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## THE GRAND LODGE MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

An important meeting was arranged to be held in Kimberley, South Africa, during the latter half of last month, which all Master Masons were invited to attend, for the purpose of discussing the question whether a United Grand Lodge should be established for South Africa. We shall know what has passed at this meeting at an early date, and whether matters are ripe enough to carry the project into execution with anything like a reasonable prospect of success. In the mean time, we are in a position to judge of the spirit in which the proposal will be considered, copy of an article which appeared in the *Diamond Fields Advertiser* about two months since having been kindly forwarded to us by one of our correspondents who takes a deep interest in South African Freemasonry. From this article it is manifest that the promoters of the movement for establishing a local Grand Lodge are anxious that everything should be done openly and above board, and that no pressure of any kind should be brought to bear upon the brethren with a view to unduly influencing public Masonic opinion in behalf of their scheme. Master Masons in actual membership of some lodge or lodges are invited to attend "whether they sympathise or not with the Grand Lodge idea." An abstract resolution in favour of the union of the lodges holding under the several Constitutions will be proposed, seconded, and discussed; and in the event of its being carried, a series of resolutions will be submitted as a "basis of union." These resolutions are as follow:

"1. The United Grand Lodge of South Africa shall, until it has framed its own Constitutions, be governed by the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, so far as applicable.

"2. All Present and Past District or Provincial Grand, or Grand Officers, shall receive Past rank in the new Constitution corresponding to that to which they would be entitled in their own.

"3. At the earliest possible period, the new Grand Lodge shall divide its jurisdiction into at least six Districts or Provinces, with District or Provincial Grand Lodges possessing similar powers to those held by the corresponding bodies in England and Scotland.

"4. The Grand Lodge shall be peripatetic and shall not meet in any one District on two consecutive occasions.

"5. At the earliest possible opportunity after the formation of Districts, Grand Lodge shall constitute itself on a representative basis, the said Districts being the electoral units.

"6. All Lodges which shall have been in existence for five years previous to the Union shall be allowed to continue whatever ritual they may be practising at the time of the Union, notwithstanding the future adoption of any uniform ritual by Grand Lodge. This reservation shall not, however, necessarily entitle them to the wearing of any other clothing than that adopted by Grand Lodge, or to the appointment of any officers other than those provided for by the Constitutions of Grand Lodge.

"7. It shall be clearly understood that no United Grand Lodge shall be proclaimed until at least three-fourths of the Lodges working within its proposed jurisdiction shall have given in their adhesion to the movement, the opinion of each Lodge being taken to be that of a majority of its subscribing members.

"8. In the event of a Grand Lodge being lawfully proclaimed, such Lodges as may elect to adhere to their old charter shall be accorded the utmost fraternal recognition, provided always that their Grand Lodges recognise the South African Grand Lodge.

"9. For all purposes connected with the Grand Lodge, Past Masters of the Dutch Constitution shall be held to have the same status as those of Scotland and England.

"10. All lodges joining the United Grand Lodge shall be numbered according to the dates of their original Warrants."

In the event of the foregoing resolutions being adopted, with or without amendment or addition, we are told the promoters of the contemplated Union will regard them as the basis on which they will rest their appeal for support to the Craft generally; and, in order to carry out the scheme as conveniently as possible, a strong Committee will be formed with branches in different localities, which, when it has obtained sufficient support, will be called together for the purpose of framing a final "Basis of Union" upon which the new body will be proclaimed. On the other hand, if the meeting declines to accept "the principle of a Grand Lodge," the promoters of the scheme reserve to themselves full liberty to take such steps as they may think proper in order to further their views and secure, if possible, the ultimate acceptance of their project.

Here, then, we have before us the method of procedure which those in favour of establishing a Grand Lodge for South Africa are prepared to follow, and, it is needless to say, we are awaiting with more than ordinary

interest the reports which will disclose to us the reception which "the principle of a Grand Lodge" experienced at the meeting in Kimberley last month. On this point our curiosity will soon be gratified, but whether the project is adopted or rejected, or postponed till a more convenient season, it is a satisfaction to us to know that our South African brethren have been, and will continue to be, deliberate and circumspect in their movements. It is evident the promoters have no intention of forcing their scheme to an issue, or of establishing a Grand Lodge, unless the general opinion of the Craft is strongly in its favour. The 7th resolution distinctly provides that "no United Grand Lodge shall be proclaimed until at least three-fourths of the lodges working with its proposed jurisdiction shall have given in their adhesion to the movement," while it is contemplated that the work of the Committee and its subordinate branches which will be formed, if the meeting at Kimberley has taken kindly to the principle, "will take some time, perhaps years," ere the promoters consider the support they have obtained will be such as to justify them in formulating a "final 'Basis of Union.'" They appreciate the maxim—"Festina lentè," which we commended to their notice in a former article on the same subject. They recognise that in movements of this character Time is invariably on the side of those who exercise patience and forbearance. They have faith in the scheme they are desirous of promoting, but if they are beaten in their first attempt to carry it, they have not the slightest idea of accepting such defeat as final. On the contrary, they have publicly announced their intention of prosecuting their endeavours to bring about a Union of the several Masonic Constitutions in South Africa. But it is not their intention to adopt force, or any other objectionable, but less violent, method in order to ensure that union of hearts and interests which they hold to be desirable. In short, they have approached this question precisely in the spirit by which our South Australian brethren were actuated when, a few years since, it occurred to them that a Grand Lodge of South Australia was the one thing needed in order to give stability and permanency to the Craft in that Colony; and whatever the upshot of their endeavours may be, we cannot refrain from expressing our admiration for the prudence and circumspection they have determined to exercise.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

### CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF RESEARCH, No. 2429.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, on Thursday, the 26th ult. There was a very large attendance both of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and also of members of the various lodges in the province. This is to be accounted for by the fact that a new lodge, the Lodge of Research, was to be consecrated at the close of Provincial Grand Lodge business. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by all his officers.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the brethren saluted the Provincial Grand Master with the honours due to his rank.

The Provincial Grand Master first invested Bro. E. Holmes, W.M. 279, as Prov. Grand Secretary, in the room of Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., who had resigned the office after holding it for eight years, and who was unavoidably absent.

The roll of lodges was called over, and 142 brethren, representing the 12 lodges already existing in the province and the founders of two new lodges, were found to be present.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, read by the Prov. GRAND SECRETARY, showed that warrants for two new lodges had been issued by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, thus increasing the roll of lodges in the province to 14. Mention was made of the resignation of Bro. C. Henton Wood, M.A., the late Prov. Grand Secretary. The practice by some lodge Secretaries of sending out summones in unfastened envelopes was greatly reprehended. The obituary, which closes the report, is a long one, and contains the names of many brethren held in high esteem in the province.

The Prov. Grand Registrar's report read by Bro. W. M. WILLIAMS, P.M. 279, Prov. G. Registrar, showed that the lodges in the province were in a healthy state, both numerically and financially. The report stated that in some cases the minute books of the various lodges had been faultlessly kept; but others showed that the minutes had been entered up from memory. It was suggested that a rough minute book should be kept in which the lodge business might be put down in the order of its occurrence instead of on scraps of paper which are liable to go astray; and further that all propositions should be handed to the Secretary in writing, as it too frequently happens that the proposition in the minute book is the creation of the Secretary rather than the brother responsible for it. Stress was laid upon the desirability of each lodge having the services of an experienced brother, well versed in the laws of the Order as permanent Secretary.

The report of the Charity Committee read by Bro. B. A. SMITH, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., stated that there had been no candidates from this province during the past year for either of the central Masonic Charities. Two claimants would, however, enter the lists during the coming year, and it was a matter of deep regret that no less than 600 votes had been lost to the province, thus seriously imperilling the chance of success of the candidates.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's audited accounts were presented and adopted, and Bro. Geo. Oliver, P.M. 1007, P.P.G.P., was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer on the motion of The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. W. J. FREER, P.M. 1170 and 1560, P.P.S.G.D.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. The Hon. F. C. R. Paulyn Hastings, P.M. 779	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. P. Steeds, P.M. 2081, P.P.G.R.	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. W. Fitch, Chap. 1265	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Henry S. Biggs, I.G. 523	Prov. G. Treas.
" Geo. Oliver, P.M. 1007 (re-elected)	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. J. Freer, P.M. 1560, P.G.S.B.	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Holmes, W.M. 279	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. B. Laxton, P.M. 1007, P.P.G.O.	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. J. Curtis, P.M. 523	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. W. Rawson, P.M. 2028	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391, P.P.S.G.W., (re-appointed)	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. Jesson, P.M. 779	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. G. S. Rolleston, W.M. 1560	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. S. H. Ashwell, P.M. 1391	Prov. G. Org.
" J. G. Parr, P.M. 2081	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Richter, 279	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" S. S. Pridmore, P.M. 50	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. Green, W.M. 1330	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Adcock Barr, S.W. 50	
" W. F. Hill, S.W. 1130	
" W. Bramley, J.W. 1265	
" W. Atkins, Treas. 1330	
" R. R. Blackwell, J.W. 1560	
" W. H. Swingle, W.M. 2081	
" James Tanser, Tyler 279	

Bro. J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1265, P.P.S.G.D., was unanimously elected as Charity Steward for the province.

Letters of apology were received from Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; J. M. McLeod, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B.; and many others.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the ceremony of the consecration of the Lodge of Research was proceeded with.

The Prov. Grand Master vacated the chair in favour of the D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M. 523, 1560, P.A.G.D.C. England, who appointed as his officers the Provincial Grand Officers newly invested.

The lodge was formally opened, and, after Bro. the Rev. F. TIBBITS, M.A., P.P.G.C., had delivered an oration, the ceremony of consecration was continued and completed.

Bro. G.W. Speth, P.M. and Sec. 2076, then took the chair, and installed Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., as W.M. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. W. M. Williams, P.M. 279, as S.W.; E. Holmes, W.M. 279, as J.W.; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., as Treas.; the Rev. H. S. Biggs, Prov. G. Chap., as Sec.; W. H. Staynes, S.W. 2081, as S.D.; R. Pratt, M.D., I.G. 1560, as J.D.; and F. W. Billson, Stwd. 1391, as I.G.

On the motion of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. W. M. WILLIAMS, S.W., Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; G. W. Speth, P.M. and Sec. 2076; and W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc., P.P.G.O., were elected Hon. Members of the lodge. The names of joining members were proposed and seconded, and, after "Hearty good wishes" from the various lodges had been tendered, the new lodge was closed.

The banquet which followed was presided over by the D.P.G.M. in the absence of the P.G.M., who was obliged to leave at the end of the consecration ceremony.

In addition to the list of officers already given, the following brethren were present:

Bros. G. Toller, P.D.P.G.M.; W. Vial, P.M. 1007; G. Jessop, P.M. 2028 and 2081; W. M. Williams, P.M. 279; the Hon. Paulyn Hastings, P.M. 779; W. J. New, P.M. 1130; G. S. Catlow, P.M. 50; G. Bullen, P.M. 432; J. Chambers, P.M. 1265; T. G. Charlesworth, P.M. 523; R. L. Gibson, P.M. 1007; J. G. Bower, P.M. 1391; W. A. Musson, P.M. 779; C. K. Morris, P.M. 1265; the Rev. Canon J. Denton, P.M. 779; C. E. Stretton, P.M. 279; W. S. Allen, 779; C. Oliver, P.M. 1007; J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523; G. C. Oliver, P.M. 1007; R. Michie, P.M. 279; J. Hassall, P.M. 779; J. B. Waring, P.M. 523; R. B. Starkey, P.M. 1391; J. Young, P.M. 523; T. B. Laxton, P.M. 1007; B. A. Smith, P.M. 523; F. G. Boden, P.M. 779; F. J. Baines, P.M. 523; J. H. Marshall, P.M. 279 and 1007; J. Harrison, P.M. 1391; W. H. Barrow, P.M. 523; W. H. Lead, P.M. 2081; M. H. Lewin, P.M. 1330; W. H. Key, P.M. 2028; W. B. Smith, P.M. 279; W. Perry, P.M. 148; T. Carter, P.M. 1560; W. Keep, P.M. 1265; S. Knight, P.M. 1391; C. Lowenstein, P.M. 1007; W. H. Pick, P.M. 1330; W. Vincent, P.M. 1391; F. B. Wilmer, P.M. 2028; and many others.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 27th ult. The Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, presided at the large and influential gathering, and was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers:

Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., D.P.G.M.; Francis Bellingham, P.S.G.W.; W. Wright, P.J.G.W.; J. Puttick, P.G. Chap.; Phillip Crick, P.G. Chap.; John M. Reed, P.G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; R. Willard, P.S.G.D.; G. B. Thompson, P.G.S. of W.; W. Gill, P.G.D. of C.; George Rawlinson, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. H. Knight, P.G.S.B.; H. R. Edwards, P.G. Std. Br.; A. King, P.G. Org.; D. Burfield, P.A.G. Sec.; James Terry, P.A.G.P.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, P.G. Stwd.; R. Davison, P.G.S.; Herbert Langton, P.G.S.; John C. Buckwell, P.G.S.; E. S. Medcalf, P.G.S.; and Henry H. Hughes, P.G. Tyler. There was also a large gathering of brethren of the province and visitors.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the purely formal business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Master invested Bro. R. Willard as Prov. S.G.D., that brother having, since the previous general meeting, being appointed to succeed the late Bro. J. Cooke in that office.

On the motion of Bro. W. DAWES, P.P.S.G.W., the sum of 50 guineas was voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren as follows: I am glad I am able to visit you again this year, and find that Masonry has gone on in a quiet and satisfactory manner since we last met. I was sorry not to be able to attend the special meeting, the necessity for which we all deplored; the sad event elicited such unanimous expressions of sympathy from all Masons. In the returns to June 30th, although there has been the average number of initiations and joining members, the deaths, resignations, &c., have accounted for all but two, so that the total number has only increased from 1311 to 1313. Since then, having been able to recommend a petition for a new lodge at Eastbourne, the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a warrant for the Anderida Lodge, which was consecrated last week by my worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and I regret I was unable to be present. Although it does not appear to me that the new lodge was absolutely necessary, it was signed by so many and influential Masons that I felt they would be responsible for its prosperity, and wish them Godspeed. I have also received from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master a petition for another lodge, to be held at Uckfield, which I also find to be introduced by so many local and well known Masons that I have been able to recommend it. I trust the warrant will be granted in due course, and the lodge launched on a prosperous career. I think now we may fairly assume that another new lodge in the province is hardly desirable at present. I have to thank the brethren of the province for the manner in which they supported me at the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for the Daughters of Freemasons. Coming after that splendid meeting at Covent Garden Theatre, at which the Deputy Grand Master presided, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, where such a large sum was collected, and he was well assisted by the brethren of the province, I was glad to find that there was another large sum of money forwarded to the Secretary of the Institution, whose interest I had specially to plead, and that I was supported at the festival by so many Stewards from the province. The report of the Charities Committee is most gratifying to me and creditable to my province, particularly when I consider the number of my subscribing members. In reference to a proposal to form a Masonic Temple and Club at Brighton, it is a matter which has my cordial support. I think it is most desirable, as, however well calculated the Royal Pavilion in which we are now assembled may be for Masonic purposes, it would add very much to the dignity of the Order to meet in a home appropriated to the Craft, and the proposed site appears to offer every convenience. At the present, I understand, so few replies have been received that it is impossible to proceed, but such a large amount has been promised by the brethren in reply to the 1200 circulars issued, that I venture to hope a sufficient amount will yet be subscribed. I understand that at present only a few brethren have expressed disapproval of the scheme, and feel quite sure, that if a large majority decide to purchase the building, all will work harmoniously together. I have only in conclusion to thank my Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the attention he has given to the affairs of the province. I am well instructed in all that takes place, and feel much gratified at the manner in which the proceedings are conducted, and rely upon the brethren to cordially support me in maintaining the dignity and honour of the Craft.

The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, P.M. 1466, J.W. 2201	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. Langton, P.M. 271	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. P. Crick, W.M. 851	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. A. Rivington, W.M. 56	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. M. Reed, P.M. 732	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. P. Harker, P.M. 732	Prov. G. Sec.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. S. Medcalf, P.M. 1947	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. C. Buckwell, P.M. 2187, S.W. 1797	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. J. Howard, P.M. 1110	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. T. Davison, P.M. 1184	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. G. Whittle, P.M. 811	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Barnett, P.M. 1141	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Billingham, P.M. 1821	Prov. G. Org.
" Geo. Wilson, P.M. 1303, 1619	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. S. Cooke, W.M. 315	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. Plowman, P.M. 40	
" R. B. Higham, P.M. 1829	
" F. V. Paxton, P.M. 55	
" J. H. Every, P.M. 311	
" A. M. Brookfield, P.M. 341	
" T. MacQueen, P.M. 916	
" W. B. Isworth, P.M. 1636	
" Thomas Burne, P.M. 1726	
" H. H. Hughes	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet in the banquetting room. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P.; Bro. Alderman J. Ewart (Mayor of Brighton); and the Grand Officers.

Opening the toast list, the PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was warmly received.

