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THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

It will not be very long before Middlesex is restored to the position it occupied at the beginning of last year. Then it was under the rule of an able, genial, and popular ruler. A month hence and it will be under the guidance of a brother who has already won for himself the character of an able, genial, and popular Craftsman, and who will only need the requisite opportunities in order to win for himself the same measure of esteem and respect as his predecessor, the late lamented Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, enjoyed. Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, who was appointed to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Middlesex in July, 1892, and who will undergo the ordeal of installation at Teddington on the 6th prox., has already done good service to our Masonic state. In 1889, his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to confer on him the office of Senior Grand Warden of England, and the year following he presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. His lordship, moreover, may be said to have strong claims on the consideration of the Craft, apart from those arising out of his own personal qualities. His father, the first Duke of ABERCORN, was for many years Grand Master of Ireland; his elder brother, the present Duke, now holds that office, and there are other members of the HAMILTON family who have at divers times held offices of distinction under one or other of the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. In addition to these claims, which will undoubtedly have the effect of establishing him firmly from the very outset in the estimation of those over whom he has been chosen to preside, it must be stated that, as one of the representatives in Parliament for many years of the great Metropolitan county, he is already well known throughout the community. Our Middlesex brethren, therefore, may esteem themselves fortunate in having such a ruler, nor from what we know of the Province do we think his lordship will experience any other feeling than that of pleasure that he should have been called upon to preside over them Masonically. They were a well-ordered Province under their late chief, and whenever he had occasion to call upon them for any special exertions, or to make any special sacrifice of time or means, they loyally responded to his appeal, and it is not hazardous to predict that under the new régime the same loyalty will be conspicuous.

As a Province, Middlesex is of comparatively modern organisation. Prior to the year 1869, such lodges as were established within its limits, but outside the Metropolitan district, were under the direct control of Grand Lodge. In that year, however, Masonry was held to have attained to such importance as to justify its being organised as a Province, and the late Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT was chosen to preside over it as Provincial Grand Master. His installation took place in the early part of 1870, and thenceforward the Craft may be said to have increased by leaps and bounds. Then there were but 10 lodges, now there are 39, so that in the 22 years of the late Provincial Grand Master's rule the Province had as nearly as possible quadrupled its strength. The list of lodges in existence at the beginning of 1870 included, firstly, the Royal Union, No. 382, Uxbridge, which was warranted in 1825. The second in order of seniority was the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, Hampton Court, which was constituted in 1857, and the third, the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, which now meets at Hampton Court, but which was at the outset of its career located at Stratford-on-Avon. In 1872 it removed to Staines, in the following year to Bushey Park, and in 1878 to Hampton Court, the change of quarters from Warwickshire to Middlesex having been brought about mainly through the instrumentality of Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., who now ranks as its senior P.M. In 1859, the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, was consecrated at Twickenham, where it remained till the year 1883, when it obtained the sanction of the authorities to remove to Hampton Court. In 1861 the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, was founded at Hounslow, and two years later, the Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 945, which, with the exception of a brief interval of two years, when it met at Teddington, has had its home at Twickenham. The Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, dates from 1867, and having met at divers times at Hampton Court, Isleworth, and Twickenham, has, for the last 10 years, been held at the first named place. The Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, was founded at Enfield in 1868, no doubt to fill the void created by the removal of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, from that town into the London District; while the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, Twickenham, and the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton, were warranted in 1868, and 1869 respectively, the late Prov. G. Master having been the principal founder and first W.M. of the latter lodge. The lodges which have been warranted since January, 1870, comprise the Acacia, No. 1309, which started on its career at West Barnet, and having visited Potter's Bar, Southall, Shepperton, and Halliford, appears to have settled down, at all events, for the present, at Hampton Court; the Harrow Lodge,

No. 1310; and the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, which were warranted the same year, and the latter of which meets at Feltham. The Campbell and Era Lodges, Nos. 1415 and 1423 respectively, belong to the year 1872, and meet, the former at Hampton Court, and the latter at Twickenham. The Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, dates from 1873, and meets at Halliford, while the Felix Lodge, No. 1494, the Sir Francis Burdett, No. 1503, and the Hemming, No. 1512, were constituted in 1874, and meet—the first and third at Hampton Court, and the second at Twickenham. In 1875, there were warranted the Abercorn, No. 1549, Great Stanmore; the Elliot, No. 1567, Feltham; and the St. James's, No. 1579, Enfield; in 1876, the Musgrave, No. 1597, Hampton Court; the Unity, No. 1637, Harrow; and the Wolsey, No. 1658, Hampton Court. Three lodges also first saw the light in the following year, namely, the Quadratic, No. 1691, Hampton Court; the Sub-Urban, No. 1702, Great Stanmore; and the Sunbury, No. 1733, Sunbury; and the Royal Hanover, No. 1777, Twickenham, and the Sir Charles Bright, No. 1793, Teddington, in 1878. The Gostling Murray Lodge, No. 1871, Hounslow, dates from the year 1880; the Citadel, No. 1897, Harrow, from 1881; and the Raymond Thrupp, No. 2024, Hampton Court, from 1883. The Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, Harrow, was founded in 1884, and the Electric, of Hampton Court, the Elthorne and Middlesex, of Southall, and the Cama Lodge, Hampton Court, ranking as Nos. 2087, 2094, and 2105 respectively, in 1885. The remaining lodges were constituted—the Jersey, No. 2163, Southall, and the Royal Hampton Court, No. 2183, in 1886, and the Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381, Hampton Court, in 1891. These then are the lodges which constitute the Province of Middlesex as it was under the late and as it will be under the new Provincial Grand Master, nor do we doubt that before long the number will be increased, or that the degree of prosperity enjoyed by the lodges now in existence will be lessened, but rather enhanced to a very appreciable extent. Most of them are too firmly established to be otherwise than favourably affected by passing changes.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC CHAPTER, No. 177.

