 2 to 9 p.m., without fixed charge, commencing on Sunday next.

The ladies' street collection boxes, to the number of some 1200, in aid of the Hospital Saturday Fund were opened at the Drill Hall, Farringdon-road, on Monday evening, when it was found that their contents amounted to £1902, or more than the sum obtained last year by £250. Suburban collections are also in excess upon last year.

Princess Victoria of Teck has received the "deed of gift" for the cot in the Victoria Hospital for Children, subscribed by the members of the London Needlework Guild, also a book containing the names of the subscribers. The Princess expresses her gratitude and thanks to the Guild, and says that the gift has afforded her great pleasure and touched her deeply. The hospital is one she often visited when quite a child.

The annual convocation of the Huyshe Chapter, No. 1099, was held at Home Park, Stoke, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The Present officers are Comps. H. W. Pengelly, Z.; J. W. Foster, H.; S. I. Page, J.; W. H. Gillman, P.P. 1st A.G.S., S.E.; G. H. Olver, S.N.; W. J. Stanbury, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. H. Dillon, P.S.; S. Yeomans, 1st A.S.; T. S. May, 2nd A.S.; and J. Rashbrook, Tyler.

The Lord Chancellor's living of Daglingworth, Gloucestershire, has been given to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., and who about three years ago was appointed, on the recommendation of the Prince of Wales, a chaplain to the Queen. The benefice is worth about £200 a year, and Bro. Martyn resigns the rectory of Long Melford, Suffolk, which is worth about £600 a year, and which he has held for 20 years, it being a "family" living.

Among those who have recently contributed to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the conflagration at St. John's, Newfoundland, are the Prince of Wales, £20 5s.; Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, £50; the General Mining Association, £52 10s.; Mr. F. C. T. Gascoigne, £100; the Cape Copper Company, £52 10s.; and Messrs. Stern Bros., £50. The Fund now exceeds £11,000. At Manchester a relief fund for the same sufferers was held on Tuesday, when upwards of £1000 was subscribed.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Christian and the younger children of Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, left Windsor Castle for Osborne. Prince and Princess Henry, who left subsequently for the Continent with their eldest son, took leave of her Majesty at the station. On reaching Portsmouth the Royal party was received by the Dukes of Connaught and York, and the Earl of Clanwilliam, and embarking on board her Majesty's yacht, arrived ultimately at Osborne House before luncheon. It is expected that the Court will remain in the Isle of Wight till the 23rd prox., and then leave for Balmoral.

The Prince of Wales, Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, who was accompanied by his Highness the Duke of Teck, on Thursday presented the medals awarded by the chapter of the Order in the saloon of Marlborough House. The honours are given for acts of gallantry in saving life on land. The names of the recipients having been individually announced by Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., Chancellor of the Order, a short record of the acts for which the awards have been made was read by Mr. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, Secretary-General, the medals and diplomas in each case being handed by Sir Albert W. Woods, Director-General of Ceremonies, to his Royal Highness, who then presented them to the recipients. A large number of members of the chapter, wearing the full insignia of the Order, were present during the ceremony.

THE CHURCH AND THE FREEMASONS.—The old feud between the Roman Catholics and the Freemasons is often explained and apologised for by saying that the Freemasons of the Continent are not like those of England, an innocuous fraternity, but are atheistic and revolutionary associations banded together for the purpose of making war on the Church. The *Lycum*, the organ of the Jesuits in Dublin, however, declares that Freemasonry in its essence is hateful to the Catholic Church, the Freemasonry of England and Ireland just as much as that of Italy and France. The *Lycum* says: Freemasonry is disposed to make use of the public positions attained by its members to further its secret ends; that it obliges them to use the trust conferred on them by the people for the service of the people, as an opportunity to do the business of the lodges, and to carry out their decrees. We have shown that the Church can claim to be rendering a service to society and social order when she reproaches the Masonic organisation.—*Review of Reviews*.

Princess Louise will open the new home of the National Society for the Protection of Young Girls, at Norbiton, which bears her Royal Highness's name, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

The Duchess of Albany has kindly promised to distribute the prizes at the Esher Cottage Garden Society's Annual Show, to be held in Sandown Park on Thursday, the 28th inst.

The Rev. Canon King, rector of Leigh, Essex, and rural dean of Rochford, died on Wednesday evening. He was the eldest brother of the present Bishop of Lincoln, and son of the late Archdeacon of Rochester. He had been rector of Leigh for 33 years.

By the elevation of Mr. Justice Bruce, the Recordship of Bradford, which is worth £200 a year, and the Chancellorship of the County Palatine of Durham, which is worth £300 a year, are both vacant. The former appointment is in the gift of the Home Secretary and the latter rests with Lord Salisbury.