In submitting "The M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said it had been a source of regret to his Royal brother that he had not been amongst the brethren so much as he could have wished, but he hoped next year would see him again taking a leading part in the Craft.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said the brethren owed a debt of gratitude to the Grand Officers, for never had officers taken greater interest than they had in the Craft. He especially alluded to the tact and good feeling with which the Earl of Lathom had carried out his duties. They were honoured that evening by the presence of several Grand Officers, and greatly appreciated their company. He was personally grateful to Colonel Money for the manner in which he frequently supported him.

Bro. Colonel MONEY said the Grand Officers had good examples before them in the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. They were

all pleased to do their utmost to assist lodges in the provinces, and those were indeed fortunate who visited the Province of Sussex.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, O.C., M.P., next submitted "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught." In proposing the toast, he said his only difficulty was that in the presence of his Royal Highness he could not speak of him as he would if he were absent. He would, however, say that their Prov. Grand Master was honoured and loved by every Mason in the province. He had, at great inconvenience, visited the lodge, and train arrangements had not made his return to Portsmouth easy. But for his many engagements, his Royal Highness would be oftener amongst them. The brethren heartily welcomed him, and fully appreciated his visit to them.

His Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT, on rising to respond, was greeted with enthusiastic and prolonged applause. He said he felt deeply indebted to the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast. His friend, Sir William Marriott, had echoed his sentiments as to his wish to be with them oftener. Whatever temporary discomfort he had experienced had been counterbalanced by the great pleasure he felt in visiting the Provincial Grand Lodge. He was glad to find the province in a flourishing condition. He had every reason to believe the new lodge at Eastbourne would be successful, and he had that evening signed the warrant for the new lodge at Uckfield. The brethren had expressed a wish to have a temple and club of their own, and the movement had his warmest sympathy. No one was more jealous than he was of the good name of the province, and as long as he was their Grand Master he would do his utmost to promote the interests of Freemasonry in the province. He then proposed "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., Past Grand Steward." He said few Provincial Grand Masters had such a Deputy as he had in Sir William Marriott—one in whom he had complete confidence. He thanked him for the manner in which he had supported and assisted him, and believed few Masons were more popular.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was warmly received, said he felt unworthy of the kind words with which the toast had been proposed, for when he thought of his predecessors—the late Bros. Gerard Ford and John Henderson Scott—he felt that his work fell short of what they had done. His duties had been made easy by the help he had received from the Prov. Grand Officers, and particularly from Bro. Freeman, who had carried out the duties of his office as Provincial Grand Secretary in a perfect manner. Alluding to the new lodges, he said he looked forward with confidence to their success, and hoped they would be able to meet next year and congratulate themselves upon the increased prosperity of the province.

Bro. J. EWART (Mayor of Brighton) submitted "The Prov. S.G.W., Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts; the Prov. J.G.W., Bro. H. Langton; and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Judging from the excellence of the work shown during the afternoon, he said the lodge must be congratulated upon its able officers. It had been said that "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," and he was sure that if the present officers imitated those who had retired from office, the working of the province would be admirable, and in conformity with the wishes of the Prov. Grand Master. Bros. Roberts and Langton had proved themselves good citizens, and were, if possible, better as Masons.

Bro. J. P. SLINGSBY ROBERTS, in responding, said the Prov. Grand Officers fully appreciated the high trust imposed upon them, and hoped to transmit their collars to their successors as pure and unsullied as they received them.

Bro. H. LANGTON also acknowledged the toast, and said he would do his utmost to worthily carry out the duties of his office.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Visitors," to whom, he said, they gave a hearty welcome.

Bros. Col. SOMERVILLE BURNLEY and G. W. E. LODER, M.P. briefly responded. The latter remarked that his lodge, the Earl of Sussex, was named after the Prov. Grand Master, and the brethren would be proud to welcome his Royal Highness amongst them. The Duke of Connaught then left to catch his train to Portsmouth.

The chair was taken by Bro. E. R. CURRIE, P.P.G. Chap., who proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions."

Bro. J. M. REED responded, remarking that there was now but one lodge in the province which did not subscribe to the Masonic Charities.

The CHAIRMAN gave "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province," which Bro. W. E. MORRISON (Mayor of Eastbourne) acknowledged.

Bro. R. CLOWES, in giving "The Stewards," said the great success of the meeting was largely due to the excellent arrangements made by the Stewards—Bros. H. Langton, R. T. Davison, J. P. Slingsby Roberts, E. S. Medcalf, and J. C. Buckwell.

Bro. E. S. MEDCALF responded, remarking that Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts and H. Langton merited the greatest share of the praise, for they had kindly undertaken the largest amount of the necessary work.

The Tyler's toast brought the gathering to a close.

During the evening a programme of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. A. Stanley Cooke, Prov. G. Org., was ably sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Edith Hands, Bro. A. Stanley Cooke, and Mr. T. Lynes, the duties of accompanist being admirably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe, Prov. G. Org. Bro. Eric C. Williams also gave a recitation in excellent style.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS CHAPTER, No. 4.

This interesting and important ceremony took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 7th instant. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. E. Letchworth, Grand Scribe E., assisted by Comps. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey, as H.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Grand Superintendent of Bucks, as J.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G. Scribe N., as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders of the new chapter, who were all present with one exception, are Comps. Frederick West, P.A.G.S., Prov. G.H. Surrey; Arthur Adams, M.E.Z. 2096, P.P.A.G.S. Surrey; John Chynoweth, P.Z. 33; Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A.; Hugh Macintosh, M.D., P.Z. 8; A. S. Brown, P.Z. 2096, P.P.G.S.N. Surrey; N. S. Stott, P.Z. 1397; F. M. Hartung; W. G. Fenn, P.Z. 538, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; R. G. Hall, P.Z. 29; H. P. Cater, W. S. Hoyte, and A. J. Venn.

Among the visitors were Comps. T. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P.; H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.S.B.; J. Sampson Peirce, P.A.G.S.; H. M. Hobbs,

P.Z. 2096; T. G. Nicholson, J. 91; Cyril Plummer, 416; J. Stedman, P.Z. 157; J. Hodges, P.Z.; R. Milner, P.Z. 26; G. A. King, 463; W. Oldham Rew, Z. 1118; G. F. Smith, Z. 2005; F. W. Price, 2178; Egbert Roberts, P.Z. 1623; E. D. Lister, P.P.G.S.N.; H. G. Thompson, P.P.G.J. Surrey; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; H. Joyce, P.Z.; E. J. Barron, P.G.S.B.; and W. W. Lee, S.N. 1524.

The chapter having been formally opened, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL, addressing the companions, said: We are met to-day on an occasion which, I think, cannot fail to enlist the sympathy and evoke the good wishes of all who have at heart the prosperity and welfare of Royal Arch Masonry. We are met for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Royal Arch chapter, a chapter to be attached to a very old and a very distinguished lodge. It not infrequently happens that when a new lodge has been consecrated the members of it are fired by a desire to have a Royal Arch chapter attached to it, and occasionally it has been necessary for the Supreme Grand Chapter to quench the ardour of those good Masons. In the present instance the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge cannot be accused of undue haste. They have taken time to consider the subject, and I am extremely gratified at being privileged to come here and undertake the ceremony of launching into existence this new chapter. I feel sure that under the able guidance of the first M.E.Z., Comp. Macintosh, who is known so well to us, and who has had great experience in this Degree, assisted by Comps. Oxford and Hoyte, this chapter will have before it a very successful career—a career worthy of the very distinguished lodge to which it will be attached. I am sure I am only expressing the feelings of the Royal Arch companions present when I express the hope that it may have before it a career of unbroken prosperity. With these few observations I will now proceed with the ceremony in hand, and will call upon the D.C. to state the wishes of the companions.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named in the charter, and the following oration was delivered by Comp. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, G. Supt. Bucks:

The consecration of a new Royal Arch chapter, which is to be connected with a lodge so venerable on account of its antiquity, and so distinguished on account of its antecedents, is surely an occasion for remembering how much our Craft owes to the past; how much it depends upon the present. This has always been the case; it was so when, 166 years ago, you came from Westminster, mindful of your historic past to assist in receiving the Grand Lodge of England for the practical purposes of the hour. It is so to-day, when justly proud of your time immemorial existence, you are seeking the addition of a chapter to your lodge. No doubt some have in past years hesitated upon this new departure, anxious not to do anything which would in any way even seem to change a condition which had so long existed. You were proud to be the only old lodge without a chapter; but, companions, no antiquity is a reason against an advance in the right direction. In all times the most difficult problem of the day, not only in Masonry, but in the world, is to know when progress is true and when it is false; when it is needful, and when it is dangerous. Test them, my companions, in your Craft, and in your lives every important step by these three questions. (1.) *Is it consistent with all that is great and good in the past?* Our ancient brethren ever laboured to improve the material structure upon which they were engaged. No period of architecture is a mere copy of the preceding one, but no period is destructive of the principles upon which former structures were based. Whenever Art has been inconsistent with its past, it has become debased. Let us follow their teaching as speculative Masons, and learn that without progress there can be no true life—that stagnation is inevitable decay, but that all true advance is guided and controlled by that which is great and good in the past. (2.) *Is it opportune?* A distinguished Frenchman once said "Never do a thing to-day, if you can do it better to-morrow. If we look at the great fabrics which our ancient brethren reared to be monuments of wisdom, strength, and beauty which the devouring hand of ages could not weaken, we must note that there are no signs of impatience or hurry about them. The work was well considered before it was commenced, and done slowly when begun. Hence its solidity and excellence. Companions, is it needless in these days to warn all to preserve the due medium between idleness and precipitate action. Never to waste time, but never to force it, and to see that all is done just at that moment which is the most opportune. (3.) *Is it disinterested?* The builder of old set before him the principle—I must work for God, not for self. Hence there is a solemnity and a grandeur about our ancient work which is sometimes lacking in that of the present day. The operative Mason wrote not his name, but only his mark, upon the stone, a mark known and recognised by the Master, but not by the world. Shall we not do well to test our motives in all things, and to ask whenever we are starting a new work or making a fresh departure. "Am I leaving my own petty interests out of the question, seeking not to advance my own interests, but those of the work in the which I am only a poor and insignificant unit." Feeling sure that you can, on starting your new chapter, answer satisfactorily these three test questions, I bid you Godspeed.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the new chapter was formally dedicated and constituted. The following Principals were then installed into their respective chairs: Comps. Hugh Macintosh, Z.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, H.; and W. S. Hoyte, J. The other officers for the year ensuing are Comps. F. West, P.A.G.S., acting I.P.Z.; Arthur Adams, S.E.; A. J. Venn, S.N.; R. G. Hall, Treas.; F. M. Hartung, P.S.; W. G. Fenn, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, 1st A.S.; and N. S. Stott, 2nd A.S.

The Consecrating Officers and his Assistants were unanimously elected honorary members, and the compliment was duly acknowledged by the G.S.E.

Ten members of the mother lodge were proposed as candidates for exaltation and two for joining, and the chapter was closed.

After banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, the customary toasts were acknowledged.

Comp. W. S. HOYTE, J., proposed "The Grand Officers," coupling with it the names of Comps. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg and Colonel Noel Money.

Comp. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, Grand Superintendent Bucks, having briefly replied,

Comp. Col. NOEL MONEY, Grand Superintendent Surrey, thanked them for their kind reception of the Grand Officers. He had a lively feeling of pleasure at having enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge, and was gratified that through the kindness of the companions he had been elected an honorary member of the chapter.

"The Consecrating Officer and his Assistants" was next given by Comp. H. MACINTOSH, M.E.Z., who said they had been particularly fortunate that evening in having had the assistance of some of the most distinguished members of Grand Chapter, and those companions who were present at the consecration must have been impressed and delighted with the able and courteous manner in which every office was performed. The Chaplain had given them a most admirable oration on the three test questions they as companions of this chapter would ever have before them in all their dealings,



and would never be effaced from their memory. It had never before been his good fortune to hear Comp. Letchworth perform any ceremony, but never in the course of his Masonic experience had he ever heard the ceremony rendered with greater impressiveness and ability. Personally he thanked the Grand Scribe E. for the kind terms used of himself. Those who knew the work of Col. Money in Surrey would also know that he excelled himself that evening in the calm, quiet, and deliberate manner in which he performed the installation ceremony. He did not know what to compare Comp. Fenn to, for whatever ceremony he undertook was done well and letter perfect, and, whether in English or French, always impressed and pleased a lodge or chapter. Comp. Richardson, who was the D.C. that evening, had proved himself, as he always did, equal to any Masonic ceremony, and, given but a few hours' notice when in lodge, chapter, or Supreme Council, he was always to the fore. Sir John Monckton had given them great aid, and impressed them with the manner in which he read the passages assigned to him. In proposing the toast he would only say that they, as companions of the new chapter, hoped to be able to rear a superstructure, perfect in its parts, and honourable to those who had consecrated it.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., returned thanks for himself and colleagues, and assured the companions that it had afforded them one and all the greatest pleasure to attend and assist in the consecration of the chapter attached to a lodge so distinguished as the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. In the presence of the members of the lodge, of whom many were present, it was needless for him to refer to its hospitality, but if there were any companions present who were not members of that lodge he would refer them to a most interesting account of this lodge, to be found in the "Life of Dunckerley," written by a very distinguished companion whom he was glad to see present. This lodge appeared to have had its rise in a time immemorial lodge known as the Old Horn. That lodge some years after amalgamated with a lodge founded by Dunckerley, which had its home afloat on board various vessels, and again, in 1813, amalgamated with the Inverness Lodge, which he believed was the first lodge warranted after the Union in that year. He could assure them, on behalf of his colleagues, that they very highly appreciated the honour done them in electing them honorary members of the chapter, and all trusted on some future occasion to have the pleasure of witnessing the manner in which this chapter had progressed under the able guidance of the Three Principals, and the fostering care of Comp. West, who would bring that ability which he brought to bear on any work he undertook.

"The Three Principals" was then given by the GRAND SCRIBE E. He considered this chapter most fortunate in being presided over at its outset by three companions so well able to rule over it as Comps. Macintosh, Oxford, and Hoyte. The M.E.Z. had had considerable experience in Masonry, and was a very old Mason who had devoted a large portion of his time to the interests of Masonry. It was his privilege to be associated with Comps. Oxford and Hoyte in other branches of Masonry, and knew the zeal they would exhibit in the performance of their duty. He asked the companions to drink the health of the Three Principals, wishing them a year of great prosperity and happiness.

Comp. HUGH MACINTOSH, M.E.Z., in response, said the founders had been good enough to elect him as First Principal, and he felt the great responsibility of that post. It was a responsible thing for one to be elected First Principal of an old chapter, but the First Principal of a new chapter brought with it duties and responsibilities of no light order. If health was given him he would do his utmost to perform his duties, and he hoped and believed he should not only reign over them as their First Principal so far as the Masonic duties were concerned, but reign in their hearts as of yore.

Comp. Rev. A. W. OXFORD, H., gave "The Visitors," to which Comp. ALFRED COOPER responded.

"The Officers" was replied to by Comp. A. ADAMS, S.E., and F. M. HARTUNG, P.S.

The Janitor's toast then terminated the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was given by the Celia Quartette, which afforded considerable enjoyment to the companions present.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE.

A convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Friday, the 11th inst., under the banner of the Elkington Chapter, No. 1016, when there were present—

Comps. J. T. Collins, P.G.H., acting G. Superintendent; Loxdale Warren, as P.G.H.; E. Worrall, P.G.J.; F. G. Swinden, P.G.S.E.; Rev. T. Parkins, P.G.S.N.; J. H. Hawkes, P.G.P.S.; W. G. Hills, P.A.G.S.; W. M. Boddington, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Wood, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Cooper, P.G.D.C.; E. Mallard, P.G. Org.; A. Dalley, P.G. Janitor; A. E. Fridlander, T. N. Bladon, F. J. Turley, H. Denne, W. Hillman, Tolladay, Morgan, Bayley, Marshall, Cole, Boston, Acheson, Wright, Wilson, Fayerman, Bell, Fenn, Skinner, Barton, Pearsall, Goate, Shread, Archer, Matthews, Rooker, Price, Jones, Harcourt, Henn, Ryland, and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the P.G.S.E. read apologies for non-attendance from Comps. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Grand Superintendent; C. F. Rowe, P.G. Treas.; A. G. Chamberlain, J. Haswell, T. R. Arter, G. Beech, C. Pembroke, Whitehouse, F. Payton, and J. Jacobs.

The P.G.S.E. read the minutes of the convocation, held at Rectitude Chapter, Rugby, and also of the especial convocation held in April, which were duly confirmed.

The roll of Provincial Grand Chapter officers was called. The roll of chapters were called and all were represented.

The P.G.S.E. read his report of the state of the chapters of the province.

The TREASURER'S report was read, approved, and adopted.

Comp. WORRALL, P.G.J., then proposed, Comp. FRIDLANDER, P.P.G.J., seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Comp. C. F. Rowe be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Janitor, Comp. A. Dalley, was re-elected.