The centenary of the above chapter was celebrated on the 23rd ult., at Anderton's Hotel, when the following were present:

Comps. Harry Nelson Price, John Hattersley, W. Bailey, C. A. Cottebrune, S.E.; N. Salmon, S.N.; R. A. Moody, P.S.; Ernest G. Smith, 1st A.S.; Thos. H. Hobbs, 2nd A.S.; J. T. Briggs, P.Z., Treas.; F. C. Austin, P.Z.; Arthur Kubbard, P.Z.; Wm. Thomas, P.Z.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., P.Z.; F. Harrison, P.Z.; Thomas Noton, P.Z.; Charles G. Kilton, P.Z.; J. A. Thomas, W. G. Wynne, John Simpson, R. Ferguson, Arthur W. Thomas, Thos. Morris, J. Hill, J. H. Lewis, Alfred Pipe, J. G. Anthony, Waller F. Bull, T. Covill, F. C. Thomas, Raymond Tucker, H. W. Lofts, Arthur Grace, H. Sadler, John Rolfe, Henry G. Woodd, W. Murrell, W. Vagdt, J. Pullen, C. F. Williams, E. P. Worbridge, T. M. Morris, Wm. Wain, and Edward White. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Piper, 25; R. W. Forge, P.Z. 1793; W. M. Stiles, P.Z. 19; E. J. Khory, P.P.Z. Dalhousie, Singapore; Will. E. Chapman, M.E.Z. 1615 and 2190; J. W. Murray, 1st A.S. 145; S. Vallentine, P.Z. 9, H. 1716; W. J. Furguson, P.Z. 1507, 2056; F. J. Eedle, P.Z. 141; George Elkington, 1706; H. Black, P.Z. 1273; Henry Morris, P.Z. 1273; Edward Hire, P.Z. 555; Edward Horne, P.Z. 340; H. Ponking, 340; Robert Maund, Z. 1196; S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z. 1503, P.P.G.J. Middx.; Alfred Harvey, 1216; John Spiller, J. elect 2256; Edwin W. Lewcock, Z. 72; R. C. Davis, H. 1316; W. Rest, P.Z. 185; Corrie Jackson, P.Z. Polish National; F. W. Rath, 185; T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507; W. Meatham, Dagmar; M. Tulford, St. Marylebone; T. H. Duff, J. 145; W. A. Brown, Duke of Cornwall; D. Haslett, P.Z. 145; R. Whiting, 1507; J. W. Ryan, 248; Alfred A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.E.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; W. Cleghorn, P.Z. 185; Robert E. W. Goffin, Carnarvon; Edward Cole, S.N. 1604; Saml. Wright, P.S. Ebury; James W. Cain, S.E. Manchester; H. Sapsworth, P.Z. Strawberry Hill; Geo. S. Weirs, 101; W. A. Scurrah, M.E.Z. St. Pancras; George M. Atkinson, 3 (I.C.); H. W. Davie, P.Z. 173; J. Blundell, S.N. 507; W. G. Cameron, J. 25; C. R. Williams, P.Z. 72; T. C. Walls, P.Z. 3, 185, and 1381; W. Harris, 19; Thomas Fenn, P.P.C.G.P.; George Davis, P.Z. 185; J. E. F. Tower, 1591; J. Youldon, P.Z. 548; Fred. Carr, Z. 1185; E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; W. W. B. Beach, G.J.; Manuel Hyman, 188; John Kent, 192; John Hyman; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928.

Comps. Harry Nelson Price, M.E.Z.; John Hattersley, H.; and Wm. Bailey, J., presided; and Comp. Price exalted Bros. Henry Sillick Wood, Thomas Nixon Morris, W. Murrell, and William Ward to the Royal Arch Degree. Afterwards Comp. Price installed Comps. Hattersley as M.E.Z.; W. Bailey, as H.; and Nathan Salmon, as J., doing the whole of the work in a super-excellent manner. Before the investiture of the other officers was performed,

Comp. W. BEACH, M.P., Grand J., addressing the M.E.Z., said: I have very great pleasure in performing the duty assigned to me, to present the centenary warrant of the chapter. It marks a most interesting epoch in the annals of the chapter when it has attained 100 years' existence. During that period no doubt much useful and valuable work has been performed. Through the agency of this chapter many brethren have been exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, and obtained greater eminence in the Craft, and I

trust that the distinction already attained will be increased. It augurs well for the chapter that there is such a large attendance here this evening, because it shows the interest taken in the chapter. The warrant I now present, which records the centenary of the chapter, I hope will be an incitement to the companions to persevere in that line of conduct which has acquired for this chapter such great distinction. I have very great pleasure in presenting this centenary warrant to you.