During his recent visit to London the King of Roumania was presented with an address by the Jewish Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association. Attention was called to the serious disabilities under which the Jews of Roumania labour, and his Majesty was earnestly requested to exercise his influence and authority with a view to their early removal.

On Tuesday evening an entertainment of a varied character was given by the children of the Church-row Board School, Aldgate, at the Jewish Working Men's Club, Great Alie-street, E., and was greatly appreciated by a large juvenile audience. At the termination of the "show," a distribution of prizes was made by Mr. F. D. Mocatta, who subsequently addressed the little ones.

On the invitation of the Bishop of London and Mrs. Temple, the members of the London Diocesan Church Reading Union held a meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., at Fulham Palace. Short addresses on the work of the Union were delivered by the Earl of Stamford, the Dean of St. Paul's, Baron Pollock, the Master of the Charterhouse, and the Bishop.

The Court of Aldermen held its last meeting before the holidays on Tuesday, when the newly-elected Sheriffs gave bond for the due performance of their duties, the new City Chamberlain, and the Bridge Masters attended, and made the usual declarations, and orders were given for the issue of the necessary precept for the election of Lord Mayor on Michaelmas Day.

The Royal Commission on electrical communication between lighthouses and lightships from the shore sat at Northumberland-avenue on Wednesday, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe presiding. Captain Anson, of the Ramsgate Coastguard, was examined, and the Committee considered in detail the cases of the various lightships and light vessels around the coasts of England, Wales, and Ireland.

The Drapers' Company have contributed £1000 towards the equipment of the new technical schools in connection with Nottingham University College. The company had previously given £3000 towards the cost of the building. The schools will be opened in October, and the Duke of Devonshire, as President of the Technical Society of Great Britain, will be asked to take part in the opening ceremony.

Among those present at the marriage in St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Monday, of the Hon. Cospatrik F. Dundas, brother of the Earl of Zetland, with Miss Maud Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, were the Earl and Countess Fitzwilliam, Bros. the Earl of Zetland and the Earl of Durham, the Countess of Ellesmere and the Ladies Egerton, Lord and Lady George Nevill, Bro. the Earl of Bradford, and others. Bro. the Earl of Zetland has since returned to the Viceregal Lodge at Dublin.

The Duchess of Teck will visit North St. Pancras to-morrow (Saturday) to lay the corner-stone of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mansfield-road. A guard of honour of men of the 17th Middlesex Regiment is to be on the ground with their band, and the Police Band of the S Division will also be present. The Princess will be received by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Viscountess Melville, Lady Lamington, and others.

The inability of any officer of a lodge to do his work well mars the beauty and destroys the good effect of the perfect work of his associate officers. As no chain is stronger than its weakest link, so the standard of the work in any Masonic body will be measured by the quality presented by its least qualified officer. Brethren who accept official position should bear this in mind, and not permit the body to suffer on their account. If they have not time, ability, and inclination to qualify themselves to do good work, they should afford some one else a chance to do better. There is plenty of good working material in almost every lodge, and it should be brought into the right position.—*Keystone*.

On Thursday, the 16th inst., the members of the Tudor Lodge, No. 467, had a picnic to Whalley and Stonyhurst, where they spent a most enjoyable day. Leaving Mumps at 8.25 in two saloon carriages, the party arrived at Accrington at 10.15. From there they drove via Clayton-le-Moors, Cockbridge, and the Pendle Hills to Whalley, luncheon being partaken of at the Whalley Arms Hotel. Whalley Abbey and Church were viewed with interest, and amid the ruins of the former Mr. J. Wrigley, of Union-street, took a capital photographic group. Driving on to Hurst Green the visitors were shown over Stonyhurst College, which is a magnificent building, and from the roof of which a splendid view was obtained. A capital dinner was supplied at the Whalley Arms Hotel, and the return journey being safely accomplished, Oldham was reached shortly before 11 o'clock. The arrangements of the day were satisfactorily carried out by Bros. Joseph Brierley, W.M.; Henry F. Murphy, S.W.; and Tetlow Holt, J.W.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic douloureux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which affects all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

Bro. F. J. Horniman has issued cards of invitation to the W.M. and brethren of the Alliance Lodge, with their ladies, to a garden party at Surrey Mount, Lordship-lane, near the Crystal Palace, on Wednesday, the 27th inst. A private inspection of Bro. Horniman's extensive and valuable museum will be included in the programme of the entertainment.

Handsome presents have been sent by the King of Roumania, as souvenirs of his visit to England, in the shape of gold snuffboxes with his miniature likeness on the lid of each, to Bro. the Earl of Lathom, the Lord Chamberlain; Lord Henniker, Lord-in-Waiting; and General Du Plat, who acted as Equerry-in-Attendance on his Majesty, by command of the Queen.