The ACTING SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions, and afterwards appointed and invested the officers as follows:

Comp. Rev. Trevor Parkins, 43	...	Prov. G. J.
" F. G. Swinden, 587 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. H. Hawkes, 1016	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" C. F. Rowe, 587	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. G. Hills, 938	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. M. Boddington, 1031	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. H. Wood, 587	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. F. Tolladay, 1016	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. W. Martin, 587	...	Prov. G.S.B.

Comp. E. Mallard, 1031	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Cooper, 587 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. W. Matthews, 587	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" W. Bayley Marshall, 938	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. M. Fayerman, 395	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. Dalley	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After other formal business the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed, and the companions partook of a banquet.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and heartily received, after which

Comp. TOLLADAY, M.E.Z. 1016, proposed "The Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and stated that it gave him great pleasure to submit that toast. In the Grand Superintendent they had a nobleman who was loved and respected by them all. Comp. Collins was one whom they were all proud to know, his labours in the province were much appreciated; Comp. Rev. Parkins had obtained high honours in other degrees; and Comp. F. G. Swinden was the most active Prov. G. Scribe E. that he had met; the other officers were all deserving of the honours they had that day received.

A selection of songs and recitations brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

### HISTORY OF THE OLD DUMFRIES LODGE.

Bro. James Smith, the zealous Master of St. "Michael's Kilwinning Lodge," No. 63, has fairly earned the title of Historian of Freemasonry in Dumfries, for he has already written and published historical sketches of his lodge, and also of No. 140, &c., and now he has favoured the Craft with a "History of the Old Lodge of Dumfries, now denominated Dumfries Kilwinning, No. 53."

This work makes a much larger book than any of his preceding volumes, and has been very creditably printed by Messrs. J. Maxwell and Son, Publishers, &c., Dumfries. There is nothing better issued, in a handy size, relative to Freemasonry in the early days, and the author has succeeded in putting together a most interesting and readable account of the ancient Craft in Dumfries, from late in the 17th century down to the present year of Grace.

Exactly where and how the lodge began is not known, but in 1815 the Third Centenary Celebration was held. As Bro. Smith points out, this takes us back to 1515, though there "is no record corroborating the circumstance." The charter which was granted in 1750 (for in that year the brethren joined the Grand Lodge of Scotland), speaks of the lodge "as a pendicle of the Ancient Mother Lodge of Kilwinning," but there is no authority for the statement. That, however, is not of much consequence, for there must have been many subordinates of that venerable "Mother" which have failed to preserve any evidence of their origin.

The petitioners of 1749 clearly accepted a later date for the commencement of the lodge, as the warrant of 1750 acknowledges its precedence as from the year 1575 *circa*. Anyway, the oldest minute book runs from 1687 to 1788. The earliest record notes the appointment of a Master, Warden, "and fellows of ye sd Lodge," and is dead against any members inclined to swear, "eight shillings Scots money" being the fine for the first offence, and double for "every Fault thereafter." A Clerk also was elected. The Master turned out a most unsatisfactory brother, and so he was superseded in June.

During the same year (1687) regulations were made, some of which are suggestive of the operative character of the lodge. Apprentices were not to be entered until each had paid "a merk Scots money" for his "assignment," and half that sum to the Clerk "for his booking." Those who were mechanics and apprentices had to "pay ten lib Scots wt gloves and entertainment to the brethren." The speculative basis, in part, is also exhibited by the clause which provided for those who were not mechanics paying a different fee.

An excellent facsimile has been utilised for the frontispiece of a minute dated 28th December, 1691, which contains 12 signatures, quite artistically arranged. On 27th December, 1705, the lodge met at St. Christopher's Chapel, near Dumfries (endowed by charter from Bruce in 1323), in order to elect a Clerk.

Four candidates were accepted on 27th December, 1713, their application being "thought reasonable considering their good qualifications to Christianity." The next minute states this quartette were made "free Fellows." Bro. Smith remarks as to this: "A certain examination was required before brethren were passed to the higher Degree." That is to say *position, Degrees* then being unknown.

The Bible presented in 1720 is still preserved, and was printed two years earlier. In 1724 there was a *Grand Master*, as well as Master and Warden, and so later on. This is several years before such a title is used by No. 1, Edinburgh, as it was not until 1731 such an official was elected in the Scottish Metropolis. A "Grand Warden" was also appointed.

In 1742 the Duke of Queensberry was elected Master. The first allusion to the Degree of Master Mason is on 23rd January, 1749, when a brother was "found qualified and advanced to the above station," i.e., Master. The first Prov. G.M. was appointed or elected for Dumfriesshire, &c., by patent dated 28th September, 1756.

There is much of general interest in other records quoted by Bro. Smith, and especially so to members of No. 53 and brethren resident in Dumfries and neighbourhood; but I must not stay to note them, besides which copies may be had from the publishers for the small outlay of 3s. 6d., and there is therefore no need to anything like exhaust the main contents of this ably compiled and most readable history.

To students who warmly sympathise with my predilection for the collation of copies of the "Old Charges," the two versions printed as an appendix will be most welcome, particularly as one (No. 3) is evidently the prototype of the two "Harris MSS." and the other (No. 1), described as "Anent the Affairs of Masonrie," is a Roll referred to in the Records of 1696 and since.

My friend Bro. Smith furnishes a brief account of the five copies of "Old Charges" preserved in Dumfries, and quite unknown until recently. I have also written rather a long Introduction for his work on the subject of these "Old Charges of British Freemasons," with especial reference to the Scottish MSS., so that there is no lack of material for the study of thoughtful Freemasons.

I hope the handsome volume will rapidly be subscribed for, and that the zealous and painstaking author will soon write another history of an old lodge in his district.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### YORK.

**Hilda Chapter (No. 23).**—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, there being present Ill. Bros. W. H. B. Atkinson, 30°, M.W.S.; J. T. Seller, 18°, 1st Gen.; C. E. L. Wright, 30°, 2nd Gen.; F. W. Halliwell, 18°, Recorder and Treas.; C. Hollander, Capt. of Gds.; T. B. Whytehead, 30°, P.M.W.S.; G. Simpson, 18°, P.M.W.S.; A. T. B. Turner, 18°, P.M.W.S.; and T. S. Brogden, 18°. Bro. J. T. Seller, 18°, was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Bro. F. W. Halliwell, 18°, was re-elected Treasurer. A candidate for perfection was proposed for the next meeting. Apologies were tendered from several brethren, and a letter was read from the Sov. G.I.G. of the District, Ill. Bro. C. J. Bannister, 33°, expressing his hope to be at the installation of M.W.S. at the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the chapter was closed.

## Royal Order of Scotland.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, in the chair.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. F. W. Halliwell was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the year, and the R.W.P.G.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:

Bro. T. B. Whytehead	...	D.P.G.M.
" W. B. Dyson	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Monks	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" F. W. Halliwell	...	Prov. G. Sec. and Treas.
" J. T. Seller	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. J. Armstrong	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Cowper	...	Prov. G. Marl.
" C. E. L. Wright	...	Prov. D.G. Marl.
" W. H. B. Atkinson, P.P.	...	S.G.W.
" C. Hollander	...	Prov. G. Exam.
" T. S. Brogden	...	Prov. D.G. Exam.
" T. S. Brogden	...	Prov. G.G. and In.

Apologies having been tendered from several brethren, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards dining together.

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

### DIVISIONAL GRAND CONCLAVE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the above, was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, under the banner of the Saye and Sele Conclave, No. 122. The Intendant-General, Ill. Sir Knight the Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., G.H.P. England, &c., presided, and there was a full attendance. The Most Ill. Grand Sovereign, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, had expressed his intention to be present, but at the last moment telegraphed an expression of regret at being detained elsewhere.

Divisional Grand Conclave having been opened, the muster roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's accounts were presented, and having been duly audited, were approved and passed.

Letters of regret for absence were read from several sir knights, including the Grand Viceroy, Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres; the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight C. F. Matier; Intendant-General, S. Lane; Sir Knight Lake, P.S.; Sir Knight Shirley, P.S.; and several others.

Sir Knight Dr. BURNLEY, P.G. Treas., proposed, and Sir Knight COBHAM, G. Treas., seconded, Sir Knight Richard Clowes, of No. 122, as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

No other name was brought forward, and the Intendant-General, strongly commending the selection, declared Sir Knight Clowes unanimously elected.

The INTENDANT-GENERAL referred to the resignation of the post he now filled, by Sir Knight Frederic Wood, and moved that a very cordial vote of thanks be accorded to him for his services to the division.

This being seconded by the D. RECORDER, was carried by acclamation.

The INTENDANT-GENERAL referred to his own appointment by the late lamented Grand Sovereign, Sir F. Burdett, Bart., one of his latest official acts, and expressed his sense of obligation to Sir Knights Matier and Berridge for having come down to Belvedere in May to install him in his office. The I.G. then referred to the services to the division conferred by the first and only Recorder, Sir Knight Bateman, who had held the position for seven years—since the establishment of the division of Kent in November, 1885, and moved that a cordial vote of thanks be inscribed on the minutes.

This was seconded by Sir Knight WEISS, and carried unanimously.

The INTENDANT-GENERAL then announced that he had appointed Sir Knight Bateman his Deputy, and proceeded to oblige him to that position and seat him on the throne.

The DEPUTY INTENDANT-GENERAL briefly returned thanks for the honour, and promised his unremitting services in the interest of the Order.

The following divisional officers were then appointed and invested:

Sir Knt. W. G. Weiss, M.P.S.	122	G.V.E.
" J. W. Nash, M.P.S.	147...	G.S.G.
" Andrew Holmes, M.P.S.	...	...
" elect 148	...	G.J.G.
" R. Clowes, 122	...	G. Treas.
" G. R. Cobham, P.M.	147	G. Recorder
" G. P. Carter	...	G. Cham.
" G. Burney	...	G. Marshal.
" J. G. Thomas	...	G. Prefect.
" T. P. Newton	...	G.I. of R.
" C. G. Cutchey	...	G. Std. Br.
" W. J. Wiggins	...	G.S.B.
" J. G. Dunkley	...	G. Org.
" G. Todd	...	G. Herald.
Frater Orum	...	G. Sentinel.

The alms were then collected, and the Divisional Conclave was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held, presided over by the Intendant-General, supported by the Deputy Intendant-General, and the M.P.S. of the Saye and Sele Conclave, Sir Knight Weiss, D.G.V.E., after which the toasts usual to this Degree were duly honoured, and some capital music was contributed by the new G. Organist, Sir Knight Dunkley.

Amongst those present were Ill. Sir Knight Belgrave Ninnis, Int.-Gen. Jamaica; Sir Knights Robinson, P.G.V.E.; Abel Penfold, P.G.V.E.; Charles Jolly, P.G.S.G.; S. Brice, jun., P.G.V.E.; Andrew Holmes, P.G.M.; T. P. Newton, D.G.H.; G. P. Carter, D.G. Prefect; J. G. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; and others.

### BELVEDERE.

**Saye and Sele Conclave (No. 122).**—An assembly of this conclave took place on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. The M.P.S., Sir Knight Weiss, D.G.M., presided, and there was a good attendance. Bro. F. A. Jewson, 1816 and 1827, and R.A. 1549, and Sir Knight G. J. Dunkley (A.C.), were balloted for and unanimously elected, and the latter being in attendance, was ably installed a knight of the Order by the M.P.S. A sanctuary of knights of the Holy Sepulchre having been opened, the Degree in both points was fully worked by the Intendant-General, assisted by Sir Knights Bateman, Cobham, and Weiss, and the Degree conferred on sir knights Cutchey, Dunkley, Nash, Wiggins, Newton, and Thomas, all being Royal Arch Masons.

The sanctuary being closed, conclave was resumed and adjourned for the holding of the annual meeting of the Divisional Grand Conclave, at the conclusion of which the Saye and Sele Conclave was closed, and the Sir Knights joined the members of Divisional Conclave at refreshment.

## Scotland.

### GLASGOW.

**Prince's Lodge (No. 607).**—The meeting for the installation of office-bearers was held on Monday evening, the 7th instant, in the Pillar Hall, Queen's Rooms. Bro. Major F. W. Allan, R.W.M., presided, and handed the mallet to Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, G.S.W., who installed the new Master, Bro. Col. J. A. Reid, and the other office-bearers.

The brethren, along with a number of distinguished visitors (including Bro. Lord Provost Bell, who was made Provost on the previous Thursday), dined at the Windsor Hotel, a sumptuous banquet being provided.

During the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Allan, in recognition of the valuable services rendered, and as a tribute of the affectionate regard of the brethren. The funds of the lodge amount to close on £1600.

## Ireland.

### ENNISKILLEN.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 891).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Town Hall. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. F. Jones, P.M., in an able and impressive way conferred the Degree on a brother in attendance. Mr. S. W. Brown was balloted for and duly declared as a fit and proper candidate for Masonic favours. The officers for the ensuing year having been elected as follows: Bros. J. L. Carson, re-elected W.M.; Jason Coalter, S.W.; W. Crowe, J.W.; F. W. Packenham, S.D.; Thos. Gamble, J.D.; S. R. Gibson, I.G.; W. F. Jones, P.M., Sec.; and W. Teele, P.M., Treas, the lodge was then closed.

## The Craft Abroad.

### BERMUDA.

**Civil and Military Lodge (No. 726 (S.C.)).**—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Lily Hall, Hamilton, on Monday, the 3rd ult. The R.W. Master, Bro. Lieut. W. T. Vidler (Army Medical Staff), was supported by the following officers: Bros. J. Barritt, I.P.M.; R. Duerden, D.M.; J. Wilson, acting as S.M.; T. Adams, S.W.; C. Taylor, acting as J.W.; F. Hickman, acting as Sec.; A. Gass, S.D.; H. J. Farrell, J.D.; A. Cockings, I.G.; T. Applin and H. J. Blatchford, Stewards; and P. Burrows, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Hyland, P.G.M. Bermuda; T. Wadson, W.M., officers, and brethren of Atlantic Phoenix Lodge, 225 (E.C.); and brethren from the several lodges in the Island.

The lodge having been opened, the R.W.P.G.M. was received. Bros. Piper and Robertson were raised to the Degree of M.M. in a very perfect and impressive manner

by the R.W.M. The R.W.P.G.M. congratulated the lodge on its excellent working and flourishing condition, which he attributed mainly to the efforts and hard work of the R.W. Master, Bro. Lieut. Vidler.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where, under the superintendence of Bro. Franklin, 358 (E.C.), an excellent repast was served, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The R.W. Master" was given in highly complimentary terms by the S.W., Bro. Adams, who referred to the loss the lodge was sustaining by the early departure of Bro. Vidler to England for duty.

In reply, the R.W. Master thanked the S.W. for his kind remarks, and assured the brethren that he should always look back with pleasure to his two years of office in the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" at the hands of Bro. Taylor, acting as J.W., was very heartily received.

This was ably responded to by Bro. Wadson, W.M. 224 (E.C.), and several other visiting brethren.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy and successful meeting.

During the evening some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Pollett, Farrell, Cockings, Piper and other brethren.

### FREEMASONRY IN MALTA.

We are glad to hear that the season has opened in this busy Masonic centre under most encouraging auspices. Bro. Colonel M. Ramsay, the deservedly respected District Grand Master, who has been enjoying a well-earned rest in England, is expected back at the end of the month. Bro. Major Collings, W.M., St. John and St. Paul Lodges, has just gone on leave after a successful period of office. Bro. Bolley, W.M., and a capital set of officers are keeping up the traditional prosperity of Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407; Bro. T. V. Quinn, ably assisted, is also doing well with Zetland Lodge, No. 515. United Brethren Lodge, No. 1923, was never more prosperous than under the care of Bro. C. H. Horsfall. We also hear capital accounts of Wayfarers Lodge, No. 1926, which is flourishing under the control of Bro. Samuel Rowlandson.

We must also express the satisfaction it gives us to hear that the old Leinster Lodge, No. 387, under the Irish Constitution, is better conditioned both numerically and financially than it has been for some years. Bro. Hamilton Sharpe, I.P.M., has been carrying on the duties during the summer. Bro. W. Penning being in England, Bro. Sharpe welcomed back the W.M., also Bros. Cook, Secretary, and A. Shrapnell, S.D., in formal style.

The lodge was regularly opened, a vote of welcome put and passed, and the warrant handed on.

A splendid banquet followed, at which right good Irish cheers were offered and heartily appreciated.

### MASONIC TITLES.

A recent number of the *Morning Leader* contained the following curious jumble of what it calls "curious appellations which are used in the higher walks of Masonry." We venture to think our readers will consider them as "curious" as the *Morning Leader* does:

"The Royal Arch title of Companion Edward Letchworth, who played the leading part in an interesting Masonic ceremony on Monday, is but one amongst many curious appellations which are used in the higher walks of Masonry. Mr. Letchworth is described as a 'Grand Scribe,' but this is quite modest when compared with 'Prince,' 'Prophet,' 'High Priest,' and 'Sojourner,' which are common to every chapter. In the Cross Degree of Knights Templar Druids the names of the officers vary in different 'encampments.' Among them are Priors, Orators, Prelates, Chaplains, Drapers, Preceptors, Heralds, Almoners, Hospitaliers, Marshalls, Bailiffs, Equeuries, and Admirals, the prefix 'Grand' being used with great frequency. Then we have, in addition to the Architects, the Secret and Perfect Masters, and the other creations of Mark Masonry, the orders of the Noahites or Prussian Knights, of the Red Cross Sword of Babylon, of the Knights of the Sword of the East, of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, of the Knights of the White Eagle or Pelican, and, lastly, of the Rosicrucians—the *ne plus ultra* Degree of Masonry. The brethren of the Rosy Cross are known as 'Most Respectful Knights,' and the superior officer is the 'Most Wise.'"

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenberg and family, left Balmoral for Windsor, Castle on Thursday afternoon in fine, cold weather. Frost had prevailed during the night, and the air was keen, but the weather was bright, and the first portion of the journey was done in open carriages. At Ballater a guard of honour of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was mounted at the station. The Royal train, which left at 2.15 p.m., reached Perth at 6.18—two minutes before the fixed time. Her Majesty and the Princess dined at the Station Hotel, and resumed their journey at 7.19.

Through the kindness of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales a suite of rooms in the Imperial Institute has again this year been placed at the disposal of that excellent charity, the London Needlework Guild, for the exhibition of the various articles presented by the members for distribution among the poor during the present winter. No fewer than 42,440 articles have been sent in, the list including all kinds of wearing apparel for men, women, and children, as well as over 500 blankets. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck, who is President of the guild, has alone given 2500 articles. The society has year by year been extending its sphere of usefulness.

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## Masonic Notes.

It must be a pleasure to our Lincolnshire brethren to have the familiar name of Yarborough again associated in a conspicuous manner with their Province, and we congratulate those among them who are Mark Masons on the appointment of the present holder of the title as their Provincial Grand Master. The installation of his lordship, which was performed by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Bros. Col. Cook, Viscount Dungarvan, C. F. Matier, Frank Richardson, and others, took place in the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, on Monday, the arrangements being such as reflected the greatest credit on those who had had them in charge. We shall publish a full report of the proceedings next week.

At the same meeting, the opportunity was taken to present the retiring Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, who had held the office for nine years, with a handsome testimonial, in recognition of his valuable services to Lincolnshire Mark Masonry. The testimonial included a Jack Sutcliffe Benevolent Fund, a handsomely-illuminated address, and a silver salver, bearing on it a suitable inscription. In this instance also we congratulate the Province on having done honour to whom honour is due.

Bro. James Smith has done good service for the Craft, by writing and publishing a capital history of "Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge, No. 53," of Dumfries; with records from the year 1687. The "Dumfries Masonic Historian," has done his work thoroughly, and the result is an excellent historical sketch of the venerable lodge, which we have perused with pleasure and profit, and most sincerely congratulate Bro. James Smith on the success and completion of his labours.

Bro. Hughan has kindly written an Introduction on the "Old Charges," with especial reference to those domiciled in Scotland, and has moreover carefully described—after due collation—the five preserved at Dumfries, which have been unearthed through the well-directed researches of Bro. Smith, and other brethren in that town.

As Bro. Hughan is without an equal in this particular study, his introduction is a most valuable addition to the volume, and he has also favoured us with an appreciative criticism of Bro. Smith's history, which we take the opportunity of warmly endorsing. As this, the latest effort of Bro. Smith's has received such hearty approval from Bro. Hughan, we need say no more, and we feel persuaded that Bro. Hughan's verdict will be that of the Craft generally.

The Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, which celebrated the centenary of its foundation in May last, are making good use of the funds then obtained. We stated a few weeks since that the net proceeds, after defraying all expenses, amounted to £21,630, and grants have already been made to 15 girls—including those who will leave school at Christmas—towards enabling them to turn to good account the benefits they have derived from their training and education. "In every case," we are told, "the needs and capacity of the object of the bounty have been judiciously studied, with a view to help the girls to secure independence by their own exertions," and it is calculated that, "after completing the buildings, the income of the Centenary Fund will provide about £30, on the average, for each outgoing pupil."

But this is not all. Already 12 new pupils have been admitted and the erection of an additional dormitory has been commenced, which will enable the Governors to augment the number of children to 100. Moreover, a separate infirmary is in course of erection, and it is intended to build a Memorial Hall, large enough to accommodate the whole school at once, and to serve as a drill hall and day room, as well as for a place of meeting on state occasions for the Governors and friends of the Institution.

The fund realised is large enough to allow of these various additions and improvements being carried out, but, as with our English Masonic Charitable Institutions, so with this Masonic Orphan School at Dublin, the Governors take care to remind the Craft that, though this centenary celebration was successful beyond the most sanguine expectations, the school will still be dependent chiefly on the bounty of the brethren for its means of maintenance. The resources of the Institution are not sufficient to allow of its paying its way without the voluntary contributions are renewed from year to year.

The *New Zealand Mail* is angry because in a former article on the Grand Lodge Movement in South Africa we advised the brethren in that Colony to follow the example of our South Australian brethren rather than that of New Zealand in its endeavours to establish a Grand Lodge. We see no reason to regret having tendered this advice, and what is still more to the point—the promoters of the South African scheme, whether they have seen our remarks and been influenced by them or not, are evidently resolved on abstaining from any act or acts which are in any way calculated to disturb the kindly feelings presently existing among the lodges and brethren under the existing English, Scotch, and Dutch Constitutions.

In another part of our columns will be found an article, in which the steps proposed to be taken by the promoters of the contemplated South African Grand Lodge are fully described, and we think our readers will agree with us that the contrast between the proposed South African mode of procedure and the course adopted by the New Zealand Grand Lodge promoters could hardly be greater. There will be no Grand Lodge in South Africa unless "at least three-fourths" of its lodges are in favour of its formation; there is a Grand Lodge in New Zealand, but nearly one-half of the lodges in the colony will have nothing to do with it. We do not need to reside in the latter country in order to determine for ourselves that the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the teeth of so large an opposition must have given rise to a serious amount of ill-feeling.

The *New Zealand Mail* admits that "at the inception of the movement there was much opposition shown to the scheme," but that was "mainly by brethren who were ignorant, and persisted wilfully in remaining ignorant of the real scope of the movement and the intentions of its promoters." But this is assertion, not argument. Whenever two people, or two sets of people, differ, each charges the other with being stupid or ignorant, or something equally uncomplimentary. What we have always maintained, and still maintain, is that the establishment of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand by one half of the lodges was certain to generate ill-feeling on the part of the other half; and the justice of our proposition is borne out by the statement of our contemporary that "all bad feeling has now nearly entirely disappeared."

As for the further statement of the *Mail* that "never were the brethren of the Craft in the Colony, whether of the English or the New Zealand, on such terms of mutual goodwill as they are at present," all that we can say is that we are delighted to hear it. The letter in a recent number of the *New Zealand Craftsman*, signed "P.M. N.Z.C., Reefton," on which we commented last week, does not give us a very exalted idea of this goodwill, nor do we think that such an ill-mannered attack on a leading member of the English Constitution will have the effect of strengthening it. Let us hope, however, that this is an isolated case, and that the wise counsels of Bro. Gillon will have the effect of stifling any disgust on the part of the English lodges which the Reefton tirade may have been calculated to evoke.

Our usually well edited contemporary, the *Freemasons' Journal*, of New York, is wrong in stating that meetings of lodges in England on Sundays are frequent, although the statement is qualified by the admission that it is not the custom. We are not aware that a single lodge in the 2000 odd under the roll of the Grand Lodge of England meets on that day. We feel sure the editor will at once correct the statement, and thus remove the impression conveyed to his readers that English Masons have so far departed from ancient custom.

## Correspondence.

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

### TRANSFERS OF OLD WARRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I with interest read Bro. Lane's short article on "Transfers of Old Warrants," and am pleased to find that the necessarily short extracts from our minutes, referring to our consecrating lodges, Nos. 208, 258, and 264, mentioned by the Worshipful Master at the recent centenary celebration of my Lodge, No. 289, and kindly inserted in your issue of the 15th ult., should be interesting to a brother who has done so much good work for the Craft.

In support of Bro. Lane's statement, may I be allowed to add the following extract from the communication from the Provincial Grand Lodge of this province (then for the whole County of York), held at York, October 23rd, 1805, which leads one to infer that it was then customary to allow new lodges to appropriate old warrants, thus evading the law against making new lodges and secret societies by resuscitating erased ones.—Yours fraternally,

ALFRED SCARTH,

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Extract from minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge for the county of York, held at the lodge room, Blake-street, York, on Wednesday, October 23rd, 1805:

"A Petition was presented from several Brethren at Pudsey, in the West Riding of this County, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to assemble at a private room in Pudsey, aforesaid; promising at the same

time a strict conformity to the Masonic Rules and Regulations, and praying that the name of such Lodge might be called the Pemberton.

"Resolved—

"That the prayer of such petition cannot be complied with, agreeable to the existing Act of Parliament, but if the petitioning brethren should be fortunate enough to meet with a Dormant Warrant, then this Provincial Grand Lodge will not fail to transmit such latent Document to the Grand Lodge of London, so that their good wishes towards Masonry in forming the Pemberton by their united efforts, may be carried into full effect."

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 1014] CURIOUS MASONIC MEDAL.

Can any of your readers tell me the origin, or give me a clue to the history of the following Masonic piece? On a Mosaic pavement three robed figures, two crowned and holding sceptres in their right hand, and the third kneeling and showing an unfolded plan of a building; in the foreground a perfect ashlar within compasses and a gavel on it, and the square, level, and plumb rule lying around. In the distance, and behind the figures, a building in course of erection with scaffolding. On the left the radiant sun, and on the right a crescent moon, the whole surrounded by a serpent with its tail in its mouth. Reverse—on a shield (tincture doubtful), three lions, passant guard, crest, a hand grasping a spear armed; the whole in front of three columns (Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian). On the dexter side, partly hidden by the shield, a sprig of acacia, square, scroll, and level. On the sinister a vine branch, the compasses, gavel, perfect ashlar, triangle containing part of the letter C, and plumb. Legend—BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, & TRUTH, below BR. WILLM. COOMBE. The arms on the shield, crest, and the legends are incused. Floriated loop, oval. Hall-mark circa 1784.

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### 1015] TWO OLD MEDALS.

Both the medals mentioned by Bro. Hughan in your issue of the 12th inst. are mentioned and described in "Medallic Illustrations of British History," Vol. II., p. 670, et seq. The former is in the British Museum, and the latter is in the Hunterian Collection of the University of Glasgow, and both are very rare. I think Bro. Hughan is mistaken in stating the building is "the infirmary;" it should be the Edinburgh Exchange. In addition to those, I know of another as follows: "The Grand Master (G. Drummond), of the Scottish Freemasons, grasping the hand of a brother Mason, points to a seated figure of Silence, in the background is the New Exchange at Edinburgh, above are the sun and moon, with the seven stars of the Pleiades; Masonic implements lie about on the ground. Exergue AMICITIA VIRTUTE ET SILENTIO (By friendship, virtue, and silence.) Reverse—The armorial shield of the Scottish Freemasons, with the collar of the Order of St. Andrews." Size, 1-2 (one inch 2-10ths.) This also is very rare, and is in the collection of R. W. Cochrane Patrick, Esq., Woodside, Blith, and described by him in his work, "Catalogue of the Medals of Scotland, &c., 1844," and also in "Medallic Illustrations of British History"—(vide supra). Although it was struck to be laid in the foundation-stone of the Edinburgh Exchange, it is not mentioned in the "Scots Magazine" for September, 1753, where a full account of the ceremony and the two preceding pieces mentioned by Bro. Hughan are described. I regret that I have none of these medals in my collection.

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## Reviews.

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence" for the Grand Chapter of Ohio by Bro. S. Stacker Williams is a very interesting compilation, and exceedingly well done. The references of special concern to English companions are not numerous, as mainly the volume appeals to American Royal Arch Masons. There is no reference to the Grand Chapter of England, but the Mark Grand Lodge is reviewed by Bro. Williams in a most friendly manner. The Grand Representative from Ohio to that body is Bro. J. Kelly O'Neal, and at the Mark Grand Lodge the Right Hon. Lord Henniker represents the Grand Chapter of Ohio. His lordship is also Representative from Scotland. Bro. Williams quotes the most of Bro. Hughan's "interesting and instructive letter" to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania as its Grand Representative; he rightly "appreciating the honour" of such an appointment as it was the first of its kind. As may be expected, Bro. Hughan speaks most heartily of the able management of the Mark Grand Lodge, with Bro. Matier as Grand Secretary. He also states that there are 627 chapters on the Roll of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, and points out the practical oneness of the great ruling Masonic bodies in England, with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. This report by Bro. S. Stacker Williams is one of the best of the many excellent volumes issued annually in America.

Lord Mayor Knill marked his accession to the office of Chief Magistrate of the City of London by entertaining some 2000 children of the City Ward Schools in the Guildhall on the 11th instant. Refreshments were liberally provided, and when these had been partaken of, the Great Hall was turned into a play room, every description of entertainment, including Punch and Judy; performing dogs, trained ponies, &c., &c., being in full swing throughout the evening.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge (No. 45).**—The November regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, on which occasion there were present Bros. W. F. Bruty, W.M.; A. W. Whitby, S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; H. T. Nell, P.M., Sec.; W. Sammes, S.D.; D. A. Langdon, J.D.; G. G. Symons, P.M., D.C.; N. R. G. Emerson, Org.; W. G. Mills, I.G.; J. Cuet, Steward; W. H. Liddall, I.P.M.; J. Smith, P.M.; R. E. Hunt, P.M.; E. H. Dove, P.M.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and the following visitors: Bros. E. N. Dale, P.M. 1987; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; R. A. Hargroves, W.M. 1558; R. R. Green, P.M. 1304; and C. J. Ashdown, 1427.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., raised Bros. Clarke, Flint, Arthur Hall, and E. M. Hall, and subsequently Bro. Bruty, W.M., passed Bros. Inchbold, Preager, Edmunds, Selmes, and Bromley Hall to the Second Degree, and then initiated Messrs. James King, Henry Durell, and William Alfred Harrison. On the motion of Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Smith, P.M., the initiation fee was raised from eight to ten guineas, and on an addendum being suggested by Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M., Secretary, that the joining fee be raised from three to five guineas, this was also adopted. A Committee was afterwards appointed to consider the desirability of forming a Benevolent Fund to be attached to the lodge. Bro. Hunt, P.M., announced that he would stand as Steward of the lodge for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the lodge thereupon voted 10 guineas to his list.

After this the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

The toasts which followed were proposed in the shortest possible way, the hour being very late.

The I.P.M., Bro. Liddall, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on the way in which he did his work, and the lodge on having so expert a Master.

The Worshipful Master replied, and said that that was only the second time he had occupied the chair, and it could not be said that he had done much. Still, he hoped to do much more, and that before his term of office expired it would be seen that he had performed the ceremonies in such an efficient manner as to give satisfaction to the brethren. He then proposed "The Initiates," and said he felt proud so soon after his installation to have had so many on the list. He hoped to have more during his year of office.

Bro. Durell was the first to reply, and he apologised for the absence of Bro. King, who had been obliged to leave, but who had desired him to express his feelings of gratitude to the lodge for admitting him as a member. He had known Bro. King for a very long time, and was well acquainted with the admirable circle in which he had been brought up. They both hoped and trusted that they might become strong men. They came there with health and strength, and would both endeavour to push their way as far as they possibly could in the Strong Man Lodge. They had both joined with the express purpose of attaining the highest position in it, and he believed any one who joined it had that opportunity. In such a lodge it would take some time, but he was pleased to say, as they had health and youth on their side, there was the possibility of their being able to attain the position they so much desired. He wished continued success to the Strong Man Lodge.

Bro. Harrison also replied. Although he had heard a great deal about Freemasonry, the real facts had never been put before him. He had heard a good many tales about it, but they had all proved fallacious and untruthful. Now that he saw what it was he looked upon it with pleasure. He found in it a body of men banded together, bound by the ties of love and fraternity, who did their best to support each other. Come what might, whatever their differences in religion or politics, they were all banded together in brotherly love to support each other, even to death.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," said they all knew the work Bro. Liddall had done in the past, and they knew that if called upon to do it again he would readily do so. He was quite sure Bro. Liddall would back him up during his year of office.

Bro. Liddall thanked the W.M. for his kind observations, and assured the brethren that his best thoughts and wishes were for the Strong Man Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," after remarking that the lodge was always pleased to entertain visitors, said it seemed to him that the presence of visitors gave a tone to the lodge and made it look up.

Bro. R. R. Green, P.M. 1804, replying, said he had had many invitations to entertainments in this lodge, but this was the first night he had an opportunity of accepting the courtesy of the brethren. He had very much enjoyed the work of the evening. Many of the members of Strong Man Lodge knew him elsewhere as a supporter of the Charities, and in that character he was much pleased to see that evening the move that was made on behalf of Masonic Charity. He did not think Masonic Charity was carried out in lodges so much as it should be all the country through, but he wished the Strong Man Lodge hearty success in its new path.