The Royal Commission to consider the grant of a Royal Charter to the new Gresham University held another meeting on Wednesday, Earl Cowper presiding. The evidence received from Mr. J. Watney, Hon. Sec. of the City and Guilds of London Institute, Dr. Wace, of King's College, Dr. Dykes, Professor Whitehouse, and Dr. Reynolds, of the Theological College, Cheshunt, was in favour of the scheme for granting a Charter to the new teaching University.

Mrs. Rix, the aged negress who was received by the Queen at Windsor Castle on Saturday, was brought to the Mansion House by his Excellency the Liberian Minister and Mrs. Blyden, and presented to the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, with whom she lunched. As the Lord Mayor's State carriage was in waiting to take his lordship to a civic function, Mrs. Rix, at the Lord Mayor's suggestion, took a short ride in it, much to the old lady's delight, and to the evident pleasure and amusement of a large crowd who had assembled to see the Queen's African visitor.

Exceptionally numerous were the entries for the races of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club at Ryde. Mr. Gretton's new ten-rater Doreen sailed with the fives, and it was considered doubtful whether she would be able to give time allowance to the speedy Dacia. She, however, managed to do so, with something to spare, the Earl of Dudley's boat taking second prize, and Valentine third. Among the 21-raters Faugh-a-Ballagh again secured premier honours, Polynia being second and Cockatoo third. Mahatma was a very easy winner in the one-rating class. Mr. Perceval's new boat, Douiliska, sailed for the first time, and was second, with Kitten third. The half-rater, Wee Winn, which Miss Sutton has imported from America, showed speed, and came in first of her class, Coquette being second, and Idona third.

FUNERAL OF BRO. CHARLES JONES, R.C.A.—This well-known animal painter, who died after a brief illness on Sunday last, was yesterday (Thursday) buried in Nunhead Cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Royal Cambrian Academy, and exhibited at the Royal Academy and a number of other exhibitions in London and the provinces. One of his largest pictures, "The Lord of the Downs," after being hung on the line at the Paris Salon, was awarded the gold medal offered for the best animal painting shown at the Crystal Palace. Bro. Charles Jones greatly excelled in the painting of sheep, and one always recognised in his works an ardent and loving student of Nature. He was an initiate of the Savage Club Lodge, and was one of the founders of the Runnymede Lodge, No. 2430, at Staines.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris' garden party at the Elms, Avenue-road, Regent's Park, on Thursday afternoon, was favoured with the brightest sunshine. It was not always thus. Two years ago a similar function was held in a terrific thunderstorm and a deluge of rain, but the host and hostess, nevertheless, made it very pleasant for those who came. On Thursday everybody who is anybody was there of those left in town, and the beautiful grounds, with its picturesque churchtower in the corner and fine surrounding of trees presented a very gay and animated appearance. Distinguished members of the dramatic profession, as might have been expected, were there, and the company also included celebrities in the world of art and music, besides many members of the diplomatic service, and representatives of almost all the professions. The band of the Coldstream Guards performed a choice selection of music.

The Duke of Westminster presided on Thursday at the annual gathering of friends and pupils of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind. Occasion was taken to open a newly-acquired garden of five acres—to be known as Windermere, because of its modest little lake—and to set going a magnificent turret clock and chimes, erected by the students in memory of their benefactor, the late Dr. T. R. Armitage, who, as the Duke observed, devoted life and fortune to the welfare of the blind. The clock was started by Lady Mary Grosvenor, his Grace's youngest daughter, and presentations were made to her, to the retiring Matron (Miss Proctor), and to Mr. August Manns, in recognition of zealous honorary service to the institution. The Bishop of Massachusetts and Sir Lyon Playfair addressed the meeting, which was held in the parade ground, and a thousand or more guests spent a pleasant afternoon observing the blind pupils engaged in work and play.

The funeral of General the Honourable Sir Arthur Hardinge took place on Wednesday afternoon at Fordcombe Church, near South Park, Penshurst, the seat of his brother, Viscount Hardinge. The coffin was carried from the church to the grave by a carrying party of the Coldstream Guards, commanded by Lieutenant Steele, of which regiment the deceased was the Colonel. There were present as chief mourner his son, Mr. Arthur Hardinge (Secretary to her Majesty's Agency at Cairo), Viscount Hardinge and his three sons, the Hon. Charles, Captain the Hon. Arthur, and the Hon. Henry Hardinge, and the Hon. Evelyn Ellis, his son-in-law, as well as a numerous gathering of relations and old brother officers and friends. The Queen was represented by General Sir Henry Ponsonby; the Prince and Princess of Wales by Major-General Arthur Ellis; the Duke of Edinburgh by the Hon. D. Monson; the Duke of Connaught by Colonel Alfred Egerton; Princess Christian by Colonel the Hon. Charles Elliot; Princess Louise by Lieut. Colonel A. Collins; and the Duke of Cambridge by Major Davidson, A.D.C.

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