Bro. C. J. Ashdown, 1427, also responded. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said it was a great pleasure to find those brethren who had gone through the Master's chair still attend regularly to see the younger ones do their work.

Bro. Hunt, P.M., while thanking the W.M. on behalf of all the P.M.'s, said their actions spoke stronger than their words. They supported the W.M., and always would support him.

Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M., Sec., responding to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," said that as far as he was concerned he took great interest in the lodge, and he hoped his work gave satisfaction. He wished to draw attention to the fact that the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction had

changed its day and place of meeting to Wednesday in each week at half-past six in the evening, at the City Arms, St. Mary Axe.

Bro. G. G. Symons also replied, saying that Bro. Nell's sentiments were his.

Bro. Cobb, J.W., assured the W.M. that all the officers of the lodge were only too pleased to assist in the well ruling and governing of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**Cosmopolitan Lodge (No. 917).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. There was a large proportion of the members present, amongst whom were Bros. E. Francis, W.M.; J. Bott, W.M. elect; T. Draper, I.P.M.; G. M. Taylor, P.M.; J. F. Van Raalte, P.M.; W. Pitt, P.M.; G. Redding, P.M.; G. Edwards, P.M.; A. Hamilton, P.M.; F. Egbert Roberts, P.M.; W. Salmon, Antunovich, R. Prime, H. E. Saunders, and others. The visitors were also numerous, among them being Bros. J. F. Hasden, 1364, P.P.G. Org. Essex; W. H. Chalk, 1437; G. English, 901; C. Tayler, 1624; W. Snelgrove, 907; J. Prentice, P.M. 1135; A. Harvey, W.M. 1963; A. W. Boston, P.M. 1278; F. Page, 1962; and H. Prenton, 1319.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bros. Bruster and Wagstaff were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. James Bott was presented as W.M. elect, and installed by Bro. Francis, the outgoing W.M., in an exceedingly able and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. Salmon, S.W.; G. A. P. Antunovich, J.W.; G. Edwards, Treas.; A. Hamilton, Sec.; H. E. Sanders, S.D.; W. Smith, J.D.; F. Egbert Roberts, Org.; J. Bass, I.G.; J. R. Hewitt, D.C.; G. M. Tayler and R. Prime, Stwds.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where an excellent banquet was served.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, the W.M. presenting Bro. Francis, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel.

Feeling references were made by the W.M. and I.P.M. to the sad loss the lodge had sustained during the past year by the death of three of its Past Masters, viz: Bros. Louis Stean, Secretary, J. T. Salmon, Treasurer, and C. Tichiaz. Bro. Stean was a member of the Euphrates Lodge, in which he was initiated in 1830, he was also one of the founders of the Cosmopolitan Lodge in 1862, and Secretary from that time until his death, he was also founder and first Master of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1706.

This lodge is fortunate in possessing Bro. Egbert Roberts, P.M., and P.P. G. Org. of Essex, as one of its members, and under his direction, and assisted by several other members and visitors, a capital programme of music was rendered.

**Lodge of Asaph (No. 1319).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge, which was founded in the year 1870, for the convenience of members of the dramatic and musical profession, was held on Monday, the 6th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Alfred Edward Bishop, of Bro. Henry Irving's company, the W.M., presided. As usual on these occasions, there was a very large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors, there being some 130 brethren present.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Edward Walter Gardiner was elected as a joining member of the lodge, and then the report of the Audit Committee and of the Fund of Benevolence, both of which were exceedingly favourable, were received and adopted. Bro. W. Sydney Penley, S.W. and W.M. elect, was thereupon presented for installation by Bro. George E. Fairchild, P.M., D.C., to the W.M., and Bro. J. Weaver, P.M., took the S.W. chair, and Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M., the J.W. chair. Bro. Bishop, W.M., proceeded to install Bro. Penley, and performed the whole ceremony in faultless style. The following brethren received the collars of office for the ensuing year: Bros. A. E. Bishop, I.P.M.; J. E. Hambleton, S.W.; F. H. Macklin, J.W.; C. Welland, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Fairchild, P.M., D.C.; C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; S. Johnson, S.D.; W. J. Holloway, J.D.; C. Dodsworth, I.G.; L. Lablache and G. H. Allen, Stewards; and John Gilbert, Tyler. When the ceremonies were concluded, Bro. Penley, W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Bishop, I.P.M., with a valuable Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with some highly flattering, but well-deserved, remarks on his great services to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Bishop acknowledged the gift and the compliment, and assured the brethren of his devotion to the interests of the lodge and to Freemasonry generally.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, but Bro. Bishop having to attend a dress rehearsal at the Lyceum Theatre, was not able to wait for the toast of "The I.P.M." The W.M. was very brief in his proposing of the toasts, but his observations were strictly to the point.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said he asked them to drink the toast with that loyalty and sincerity which has always characterised the Lodge of Asaph.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said the toast, like good wine, needs no bush. There is only one feeling among Masons about their Grand Master—love and loyalty.

In proposing "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. observed that it was to the exertions of the Grand Officers that Masonry, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, owed its grand position.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., replied, and referring to the step he took at the Quarterly Communication in September last, said he was not opposed to, but, on the contrary, in favour of, an extension of the number of Grand Officers.

Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said: In the absence of Bro. Bishop, I propose the W.M., and I think the reason I have the honour to do this is that it was my great pleasure to propose our Bro. Penley, your Worshipful Master, for initiation in this lodge. It was also my great pleasure, when I had the honour of getting in the chair, to offer him his first collar of Steward. It is also my great pleasure to



know that I am, if not the oldest friend, at least one of the oldest friends he has in this room, and, therefore, it is with the greatest pleasure I rise to ask you to drink the health of your W.M. It seems almost needless for me to say anything with regard to the future of the Asaph Lodge, being in his hands, he has given us such a sample of what he intends to do, that it is superfluous to attempt to give any idea of it. Bro. Penley and I have worked together in Masonry, have learned the ritual together, have rehearsed it together, before he thought of getting a collar, even down to a few weeks ago. I know perfectly well there has been but one desire in his mind with regard to his work, and that is, to be perfect in his ritual, to render it as perfectly as in his power, so as to keep up the best traditions of the Lodge of Asaph. Practically, there is no doubt that he will do so, and that when the time comes, and, if the Great Architect of the Universe spares us, we shall hear him go through the ceremony of installation as well as it has been done to-day—and that is saying a great deal. I know that we shall have a brilliant year in the Lodge of Asaph in the hands of Bro. Penley.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said: I thank you very much, Bro. Lestocq, for your too kind remarks, and I thank the brethren very much for their most hearty reception of them, but I must say that I had learned a very fine speech for this occasion, only, unfortunately it does not fit in with that of Bro. Lestocq's. However, I thank you most sincerely for the way you have drunk my health. I can assure you I shall do my very utmost to uphold the dignity of the old Lodge of Asaph. The Past Masters of the Lodge of Asaph have left a good record behind them. I shall try to imitate it. Brethren, thank you kindly; I cannot say more.

The Worshipful Master next said: Brethren, I am going to ask you now to drink "The Health of Bro. Bishop." He has been obliged to go away, but I think it is a good opportunity for another drink. Prosperity and long life to Bro. Bishop.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said the welcome they gave them was hearty and fraternal, and they knew it, and year after year they came. Might their numbers increase as years went on.

After Bros. Dr. Pocock and Pilcher had acknowledged the toast,

Bro. Fitzgerald said that for the sixteenth time he had been at the lodge and seen the ceremony of installation performed in it. He had only to look back a few years to see a little gentleman come up to the pedestal and receive his Degree at the hands of the late Bro. John Maclean. He could remember the attentive manner in which Bro. Penley received the ceremony. He afterwards saw a congratulatory letter written by Bro. Penley to Bro. Maclean upon the latter's performance of the ceremony. When he saw it he foreshadowed that Bro. Penley would occupy the chair in the same way as Bro. Maclean did. He would now come to the Logic Club, and say that, as far as that club was concerned, he happened to be its Secretary, and it afforded him an immense amount of pleasure to receive members of the Asaph Lodge. He wished he was its *Private Secretary*, but that lot did not fall to them all. In that club they were always pleased to see any member of the Asaph Lodge, and to hear them rehearse the ceremonies. The Logic Club had its inception in the Asaph Lodge. It had been presided over by Bro. Maclean and Bro. George Buckland; it was now presided over by their distinguished friend, Bro. George Fairchild, who was beloved and respected by all. The club began a few years ago in the drawing rooms of one or two of the Past Masters. It went on there until the wife of one brother overheard through the keyhole mention of the Queen of Sheba. The wife in question thought it was wrong for Masons to meet there and talk about women. The husband said it was something that occurred in Freemasonry, but she said it meant something else, and that she would have no more of it, and out they went. That was the foundation of the Logic Club. They had to find fields and pastures somewhere else. Bro. Humphrey offered them accommodation at his rooms. Taking all things into consideration they had got on very well, and they had not forgotten the Charities, for they had subscribed no less than £1700 to the three Masonic Charities. That had gone on for a few years, and he hoped and trusted that with the kind assistance of the Past Masters of the Lodge of Asaph they would go on and prosper. On behalf of the Logic Club he congratulated Bro. Penley on attaining the high position of W.M., and he felt certain that this great lodge would lose nothing at the hands of Bro. Penley.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Charities," said the Lodge of Asaph had always been a strong supporter of the Charities as far as lay in its power. The actual state of their own benevolent fund was a proof that they were charitably disposed.

Bros. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., responded.

Bros. W. A. Tinney, C. Wellard, and E. Swanborough, replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Johnson replied for "The Officers."

Under the direction of Bro. Charles E. Tinney, P.M., a beautiful performance of vocal and instrumental music was given during the evening by Bros. G. May, Reginald Groome, Charles Stevens, Robert Grice, Franklin Clive, Charles E. Tinney, H. Schartau, Brandon Thomas, J. E. Hambleton, Walter E. Stark, and J. A. Hamilton. Bro. John Le Hay gave a most amusing ventriloquial performance.

#### Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).

This lodge met to celebrate the Festival of the Four Crowned Martyrs, at Freemasons' Hall, on the 8th instant. There were present Bros. W. H. Rylands, P.G. Steward, W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, S.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; C. Kupferschmidt, I.G.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, S. T. Klein, Dr. Benjamin, W. Richardson, and Col. S. C. Pratt. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. W. F. Lamonby, P.G.W. Victoria; Stephen Richardson, B. C. L. Bremner, R. P. Thomas, J. F. Ferris Bailey, R. Roy, W. T. Newitt, as J.W.; T. C. Lazenby, H. H. Shirley, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, Rev. C. H. Malden, C. B. Barnes, F. W. Wright, W. H. Lee, E. T. Edwards, H. Ffrench Bromhead, W. G. P. Gilbert, B. M. Bannatyne, T. Cohu, G. A. McDowall, F. A. Powell, J. Castello, R. Gowan, J. Seymour, E. Howard, G. A. Knock, G. Gregson, J. Thompson, Dr. G. Grant, N. Scott-Smith, and J. J. Hall. Visitors:

Bros. J. O'Neill, 1992; F. L. Roy, 392; G. R. Langley, 2381; C. F. A. Gibbs, 1849; and M. F. Tweedie, 92.

Two lodges and 25 brethren, as follows, were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, now numbering over 1400: Victoria Lodge, 26 (S.A.C.), Jamestown, South Australia; Minerva Lodge, 2433, Birkenhead; Bros. T. S. Burstow, 775 (S.C.), Toowoomba; W. S. Byrne, 286 (I.C.), Brisbane; A. W. Clarke, 768 (S.C.), Charters Towers, all in Queensland; G. W. Sare, 12 (N.Z.C.), Hamilton, New Zealand; T. Webb, 173 (N.S.W.C.), Broken Hill, New South Wales; J. J. Wilson, Jagersfontein, and G. H. Hollander, Senekal, both in the Orange Free State; G. Gie, Johannesburg, South African Republic; J. F. Lawless, W.M. 3, and W. H. S. Wright, 103, both of St. Paul, Minnesota; H. Crawford, 16, D.W.M. Grangemouth, Scotland; G. H. Brown, 2433; S. Jones, 477; S. Chapman, W.M. 2433; E. Kite, 2433; F. K. Stevenson, 537; R. J. Smith, 1042; A. J. Tonkin, 1755; A. H. Hale, 429; W. J. Clarke, 133; H. J. Sturgeon, 429; J. J. Hall, 1278; J. Thompson, 2242; F. E. W. Collard, 19; and H. Scott-Smith, 1264.

Bro. Professor Thos. Hayter Lewis, F.S.A., Past Vice-President of the R.I.B.A., Emeritus Professor of Architecture, University College, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. Gould, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. W. W. Westcott, S.W.; the Rev. C. J. Ball, J.W.; Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; E. Macbean, S.D.; W. Mattieu Williams, J.D.; R. F. Gould, D.C.; C. Kupferschmidt, I.G.; C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., Steward; and J. Freeman, Tyler. The W.M. then delivered an eloquent installation address, giving the result of recent researches which he thought threw some light upon a few difficult questions in Masonic history, and suggesting the lines on which further research might profitably be carried on. He then called upon Bro. Gould for his paper on "The Assembly," but, owing to the lateness of the evening, that brother contented himself with a short summary of the facts detailed in his paper, and the conclusions to be derived therefrom. The paper will appear at length in the published "Transactions." A vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer. The I.P.M., Bro. Rylands, was presented with an illuminated vote of thanks for his services in the chair during the preceding 12 months. Bro. Lamonby presented the lodge with a curious and valuable hand-painted apron of last century, formerly worn by one of his own ancestors; and Bro. Wright exhibited a handsome silk handkerchief decorated with Masonic symbols.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

#### Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge (No. 2362).

The third installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Officers' Mess at the head-quarters of the regiment, Chancery-street, Tottenham Court-road, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. M. H. Hale, W.M.; G. E. Grimes, H. R. Myers, J. L. Miller, H. Sillis, G. D. Mayford, J. N. Mayford, G. W. Barter, C. Gilbert, Claud-Scott, A. Marshall, Smith Richards, W. S. Hall, G. Groome, C. W. Patten, G. Chandler, J. W. Harris, G. Stevenson, C. Steel, J. Thompson, G. Jackson, H. Fowle, C. E. Cowland, and W. E. Welsford (hon. member). Visitors: Bros. R. D. Smith, W.M. 27; J. G. Hawkins, 2063; C. Sargeuch, 1201; H. Macfarlane, 27; M. Bradley, 958; F. Marshall, 1586; W. Coleman, P.M. 1604; P. Hearndon, 1853; W. C. Thomas, 65; J. H. Price, P.M. 1321; H. J. Harris, P.M. 65; J. Bull, 27; J. C. Powell, S. Armfield, 45; H. Longman, P.M. 2271; W. J. Harris, 1321; N. P. Ford, 2168; J. W. Dixon, P.M. 27; G. Goddard, 736; C. B. Bellerby, P.M. 2021; and W. Ellis, W.M. 1512.

After the usual business of the lodge and the initiation of two old and respected members of the regiment, Bro. Matthew Hale, P.M., the retiring W.M., in a very dignified and impressive manner installed his successor, Bro. G. E. Grimes, who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Col. Smith Richards, S.W.; Harry Sillis, J.W.; H. R. Myers, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Miller, Sec.; Geo. D. Mogford, S.D.; Geo. W. Baxter, J.D.; T. W. Mogford, I.G.; C. E. Gilbert, D.C.; G. Jackson Crow, Stwd.; and C. W. Lawrence, Tyler. It augurs well for the future success and prosperity of the lodge that the colonel of the regiment with which it is connected and from whence it derives its name, accepted the important office of S.W.; and Bro. Grimes, W.M., is to be congratulated in having so justly popular a colonel as his principal officer.

The Treasurer presented a very favourable balance-sheet, after which the lodge was closed and adjourned to an admirably served banquet in the regimental canteen.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the Installing Master, who congratulated the brethren on having elected as W.M. a Master who had Masonry so thoroughly at heart as Bro. Grimes.

It was received with great enthusiasm.

In reply, the W.M. expressed his deep sense of the honour done him, and promised to do his utmost to continue the prosperity of the lodge, which they could judge from their numbers. They had started with seven and were now 30, all of whom he could describe as zealous Masons. It afforded him great pleasure to pin on the breast of Bro. Hale, I.P.M., the jewel voted to him by the lodge as a slight tribute to his excellent services.

The toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters" was eloquently responded to by Bros. Matthew Hale and Claud Scott.

The toasts of "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were well received and responded to.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

An excellent programme was ably rendered, under the direction of Bro. H. J. MacFarlane, assisted by Bros. G. J. Crow, W. J. Harris, G. Goddard, G. W. Barter, H. Sillis, G. D. Mogford, and E. L. Berry.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, and great credit is due to Bro. Strickland, the regimental Steward to the canteen, for the excellent manner in which he catered for the festive board.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when Bro. John Niven, W.M.,

was supported by Bros. E. Pearson Peterson, I.P.M.; John Thornton, S.W.; A. J. Boyle, J.W.; C. H. Ellis, S.D.; A. E. Harris, as J.D.; John T. Last, Treas.; J. B. Fearnley, Sec.; S. A. Auty, P.M.; Chap.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Goodman Root, I.G.; Henry Holmes, Tyler; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Samuel A. Bailey, P.M.; John Morton, Robert S. Hird, Richard Harland, John A. Drake, and F. Percy Sykes. Visitors: Bros. C. J. Schott, 1018; and A. Swaine, Org. 387.

The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's balance-sheet for the past year, the consideration of which had been postponed from the previous lodge, was adopted. The ballot was taken for Bro. Richard Lishman, 439, as a joining member, which resulted in his election, and he was admitted to the membership of the lodge. The Second Degree was conferred on Bro. T. Percy Sykes by Bro. Peterson, I.P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Boyle, J.W., and the charge delivered by the W.M. The Treasurer, in accordance with the lodge by-laws, submitted his estimate of receipts and disbursements for the current year, which, with slight modification, was adopted. Two propositions for initiation were received, and, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

Refreshment followed labour, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed, and a cordial welcome given them.

Bro. Schott, 1018, responded, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to accept the hospitality of the lodge, and thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded to the visitors.

Bro. A. Swaine, 387, in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," stated that he esteemed it a great privilege and honour to submit this toast. He was by no means an infrequent visitor to the lodge, and had had opportunities of seeing how well the W.M. had discharged his duties in the various offices in the lodge he had occupied before reaching the chair, and he was convinced that the lodge would have a successful year under his rule.

The W.M., Bro. Niven, thanked Bro. Swaine for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for so cordially receiving it, and promised that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain the high prestige the lodge had attained.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant meeting.

Bros. Holmes, P.P.G.O.; Last, Fearnley, and Sykes contributed songs and duets to the harmony of the evening.

##### FARINGDON.

#### Vale of White Horse Lodge (No. 1770).

—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., there was a large assembly of brethren to take part in the installation of Bro. Dr. Coniston Spackman, W.M. Bro. Spackman being so well known at Swindon, a large contingent from the Swindon lodges went over to take part and assist in the ceremony, which took place in the lodge room at the Savings Bank, and as evidence of the popularity of the new Master, no less than eight of the 13 Past Masters were present to do him honour. The installation was carried out by Bro. H. J. Birch, P.M. 511, 1295, P.Z. 19, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, in a masterly manner. At the close the W.M. elected the following brethren to the subordinate offices: Bros. W. Crossland, S.W.; J. Robertson, J.W.; R. Pocock, Treas.; W. C. Sell, Sec.; J. T. Hudson, S.D.; A. E. Clark, J.D.; Cook, I.G.; and White, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Crown Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was served by Miss George, the Stewards being Bros. G. J. Dyke and R. Pocock. About 40 brethren were present.

The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and a pleasant evening was spent.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. spoke of the honour conferred on his lodge by the attendance of Bro. J. T. Morland, Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge, who, he said, had never spared time or trouble to be with them when he was wanted, and who had carried out the duties of D.P.G.M. since the death of the Duke of Clarence in a manner satisfactory to all.

Bro. Morland, in reply, expressed satisfaction at seeing excellent work done in the lodge, contrasting the present state of things with those existing when he first visited it.

In reply to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers of Berks," Bro. J. W. Martin, P.G. Sec., placed all the credit of the present successful state of things to the D.P.G.M., whose work he spoke of in eulogistic terms. All the lodges in the province had done well as regards the members and in their work for Charities, the sum received for the latter amounting to £1400 in addition to what had been contributed to old folk. Since the new Province of Berks had been formed they had got in their first boy, their first girl, and two old people, into the Masonic Institutions. He urged all to work together and combine when they had a candidate they wished to push forward and not go in for individual cases. All the lodges in the province were doing their work well, and he could not help paying a tribute to the excellent manner in which the installation had been carried out that evening by an officer from a neighbouring province. In conclusion, Bro. Martin wished the new W.M., with the team of juniors he had, a prosperous year of office.

As Charity Steward, Bro. Dyke gave statistics of work done. The 28 members of the lodge had enabled him to take up within a few shillings of £50 to the annual festival. As an answer to what was often said of Masonry, that it was simply an institution for eating and drinking, he quoted figures to show that during the present year upwards of £90,000 had been contributed to the three grand Masonic Institutions, viz., the Benevolent, the Boys' School, and the Girls' School.

The other toasts were of a complimentary character, Bro. Belcher, speaking highly of the W.M., and his father before him.

The harmony of the evening was largely contributed to with songs and banjo performances by Bro. Ellis H. Pritchett, a whistling solo by Bro. H. Kent, and songs by Bros. F. E. Streeten, T. Turner, C. Bishop, E. Bishop, W. Crossland, and W. R. Cook.

## HORWICH.

**Horwich Lodge (No. 2324).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel on the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Hawthorn R. Thornton, W.M.; Edward Hindley, S.W.; W. Varley, J.W.; Richard Hampson, Treas.; J. G. P. Simpson, Sec.; Gustavus Rufus, S.D.; J. Whitaker, J.D.; J. Hinchliffe, Org.; F. M. Palmer, I.G.; Geo. Calderbank and J. H. Howarth, Stwds.; James Dent, Tyler; Jas. Haslam, J. Ryder, John Taylor, A. H. Cooper, T. Hope, John Breakell, J. Hartley, T. Edwards, Henry Taylor, W. H. Howarth, John Fletcher, John Evans, T. Cooper, Z. Tetlow, James Briggs, Ralph Bates, and W. W. Glover. Visitors: Bros. John Slyman, 1730, P.P.G.D.; George Tootill, P.M. 730; James Critchley, 128; J. W. Higson, P.M. 1032; A. W. Duffin, P.M. 1134; G. P. Mulock, 950; James Mantell, W.M. 348; William Pollitt, 348; Thos. Potter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Ben Eckersley, S.D. 1134; J. Waring, P.M. 1134; James Coulthurst, P.M. 128; Thos. Greenhalgh, Tyler 221; J. R. Clarkson, I.P.M. 950; Walter Marsden, 678; J. C. Varley, S.D. 277; and W. Longworth.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Hindley, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Waring, P.M., and was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Hawthorn R. Thornton, W.M., in a very impressive manner. The following officers were invested by the W.M., and their respective duties explained by Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.M.: Bros. Varley, S.W.; Rufus, J.W.; R. Hampson, Treas.; John Evans, Sec.; J. Whitaker, S.D.; F. M. Palmer, J.D.; G. H. Whitaker, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Hinchliffe, Org.; W. H. Sprague, I.G.; G. Calderbank, John H. Howarth, James Haslam, and W. H. Howarth, Stwds.; and James Dent, Tyler. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence had been received from Bros. Goodacre, P.G.S.; Whitaker, Prov. Grand Org.; Sprague, I.G.; and several others.

The business was succeeded by an excellent banquet, which was followed by the usual toast list. Votes of condolence were passed to the widows and families of Bro. Ralph Betley, Prov. A.G.S., who acted as Secretary on the consecration of the lodge, and Henry Taylor, both brethren passing to their rest unexpectedly, and amid many manifestations of sympathy for the bereaved relatives.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that he esteemed it a great honour to have the privilege of proposing the toast. Addressing the W.M. he continued: The brethren have this afternoon conferred upon you, W.M., the highest honour it is in their power to bestow upon any member of the lodge, by placing you in the chair of K.S. The brethren of the lodge are properly jealous of the good name and fame of this, the Horwich Lodge, and they feel perfectly certain in placing the reins of office in your hands, that it will lose none of its former lustre but will gain a still greater success in the future, and what can be done to make your year happy and successful we are all determined to do, and we pray that every blessing may attend you, W.M., in the lodge, in your home, and in your business, and I can offer you no better wish than that your term of office may be as pleasant as my own has been.

Bro. Hindley, W.M., in responding to the toast, expressed his great gratification at the general cordiality with which his promotion to the office of W.M. had been received. He trusted that his year of office would be marked by the greatest harmony and concord, and he assured the brethren of the lodge that assisted, as he doubtless would faithfully be, by his officers, his very best efforts would be expended in promoting the welfare and success of the lodge. The W.M. then, in complimentary terms, presented Bro. Thornton with a Past Master's jewel, observing that he had more than earned it by his devoted services in the cause of Freemasonry and the lodge in particular. He had great pleasure in proposing his health.

The I.P.M., in responding, thanked all the brethren for the very hearty reception of the toast of his health. They were aware that the due performance of his duty was ever before him, and it was especially gratifying to him to find his efforts so much appreciated. He might say that whatever success the lodge had obtained during his year of office was owing to three reasons. First, to the readiness of the I.P.M., Bro. Whitaker, in rendering him every needful assistance; secondly, to the zeal and assiduity of his officers and the loyalty with which they had supported him; and, thirdly, to the cordial support he had received from the brethren of the whole lodge. During his year of office he had initiated eight brethren into the lodge—a very encouraging fact for so young a lodge—and he was pleased he had had the honour of installing the W.M. into the chair of K.S. in the presence of so many Past Masters.

In response to the toast of "The Charities," Bro. Tetlow expressed the hope that as there was now a very satisfactory balance in favour of the lodge, they would not relax, but rather increase their zeal on behalf of those Charities, which were doing such a large amount of good amongst Masons.

In the intervals between the various toasts songs were ably rendered by Bros. Haslam, Hinchliffe, Tetlow, Cooper, Coulthurst, and Breakell.

Bro. J. Waring, P.M., ably acted as D.C. during the evening, and a word of commendation is especially due also to Bro. Hinchliffe, the Organist, for his esteemed services in adding to the harmony of the evening.

## SOUTHALL.

**Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were present: Bros. George Harper, W.M.; John Tidmarsh, I.P.M.; W. A. Cocks, S.W.; C. Mead, J.W.; W. C. Hall, Sec.; W. Freemantle, S.D.; C. C. Sanger, J.D.; A. L. Butters, D.C.; E. H. Moseley and J. Webb, Stewards; S. Meech, P.M.; A. J. Hanson, L. H. Walker, H. Bishop, R. Hamman, R. G. Pontifex, F. W. Noakes, A. A. Hardy, W. A. Buckland, W. F. Sanger, H. R. Lancaster, and J. A. Webb. Visitors: Bros. H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; E. Prince, W.M. 209, Prov. Grand Stwd. Berks; J. Taplin, P.M. 382; A. G. Fleming, P.M. 382; J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; J. Wells, P.M. 1612; C. Salter, P.M. 2255; H. S. Timpson, J.W. 1612; R. Bourn, 160; P. Burdett, 160; J. W. Norris, 733; J. Mahon, 749; and J. W. Martindale, 1685.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and that of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and consideration thereof deferred to a future meeting. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. Roakes as a

candidate for initiation, and for Bro. Purfurst as a joining member, and, in both cases, proved unanimously in favour of the candidate. The Secretary read a communication from the Grand Secretary announcing that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint Bro. Lord George F. Hamilton, P.M., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. This announcement was received with much satisfaction. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Tidmarsh, P.M., P.M. 2157, Prov. G. Stwd., who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Bro. W. A. Cocks, S.W., W.M. elect, having been duly presented, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was regularly installed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The new W.M., having been proclaimed and saluted, invested the officers as follows: Bros. G. Harper, I.P.M.; Charles Mead, S.W.; William Freemantle, J.W.; A. T. Hanson, Treas.; J. Tidmarsh, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Sanger, S.D.; A. L. Butters, J.D.; E. H. Moseley, I.G.; E. Purnell, D.C.; W. C. Hall, P.M., P.M. 382, P.P.G. Std. Br., Org.; R. G. Pontifex and J. A. Webb, Stwds.; and G. S. Duffin, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, were delivered by the Installing Master. A very handsome lodge banner was presented by the W.M., who, in announcing the gift, expressed much gratification at having been allowed the privilege of supplying what he had long felt was needed to complete the equipment of the lodge. The banner was very much admired, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his beautiful present. A life subscribership in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was presented to Bro. Harper, I.P.M., as a slight memento of his year of office. In making the presentation, the W.M. explained that it was at the express request of the I.P.M. that it should take this particular form, and not that of a jewel. He hoped Bro. Harper would be long spared to exercise the voting power thus acquired. The I.P.M. suitably acknowledged the gift. He referred with satisfaction to the support he had invariably received from the members, and the pride he felt at having seen so large a number of brethren admitted into the lodge during his year of office. A Committee was formed to arrange for a ball, and for a summer outing during the year. Two candidates for initiation having been proposed, the visiting brethren tendered "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed.

The customary banquet followed, and reflected great credit on the worthy Hostess, Mrs. Freemantle. The new W.M. presided in a very efficient and genial manner. The speeches were commendably brief and to the point, and were interspersed with glees, songs, and recitations, arranged under the direction of Bro. W. C. Hall, P.M., the Organist of the lodge.

## SUDBURY.

**Stour Valley Lodge (No. 1224).**—The 24th anniversary of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 4th inst., and was attended by the following, amongst other members and visitors, viz.: Bros. W. Bailey, W.M.; J. George, S.W.; G. F. Hawkins, J.W.; J. F. Wills, P.M. and Treas.; F. Wheeler, P.M. and Sec.; R. O. Joy, S.D.; W. H. Kenney, D.C.; B. H. Hurst, Org.; W. G. Normandale, I.G.; M. Reid, P.M.; W. Inglis Mason, P.M.; G. H. Grimwood (Mayor of Sudbury), P.M.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M., D.P.G.M.; W. H. Smith, P.M.; H. C. Pratt, P.M.; D. Alston, P.M.; C. W. Greenwood, P.M.; J. B. Ardley, P.M.; C. W. Lord, P.M.; A. W. D. Salzman, J. S. Stuart, W. J. Hills, Harris Hills, the Rev. David Hughes, Colville Browne, A. J. Robinson, T. Bates, J. S. Carlton, W. Brown, jun., N. April, C. E. Mauldon (Mayor elect of Sudbury), D. C. Sheehan, C. J. N. Rowe, A. Simpson, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Golding, P.M. 46, New South Wales; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; E. Hennemeyer, P.M. 51; James Stevens, P.M. 1426; B. B. Syer, P.M. 1823, P.P.G. Chap.; Alfred Calkin, P.M. 1056; W. S. Brockley, P.M. 76; Thos. Stohoe, P.M. 1823, P.P.G.P.; Chas. Cooke, P.M. 1823, P.P.J.G.D.; Thomas Lloyd, P.M. 2342, P.P.G. Chap. Essex; John Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S.W.; C. H. Vincent, P.M. 1823, P.P.G.R.; F. C. Freeman, W.M. 1823; W. J. Ward, P.M. 1823; E. H. Inman, P.M. 2154, P.P.G. Reg. Essex; N. Tracey, P.M. 376, P.G. Sec. Suffolk; C. Hill, W.M. elect 1296; John George, 2028; William George, 360; W. H. Beavington, 1209; A. H. Fenn, 2257; W. Hughes, 991; W. Gosling, 1823; W. S. Andrews, 1771; J. S. Fitzjohn, 51; F. W. Spring, 195; S. Sleight, 376; R. Bullen, 2369; B. Rae, 1622; A. H. Penny, 2251; J. Bardwell, 1823; C. C. Vincent, S.D. 1823; E. W. Griggs, 1823; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Bailey, who had, however, to the regret of all present, to leave immediately afterwards in consequence of the critical condition of his wife, since we are sorry to say, deceased. Bro. Reed, P.M., took over the duties of the chair, and Bro. Alexander Simpson was raised by him to the degree of M.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph George, was then presented to the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, for installation according to ancient custom. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. G. F. Hawkins, S.W.; R. S. Joy, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M., P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Chap.; Joseph Hills, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; F. Wheeler, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; Geo. Grant and W. G. Normandale, Deacons; W. H. Kenney, I.G.; Mitchell Reid, P.M., D.C.; Bernard Hurst, Org.; C. E. Maulden, Stwd.; and H. M. Sholl, Tyler.

The Installing Master having delivered the usual addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, and there being no further business before the lodge, it was closed. The proceeds of the Charity box amounted to £2 17s.

The installation banquet was held in the commodious ball-room at the well known hostelry, the Rose and Crown, of which the newly-installed Master is the highly respected landlord. Too much could not be said in praise of all the excellent arrangements for the numerous guests, nor of the *cuisine* under the able management and direction of Mrs. George. Nothing whatever was needed to enhance the enjoyment of all present, and the menu afforded ample choice for every taste. It was in all respects a most successful endeavour to meet the general requirements, and the veriest gourmet could have found no fault with either viands or wine as to quality or quantity.

After the cloth had been cleared the Worshipful Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and, explaining

that professional assistance was at hand for musical entertainment, and plenty of it, asked for brevity of speech from those who might be called upon for responses.

In submitting the toast of "The M.W.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," the W.M. happily said that the more we see of him, and particularly in Masonry, the better we like him, a sentiment which called forth unanimous assent.

For "The Grand Officers," Bro. Martyn, as Past Grand Chaplain, returned thanks in brief, but effective, terms, and was followed in similar strains by Bros. Terry, P.G.S.B., and Hughes.

Speaking of the great services rendered by Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Pratt, P.M., extolled the work of the province under his able direction, attributing the satisfactory position of Freemasonry in Suffolk to the deep interest he had taken in the private lodges, and the high esteem in which he is held in Grand Lodge as a kind and courteous man of great ability.

For "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. N. Tracey, Prov. Grand Secretary, responded, referring to the number of lodges in the province, and the difficulty of properly rewarding merit in consequence of the paucity of offices at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Master. He believed, however, that good Masonic work was done for the sake of the work itself, and that in many instances able and earnest brethren felt a satisfaction in the knowledge of that fact, even if it were not recognised as they could wish.

Bro. Grimwood followed in like terms, and Bro. Alston, as the youngest Prov. Grand Officer, also responded.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master next proposed "The Health of Bro. Joseph George, the W.M.," of whom he spoke in terms of high commendation, assuring his hearers that the Stour Valley, in having committed the government of the lodge to so worthy a brother, had consulted its own best interests, and would find its already high position in the Craft further advanced during the ensuing year. Bro. Martyn desired to add a word of acknowledgment of the past assistance rendered by Mrs. George, their hostess, in supplementing the Worshipful Master's earnest endeavours to maintain the reputation of the lodge in connection with the refreshment department, and concluded a brilliant and humorous speech by coupling her name with that of the Worshipful Master, and asking for a hearty reception of the toast.

This was enthusiastically accorded, and the W.M. at once replied, expressing his earnest thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him by his brethren placing him in the proud position he then occupied, and, on behalf of his wife, said that the compliment conveyed by the association of her name with the toast would never be forgotten by either of them, but remain an incentive to further endeavours to promote the welfare of the lodge in every respect.

For "The Visitors" a large number of guests responded, and were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction with their reception in lodge, and their liberal entertainment at the festive board.

"The Past Masters," of whom the Deputy Prov. G.M. is one, were well remembered, and reference was made to the domestic trouble which had necessitated the absence of Bro. Bailey, the I.P.M., after he had discharged the duty of opening the proceedings of the day. Much sympathy was expressed with him under the sad circumstances.

The toast of "The Charities" was proposed by Bro. C. N. Rowe, whose appeal to the brethren to support the W.M., who had undertaken to represent the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was forcibly put, and the response was made by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., the Secretary of the Institution, in a speech which, if anything, surpassed his well-known ability in that direction.

The practical result of the united endeavours of these brethren was a spontaneous collection at table, whereby the handsome contribution of 10 guineas was placed on the Master's list.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought the inevitable parting after a most enjoyable evening.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Bob Rae, 1622, who had secured the services of a very talented lady in the person of Miss Florence Bethell, and the support of Bros. Bullen, Calkin, and Turner, each of whom afforded much satisfaction. Bro. Hurst, Organist, presided at the piano.

## Royal Arch.

**John Hervey Chapter (No. 1260).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of Comp. J. C. Frank, Z.; Comp. R. T. Hill, as H., and Comp. Major J. Heaton, as J.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last regular convocation were read and confirmed. The accounts and Auditors' report were received and adopted, the chapter being congratulated by the S.E. on the favourable result shown by the balance sheet. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Frederick Brough Cameron, a member of the mother lodge, and the same proving in his favour he was admitted and exalted to the Supreme Degree, the working of the Principals, as also that of the S.E., being of the usual commendable style so well known in this chapter. The business of the evening included, amongst other things, the election of Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., as an honorary member of the chapter. The M.E.Z., in proposing the motion, reminded the companions that this chapter was essentially one appertaining to the office held by that companion, that it was named after the late Comp. J. Hervey, G.S.E., who had been an hon. member of it in its early days, that afterwards Comp. Col. Snadwell Clerke had been associated with it in the same capacity, and now they had the gratification of having in their midst this evening the present G.S.E. of the Order ready to accept at their hands the compliment he felt sure the companions were one and all eager to pay him. The proposal being seconded, it is needless to say, met with the hearty approval of all present, and was carried with one voice. Comp. Letchworth, in replying, stated that it afforded him pleasure to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, especially when those predecessors were so well known to him as were the late Comps. John Hervey and Col. Shadwell Clerke. That, while he recognised the important position he now held as an hon. member of the chapter, the companions must bear with him if he did not

attend the convocations as often as he wished. They knew the onerous duties his office entailed upon him, the numerous engagements he had to keep, and would, he felt sure, make all due allowance accordingly in case of his enforced absence. Comp. Major Joseph Heaton, M.E.Z. elect, then received the benefit of installation at the hands of Comps. J. C. Frank, P.Z.; R. Hill, P.Z.; and Edmunds, P.Z., who performed their part of the ceremony in a very impressive manner. Owing to the lateness of the hour the installation of the H. and J. elect and the investiture of the other officers had to stand over until the next meeting. The derangement of traffic consequent on Lord Mayor's Day having prevented many of the companions from being punctual in their attendance.

All business being at an end, the chapter was closed, and the companions and their visitors afterwards sat down together to dinner at a sumptuous table.

At the banquet the usual Royal Arch and other toasts were duly honoured, and Comp. J. C. Frank, P.Z., was presented with the customary P.Z.'s jewel, in slight recognition of his kindly services during his year of office.

In the course of the evening Comps. Holmes, Dangerfield, Reep, and others diversified the proceedings with harmony, the piano being presided over by Comp. Dr. Haskins, Mus. Bac., with his usual ability.

Amongst those who were present were the following: Comps. J. C. Frank, M.E.Z.; Major Heaton, J., M.E.Z. elect; J. Robertson Reep, S.E.; F. Dangerfield, jun., H. elect; R. F. Hill, P.Z.; H. Evans, P.Z.; J. Halsey, P.Z.; Pitt-Smith, James Evans, G. Bartholomew, J. elect; G. Godwin, Wilkinson-Pimbury, and Cameron. Visitors: Comps. R. Eve, 1, P.G. Treas.; E. Letchworth, G.S.F.; J. Terrv, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Dr. Haskins, 22; F. de B. Holmes, 1319; W. Harris, 19; and J. E. Edmonds, P.Z., acting Janitor.

#### COLCHESTER.

**Patriotic Chapter (No. 51).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 10th inst., at the Three Cups, when the Principals were installed by Comp. A. S. B. Sparling, Prov. G.S.B., the retiring M.E.Z., as under: Comps. R. D. Poppleton, P.P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; Charles Osmond, P.P.G.O., H.; and R. Howard Ives, J. The officers for the year ensuing were invested as under: Thos. J. Ralling, P.Z., P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G.S.E., S.E.; E. Gowers, P.P.G.O., S.N.; E. Hennemeyer, P.Z., Treas.; J. G. Renshaw, P.S.; A. H. Ward, 1st A.S.; H. J. Skingley, 2nd A.S.; and Arthur Wright, Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Sparling for the able way in which he had fulfilled the duties of Installing Master; and the newly-installed M.E.Z. announced, amidst much applause, his intention to present a set of candlesticks for the use of the chapter.

At the conclusion of the business, the companions dined together at the Cups Hotel.

#### SALFORD.

**Starkie Chapter (No. 935).**—The annual installation festival of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. Fletcher Armstrong, Z.; F. W. Lean, H.; and J. Williams, J. There were also present Comps. Evan Williams, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; W. Dumville, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; T. Southern, P.Z.; W. Craig Royle, S.E.; and W. H. Southern, P.S. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H.; G. R. Blakie, P.P.G.D.C.; Alfred H. Williams, P.P.G. Org.; John Marshall, P.P. G.S.B. W. Yorks; and J. Holyoak, P.S. 226.

After the chapter had been opened, and the usual routine business transacted, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe installed Comps. Lean, Z.; John Williams, H.; and W. H. Southern, J. He also invested Comps. Royle, S.E.; J. W. Millward, 1st A.S.; Jones, 2nd A.S.; and W. Nicholls, Janitor, the Treasurer, S.N., and P.S. being unavoidably absent. The ceremony throughout, including the addresses to the Principals, the officers, and the companions generally was performed by Comp. Sillitoe most impressively. At the conclusion of the installation the M.E.Z., Comp. F. W. Lean, in well-chosen and appropriate words, presented the I.P.Z., Comp. Armstrong, with a P.Z.'s jewel, as a token of the appreciation of the services which he has rendered to the chapter, more especially during his two years' occupancy of the M.E.Z.'s chair. Comp. Armstrong feelingly acknowledged the gift, and then proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for his attendance and assistance on that occasion. He spoke in very high terms of the way the ceremonies had been conducted, and said he was very much impressed indeed with the admirable working which they had all witnessed that day. This was seconded and carried with acclamation. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Comps. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent; J. Chadwick, P.G.S.E.; and others.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet under the presidency of the M.E.Z. The handsome jewel which was presented was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning. The whole of the proceedings were very interesting, as Comp. F. W. Lean, the M.E.Z., was a founder of the chapter and has acted as S.E. for many years.

### Mark Masonry.

**Southwark Lodge (No. 22).**—The installation meeting of this important South London lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on the 8th inst., when there were pre-ent Bros. Gooding, W.M.; Donaldson, S.W. and W.M. elect; Lacey, J.W.; R. C. Davis, M.O.; W. F. Crook, S.O.; W. Klingenstein, P.G.S., Treas.; Poore, P.M., P.G.I.G., Sec.; Coffin, R. of M.; Scherer, S.D.; R. Elgar, J.D.; Ansbacher, R. of M.; Stewards; E. Vinem, Org.; V. T. Murché, P.M.; R. Voisey, P.M., P.C.I.G.; J. J. White, P.M.; Marsden, P.M., P.G.D.; R. R. Bryant, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M.; Newington Bridges, P.M., P.G.S., Prov. J.G.W.; S. H. Gold-chmidt, P.M.; T. E. Webb, Briggs, Featherstonough, C. Hayes, H. Salmon, Osterstock, Pearse, F. Williams, and Day. The visitors were Bros. W. Vincent, P.M. 139, A.G.D.C.; J. Braik, 333, Prov. G.S.; Bird, J.O. 333; J. Hill, S.W. 333; Marshall, 333, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and Jeffery.

The W.M. duly installed Bro. Donaldson, S.W., who invested the following: Bros. Lacey, S.W.; R. C. Davis, J.W.; Crook, M.O.; Klingenstein, P.M., Treas.; Poore,

P.M., Sec.; Scherer, R. of M.; Elgar, S.D.; Bowley, J.D.; F. Hilton, I.G.; Vinem, Org.; Ansbacher, Stwd.; and Osterstock, A.D. of C. Bros. S. Klingenstein, 73; Addington, P.M. 217; and C. Fruen, 1632, were advanced to the M.M. Degree. Bro. Vincent gave the addresses in a very impressive manner.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

In responding to that of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Vincent remarked that, in thanking the brethren for the compliment paid to the Grand Officers, he felt sure that the Southwark Mark Lodge, which numbered amongst its Past Masters so many Grand Officers, had a fair opportunity of becoming acquainted with the general good those officers were able and always willing to do to further the interests of Mark Masonry.

Bro. Gooding, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," dilated at length upon the sterling qualities and steadiness of purpose which had characterised Bro. Donaldson throughout the whole of the duties he had undertaken. He congratulated him upon arriving at the position of W.M., and the brethren in having such an excellent worker in Freemasonry to preside over them.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received the toast, and remarked that he felt proud of the position he then held, and to which he had worked up during the last eight years through every office, adding that nothing on his part should be wanting to make his year of office as successful and beneficial to Mark Masonry as those which had preceded it.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Advancers," welcoming the three brethren into the Southwark Mark Lodge, and he was pleased that it had fallen to his lot to advance three such distinguished Masons.

The toast was heartily received, and suitably responded to by Bros. Klingenstein, Addington, and Fruen.

The next toast the W.M. proposed, was that of "The Visitors." He was sure that the members of the lodge were always proud to extend their hospitality to brethren of other lodges, and he greeted the distinguished brethren, who honoured the lodge with their presence that evening, most heartily. The toast was enthusiastically received.

Bros. Braik, Bird, Hill, Jeffery and Marshall, replied, all congratulating the W.M. on the admirable manner in which he had performed the beautiful ceremony of the Mark Degree, and thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast of the visitors. Bro. Marshall remarking that he was delighted to see that the teachings of Bro. Voisey, the Preceptor of the Kintore Mark Lodge of Instruction, were carried out in the Southwark Mark Lodge.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Installing Master," at the same time presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, expressing his sincerest hope that he might for many years to come have the pleasure of wearing it.

Bro. Gooding thanked the W.M. for the flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received it. He also thanked them for the handsome jewel they had presented him with, and would always wear it with pride and look upon it as a memento of a pleasant year of office.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," remarking that no words of his could adequately express their good and genuine Masonic qualities, the members of the lodge had had many years experience of them both, and held them in the highest esteem.

The toast was well received, and was responded to by Bros. Klingenstein and Poore.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Past Masters."

Bro. Bryant, in reply, said as one of the senior Past Masters, he could scarcely describe the feelings of gratification he had in seeing the lodge in the working condition it was then in. He was advanced in the lodge when it was in low water, and on looking back he could trace its present success to the influence of Bros. Voisey and Goldschmidt, who joined them a few years ago; they had brought brother after brother, and made it what it now was, a thoroughly Masonic body.

Bro. Murché said it gave him very great pleasure to see Bro. Donaldson, the first brother he introduced into the lodge, in the position of W.M.; and he congratulated him on the work done that night, by himself in particular.

The toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, brought to a close a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The musical programme was arranged by the Organist, Bro. Vinem.

#### DARLINGTON.

**Darlington Lodge (No. 250).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, on the 10th inst. Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, J.P., Prov. Senior Grand Warden, W.M., occupied the chair. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting and of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. B. Reed, and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were announced, and entered the lodge and were duly saluted. The W.M. then vacated the chair and presented Bro. S. F. Bousfield, the W.M. elect, to the D.P.G.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony was then proceeded with, and in the eloquent and painstaking manner for which the D.P.G.M. is so noted, he placed Bro. Bousfield in the chair. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Hill Drury, I.P.M.; I. K. Wilkes, S.W.; Thompson, J.W.; E. Harrison, M.O.; W. Swalls, S.O.; W. Barron, J.O.; the Rev. R. A. Waters, M.A., Chap.; H. A. Massingberd, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Stewart, R. of M.; J. Robinson, Sec.; J. Laurence, M.D., S.D.; T. Wood, J.D.; T. M. Barron, P.M., D.C.; W. M. Cochran, B.A., I.G.; Broughton and Todd, Stewards; and T. Prince, Tyler. Two candidates for advancement were proposed. "Hearty good wishes" were given from the Grand Lodge by Bro. Purvis, Grand Deacon; from Prov. Grand Lodge by Bro. R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M.; and from nearly all the lodges in the province.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room to celebrate the annual festival.

The dinner being over, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Queen," and afterwards that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M."

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Purvis, Grand Deacon.

Bro. R. Luck, P.M., ably proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master."

Bro. R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M., in responding, spoke of the privileges and duties of Masons and thanked the brethren for their cordial reception on all occasions.

To the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. H. B. Olsen, Prov. J.G.W., suitably responded.

The D.P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be there to install him.

Bro. Bousfield thanked Bro. Reed for his kind services on that occasion, and also the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him as W.M., and for the cordial way they had responded to the toast of his health and hoped the lodge would have a successful year during his occupancy of the chair.

Bro. Lear, P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. Hill Drury, I.P.M.," and spoke of his many services to Masonry and of the pleasure it had given the brethren to vote the high honours which had been conferred on him (Bro. Hill Drury) during the present year, and, amid great applause, pinned on Bro. Hill Drury's breast a handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift of the members of the lodge as a token of their regard and of appreciation of the manner he had performed the duties of the chair during the past 12 months.

Bro. Hill Drury thanked the brethren for their hearty response to the toast which had been proposed in far too eulogistic terms by Bro. Lear. It was a great satisfaction to him to know that he had discharged his duties in a manner which met with the approbation of his brethren, and he could not sufficiently thank them for the handsome jewel they had presented to him, which he would wear with pride, and whenever he looked at it he would be reminded of the many pleasant evenings he had spent with them while occupying the chair of the Darlington Mark Lodge. The high Provincial honour of Senior Warden which had been conferred upon him was one he scarcely expected, but he felt it was bestowed by the Provincial Grand Master quite as much as a recognition of the work done by the lodge as due to any merits of his own. He could not conclude without expressing his thanks to his officers and to Bro. Lear, P.M., for their valuable assistance, which had rendered his year of office a most successful one.

The toasts of "The Visitors" and "The Newly-appointed Officers" brought a most harmonious meeting to a close.

### Instruction.

**HULL.—HUMBER INSTALLED MASTERS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-st. Present: Bros. John Bilson, P.M., W.M.; M. C. Plek, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Henderson, P.M., S.W.; H. Hirst, P.M., J.W.; W. Tesseyman, P.M., Hon. Sec.; R. Bevers, P.M.; J. Clark, P.M.; E. Corris, P.M.; M. Haberland, P.M.; G. Leigh, W.M. 2134; J. Mackail, P.M.; J. Matthews, P.M.; S. Rutter, P.M.; J. L. Seaton, P.M.; Walter Reynolds, P.G. Treas.; G. L. Shackels, P.M.; J. W. Tindell, P.M.; Herbert Woodhouse, W.M. 1010; J. Wildbone, S.W. 57; Thos. Morrill, J.W. 57; and upwards of 50 members of the sister lodges in Hull.

After the usual business, an important and valuable lecture was delivered by Bro. Thos. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., D.C.L., Past Grand Chaplain of England, Past Deputy District G. Master of the Eastern Archipelago, and present Senior Grand Warden of West Yorkshire, the subject being, "My Masonic Reminiscences." In the course of his address, the learned doctor showed not only his great and varied Masonic experience, but evinced his versatile talent by enlivening his discourse with flashes of humour, and entertaining his audience by charming narration of adventure and anecdote. For upwards of an hour, all too quickly sped, the chief events of a Masonic life-time of half a century were rapidly sketched, and the brethren enjoyed a treat rarely experienced. Dr. Smyth, a native of Hull, observed that on re-visiting his native place, he had not a single relative or acquaintance resident in the town, with the exception of his brother Past Grand Officer, Bro. M. G. Peck, and those whom he had met for the first time. He told the story of his initiation, of his subsequent progress in England and in India, where he founded several lodges, showing how a great and abiding love for Freemasonry, and a sincere wish to advance its progress, may, in the hands of an energetic and faithful Craftsman, materially promote the best interests of our art, and conduct its votary to the highest positions in our Order. At the conclusion of the lecture, which was frequently interrupted by loud applause, a vote of thanks was proposed in appropriate terms by the Worshipful Master, seconded by the I.P.M., Bro. J. R. Ansdeil, P.M., and carried by acclamation, the hope being universally expressed that Bro. Dr. Smyth might be induced to repeat his visit to this lodge.

### Royal Ark Mariners.

**Matier Lodge (No. 400).**—A meeting was held on the 23rd ult., at Mark Masons' Hall. Present: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.C.N., G.S. (hon. member), acting as W.C.N.; Charles Moore Jessop, S.; A. W. Peckham, J.; George Danford Thomas, Sec.; Raymond Tucker, S.D.; E. J. Mills, Warden; and H. W. Kiallmark, P.C.N.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. A. W. Peckham was unanimously elected W.C.N., and Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, P.C.N., was unanimously elected Treas. The following motion, proposed by Bro. Kiallmark for Bro. B. Ninnis, seconded by Bro. C. M. Jessop, was unanimously passed: "That in consideration of the eminent services rendered since the foundation of this lodge by Bro. W. Vincent, A.G.D.C., Preceptor, he is hereby invited to become an hon. member." Telegrams and letters of apology on account of illness and other unavoidable causes were read from Bros. B. Ninnis, Jules, Lennox Browne, W. Thomas, and others.





Bro. Dr. Joseph Kellett Smith, member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (1860), Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh (1865), has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Liverpool.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft will preside at the united public meeting of the Church Pastoral Aid Society to be held at Exeter Hall, on the 6th prox.

The Marquis of Tallebairdine, eldest son of Bro. the Duke of Athole, attains his majority on the 15th December, and already great preparations are being made in Perthshire to celebrate the event.

The Duchess of Bedford has undertaken to open a Grand Fancy Fair, at St. Martin's Town Hall, on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst., in aid of the Extension Fund of the Bloomsbury Young Men's Club.

The State apartments at Windsor Castle have been closed till further notice, in consequence of the arrangements made for the return from Balmoral of the Queen, who is expected to arrive at Windsor this (Friday) morning.

The Duke and Duchess of Rutland have been entertaining a large party of guests at Belvoir Castle, among them being Bro. the Marquis of Granby, M.P., and the Marchioness of Granby, the Earl of Scarborough, and Mr. F. Sloane-Stanley.

Bro. the Marquis of Hertford has allowed the tenants on his Irish estates a reduction of 20 per cent. on their rents in the case of those who have not applied to the Law Courts, and one of five per cent. in the case of those who have so appealed.

The Duke and Duchess of Portland have been entertaining a select circle of guests at their Norfolk residence, Castle Rising, during the present week, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York having had some excellent sport in the well-stocked preserves.

The Duke of Connaught distribute the prizes to the successful competitors of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Hampshire, on Tuesday evening, and in the course of his remarks, referred in high terms to the importance of the volunteer movement as an element in the national defences.

The annual ball in aid of the funds of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, will be held in the Holborn Town Hall on Thursday, the 1st prox. The Committee have secured a good force of patrons, prominent among them being the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava and Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

The Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his visit to St. Mary's Hospital, on Saturday, the 17th December, to lay the foundation-stone of the Clarence Memorial Wing, will be accompanied by his daughter, the Duchess of Fife, who has graciously arranged to receive purchases containing not less than £5 5s., in aid of the building fund.

Lord Monkswell, writing on behalf of the Kyrle Society, has issued an appeal to the public for contributions to their stock of books and pamphlets from which that Society make donations from time to time to the workhouses and similar institutions throughout the country. The demand for wholesome reading is increasing every year, and is considerably in excess of the available supply.

Arrangements have been made for a contest between teams of chess players representing 15 counties in the North of England and 25 counties in the South, to be played in Birmingham, on Saturday, the 28th January, 1893. The teams will consist of 100 players on each side, with 10 additional in reserve, and will represent the highest degree of amateur chess playing in the country.

Lord Mayor Knill, accompanied by the Sheriffs, Bros. Aldermen Renals and Wilkin, visited Bromley (Kent) in State, on Saturday last, for the purpose of declaring open to the public for ever what remains of Wickham Common. Great preparations had been made to give his lordship a hearty reception. In the evening a banquet in honour of the event, at which the Lord Mayor was present, was held at the Albion Tavern in Aldersgate-street.

In view of the near approach of Christmas, the Postmaster-General has issued a circular in which he advises the public in order to avoid annoyance and delay, to make sure their letters and packages are properly stamped before being put in the post. The public are also informed that on and after the 1st prox., the limit to which letters can now be insured will be extended, a fee of 2d. insuring up to £5, an additional fee of one penny being paid for every further £5 up to £50.

**SYMBOLISM.**—All mental activity is symbolic. Every idea is a symbol that signifies something. It is not because our reasoning faculties are limited, that symbolic arguments are necessary at all; but symbolism is the nature of our mind, and symbols are the elements with which our reasoning faculties have to deal. In this sense every argument is symbolic. If it symbolises sense-experience, it represents our knowledge of what may be called the materiality of things. If it symbolises operations with pure form, it represents the purely formal relations of mathematics, logic, algebra, &c.—*Dr. Paul Carus.*

The funeral of Mrs. Bailey, the wife of Bro. W. Bailey, I.P.M. of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, Suffolk, whose death occurred within a few hours of the installation of his successor, took place on the 9th inst. The service was performed by the Rev. T. L. Green, the Rector, at St. Peter's Church, and was attended by a large number of brethren, including both the outgoing and incoming Mayor of the town, the W.M., Bro. Joseph George; the Past Masters, and principal members of the lodge. The lodge wreath was conspicuous amongst the numerous handsome floral tributes of regard and esteem for the departed lady, and much sympathy was expressed for our worthy brother in his sad bereavement.

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St. George's Club, Doncaster, was formally opened on the 11th inst. The Committee of Management are all members of St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

Bro. Henry Wright, P.M. 1827, responded on Lord Mayor's night at the Farriers' Company's banquet for the toast of "The Army and Reserve Forces."

Bro. Lord Carrington, the Lord Chamberlain, went to Windsor Castle on Thursday and made an official inspection of the Palace previous to the return of the Queen.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at Newmarket, on the invitation of the Etheldreda Lodge, No. 2107, to-day (Friday). Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, P.G.M., will preside.

Bro. Lord Elcho, M.P., has been entertaining a large party of guests, including the Earl and Countess of Dudley, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Hon. Captain Webb, at Stanway House, Gloucestershire, this week.

The half yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire will be held in the Gentleman's Concert Hall, Peter-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 24th inst. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie will preside.

On Saturday last Bro. William Liddel died at Dunbar, at the age of 102 years and 9 months. For the greater part of his life he was employed in a local distillery, but latterly he lived in retirement. He was senior Freemason of Scotland.

Last week there was a slight increase in the London death-rate to 18.8 per 1000. The deaths from scarlet fever were 32, the number of patients in the hospitals suffering from that disease being 4063. The deaths from diphtheria numbered 51.

Among the guests of the Treasurer and Benchers of Gray's Inn, on Tuesday, being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term, were the Duke of Teck, Justices Kekewich, Romer, and Jeune, Col. Sir Edward Bradford, Bro. Sir Charles Russell, Q.C., M.P., and others.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York has arranged to open, in the course of next month, the new model premises of the Royal Fife Hospital, Southwark, the foundation-stone of which was laid by the Prince of Wales in July, 1890. The addition will triple the capacity of this useful institution.

Bro. Sir Douglas Straight presided at the dinner which took place at the Garrick Club on Sunday evening last as a farewell to Mr. Clement Scott prior to his departure on a voyage round the world to recruit his health. Among those present were Bros. Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, S. B. Bancroft, Charles Wyndham, J. C. Parkinson, and G. Alexander.

Princess Christian, on behalf of the Windsor and Eton Amateur Orchestral Society, presented an illuminated address and a gold watch to Bro. Sir W. Parratt, P.G.O., Organist of St. George's Chapel Windsor, on Saturday last. Bro. Sir W. Parratt has been Honorary Conductor of the society since its formation in 1883, while the Princess is Hon. President.

A meeting of the inhabitants of Windsor, was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of the Mayor, at which it was unanimously resolved to present a petition to the Queen against the abolition of the buckhounds, the reason assigned being the damage done to the trade of Windsor and the district in the event of their being given up.

The anniversary festival of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening under the presidency of Bro. Lord Brassey, Bro. Lord Addington and Sir Trevor Laurence being among the principal guests. The Chairman made a most earnest appeal to the company to support this deserving charity, and the sum subscribed amounted to a goodly sum.

Madame Nordica has concluded her successful concert tour in the provinces, and is staying in town for a few days prior to her departure for America. The prima-donna has entered into a series of concert engagements in the States which will occupy her until the middle of March. She will then return to London in time for the last two performances of the Royal Choral Society's season, viz., "St. Paul," on April 19th, and "Elijah," on May 10th.

The will of Bro. William Herbage, joint general manager of the London and South-Western Bank, late of Rosenheim, Silverdale, Sydenham, who died on September 10th last, was proved on the 8th inst. by Mrs. Elizabeth Loader Herbage, the widow and sole executrix, the value of the personal estate amounting to £2000. The testator gives devises, and bequeaths all his estate and effects, of what nature or kind whatever, to his wife absolutely.

The marriage of Mr. George Forester Walker, R.H.A., Aldershot, son of Major-General George Edmund Walker, R.E., with Lady Mary Liddell, eldest daughter of the Earl of Ravensworth, was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church, Wells-street, the vicar officiating. A detachment of the bridegroom's regiment was present. He was accompanied by his brother as best man, and the bride was followed to the altar by eight bridesmaids. The Earl of Ravensworth gave his daughter away, and afterwards welcomed the wedding party at his residence in Mansfield-street.

Sir William Harcourt entertained at dinner on Thursday evening, at 11, Downing-street, the delegates to the International Monetary Conference, which meets on the 22nd inst. at Brussels. Amongst those present were the Earl of Kimberley, Sir Charles Fremantle, Sir Rivers Wilson, Sir William Houldsworth, M.P., Mr. Bertram Currie, Mr. Alfred Rothschild, General Strachey, Sir Guilford Molesworth, Sir Reginald Welby, and Mr. H. Babington Smith (Secretary to the British delegates); Mr. Senator Jones, of Nevada, Mr. H. W. Cannon, jun., and the Hon. E. O. Leitch, the American delegates.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Weary of Life.—Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases, and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits and repelling the covert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmospheres, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills, and obediently putting them in practice, the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.—*Advt.*

It has been arranged for the consecration of the Palatine Lodge, No. 2447, to take place on January 20th, 1893, at the Palatine Hotel, Hunts Bank, Manchester. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancs., will perform the ceremony.

One of the few survivors of the Battle of Navarino, in which the English, French, and Prussian fleets almost annihilated the Turkish Navy, has just died at Sheerness. The deceased, Mr. William Walsh, served as seaman on board the frigate Dartmouth, and had just completed his 91st year, having been born in November, 1801.

We are glad to learn that Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who has been seriously indisposed and confined to his home for the past month, is now fairly on the road to recovery, and will, we trust, soon be in the enjoyment of his wonted health.

Bro. James Stevens had an appreciative audience at Spalding the other evening, on the occasion of his delivering his lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees. It was listened to with the greatest interest by those present, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

In May next the Imperial Institute will be formally opened and dedicated to the great purposes for which it was originated. Day by day the architectural features of the building become more conspicuous as it nears completion. On Thursday the last course of masonry was laid upon the Queen's or central tower, now raised to the height of 240 feet from the ground. Above the stonework there is, however, still to be placed the copper-covered timber dome, which will add 60 feet more to the total altitude of the great tower.

Admirers of Mascagni will be afforded a capital chance of studying the growth of his genius, so far as it is exemplified in "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "L'Amico Fritz," at Covent Garden next Monday. It has occurred to Bro. Sir Augustus Harris that the two operas may just as well, for once in a way, form part of the same programme, and seeing that the performance of "L'Amico Fritz" was over the other night at about ten o'clock, time will offer no obstacle to the fulfilment of this idea, which is likely to commend itself to the opera-going public.

Mr. F. H. M. Waller is the champion of the Cam for the present season, having on Thursday secured the Colquhoun Silver Challenge Sculls. It remains to be seen if, in the case of Mr. Waller, who won very easily, this triumph is the prelude to greater aquatic distinction, leading, as in the case of Mr. F. I. Pitman, to the championship of the Thames, or, as in the case of Mr. W. L. G. Bagshawe, Mr. E. Macnaghten, Mr. A. C. Dicker, and Mr. J. C. Gardner, to the premier honours of Henley; or, perhaps, as in the case of Mr. C. B. Lawes, to even higher distinction, that gentleman having won the Colquhoun, the Wingfield, and the Diamond Sculls.

**SIGNORINA LUGIA CERALE.**—This great artiste has been engaged by the Empire directors to appear on Monday next. She is the daughter of General Cerales, an intimate friend of King Victor Emanuel, commenced her studies in dancing at the age of 10 years, under Signorina Legrani, and at the age of 15 years was *première danseuse* at the Royal Theatre, Lecco, Barcelona, after which she went to Trieste for three months, where she had a great success, from there to the Grand Opera, Vienna, where she remained for 13 years as prime ballerine absolute, and on her last appearance the ovation was so great that she had to appear before the curtain and speak, since which she has appeared in all the principal cities of Europe with the greatest success.

It was announced at a meeting of the Committee, held on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Robert Foote, P.P.G.T., presiding, that all the arrangements are now practically completed for the conversazione and ball to be held in the spacious Hope-street premises, on Wednesday week, the 30th instant. The musical arrangements have been entrusted to Bros. Josef Cantor, W. Sweetman, and W. Lewis, who have arranged for three concerts, in addition to which there will be numerous attractive side-shows. Dancing will be provided for in the large lodge room, and everything possible is being done by Bro. F. Collistr Jones, Hon. Sec., and the Committee to make the forthcoming Masonic reunion the most successful ever held in this city.

A meeting of the brethren upon whom will rest the responsibility of arranging for another successful ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. E. R. Latham presiding. It was announced that the Mayor (Mr. R. D. Holt) had granted the use of the Town Hall for Tuesday, January 10th, and had consented to patronise the ball by his presence, with Mrs. Holt. The Committee, for whom Bro. John Edwards, P.M. 1182, is the Hon. Secretary, were urged to use every endeavour to make the ball a popular and well-attended one, and to repeat the financial successes of previous years. Bro. A. J. J. Bamford, P.M., was elected Chairman of the ball, and the various Committees were appointed.

On Monday, the 14th inst., Bro. Rev. H. Russell Wakefield presented to the Castle Lodge, No. 1436, a handsomely-framed large coloured photograph of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, in recognition of the admirable year of office of Bro. O. H. Smith, W.M., whose Masonic conduct is deserving of all praise, and who leaves the chair, having won golden opinions for the signal service he has rendered the Craft. He is succeeded by Bro. J. T. Roper, the installation ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Pledge, I.P.M. Several friends were proposed for initiation into the mysteries of the Craft, and Castle Lodge is certainly to be congratulated on the manner in which it is officered and its present condition of efficiency. Bro. John Smith also presented to the lodge a set of beautifully carved oak columns and candlesticks. These presents were very gratefully acknowledged.

Young lady artist, daughter of Exhibitor at the Royal Academy, artistically colours photographs: Cartes, 1s., 2s.; cabinets, 2s., 3s. 6d. Photographs enlarged up to life-size, and finished in oils, water colour, or monochrome. Ivory miniatures faithfully reproduced from photographs, and most delicately painted. Special care taken with the colouring of regalia. Highest testimonials from nobility, &c.—Mabel Vernon, Craven House, Beaconsfield-road, New Southgate, N.