The M.E.Z. said: Excellent Comp. Beach, Grand Officers, and Companions, on behalf of the Domatic Chapter I have to thank you very sincerely and heartily for your attendance here this evening, and especially on such an auspicious occasion, when we, as members of this chapter, feel so much honour has been done to us. Of course the existence of a chapter for so many years is a pride and a honour, as it shows that its existence for so long a period in full working strength must have carried out the objects which it had in view. The present year is a very eventful one in its career. We thank you, Comp. Beach, for the kind expressions you have used for its welfare, and we trust that the future of the chapter will be of the kind that you mention. Comp. Beach, we thank you very much for attending here this evening to present the centenary warrant.

The following companions were then invested as officers of the chapter for the year: Comps. C. A. Cottebrune, Scribe E.; Richard Moody, Scribe N.; J. T. Briggs, Treas.; E. A. G. Smith, P.S.; Thomas Hobbs, 1st A.S.; Alfred Piper, 2nd A.S.; and James Verry, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. next presented a centenary jewel to Comp. H. N. Price, which he said was the first centenary jewel of the chapter. The companions ought to feel a great honour had been conferred on them, and they felt it would not have come about had it not been for Comp. Price's exertions. Comp. Price had brought his endeavours to a successful issue, and he was to be congratulated upon it.

Comp. PRICE, I.P.Z., said he thanked the M.E.Z. very cordially for his exceedingly kind words. Anything he had done to conduce to obtaining the centenary warrant had been to him a labour of love. If the companions were satisfied he was amply rewarded. He should like now to have the pleasure of presenting to the M.E.Z. a centenary jewel. There was no member of the chapter who would render it more honour. Comp. Price then decorated the M.E.Z. with a centenary jewel.

The M.E.Z. then called up Comps. Cottebrune, S.E., and Briggs, Treas., and presented each with a centenary jewel. He said that they had been many years in the chapter, and he hoped they would be in it for many years to come.

Comp. KOHRY (British Burmah), on behalf of that district, congratulated the chapter on the excellent work he had seen that night, and also on the chapter obtaining a centenary warrant. When one came thousands of miles and saw the ceremonial of Masonry properly performed, it was extremely gratifying. It was very difficult to acquire the work. He had seen the working of a good many chapters, but he had never appreciated it as he had that evening. That chapter had flourished for 100 years, and he hoped it might go on for many more.

The chapter was then closed, after working for four consecutive hours.

A splendid repast followed, at which Comp. Price presided, the honour having been conferred upon him in recognition of his services in obtaining the charter.

The music was performed by Masters R. and A. Hopkins, Bros. R. Evans, Wingrove Ives, R. B. Hopkins, and Fred Stephens. At the piano-forte were Mr. W. A. Wade and Bro. R. B. Hopkins.

Comp. PRICE, in proposing "The Queen and R.A. Masonry," said one of the most pleasing duties which could fall to the lot of a Presiding Officer was to have the honour of proposing the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, a duty which came from the love and respect they bore to that Royal Lady who had ruled over the vast empire which she held sway for a period of half the time the Domatic Chapter had been in existence. During her reign and her long life she had, by her thought and her sympathies with the people, endeared herself to all of them. They all had the hope and wish that she might long reign over them. Her Majesty being the Patroness of the Masonic Charities, he would couple her name with R.A. Masonry, and he would call on the companions to drink long life, health, and prosperity to the Queen and R.A. Masonry.

Comp. PRICE, when the toast had been duly honoured, said the next toast he had the honour to propose was that of "The Health of the Grand Z. of the Order, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and in proposing it he felt perfectly certain it would meet with the same hearty and cordial reception which had always been accorded to it throughout Masonry all over the kingdom. During the 18 years his Royal Highness had reigned over Masonry, Royal Arch Masonry had made rapid strides, and in so doing had become far more influential than it was formerly. Although, perhaps, his Royal Highness, by the various duties that devolved upon him, was unable to attend the whole of Masons' assemblies, yet they knew there was nothing of importance which occurred in Masonry but he knew of it, and he always took a part in everything that was for the good of R.A. Masonry.

Comp. PRICE said the next toast he had the honour also to propose was that of "The Health of the Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Lathom, the Grand H., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the Grand J., Comp. W. W. B. Beach, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." There was very little necessary for him to say to recommend that toast to the consideration of the companions, for it always received a hearty acceptance. In the Earl of Lathom they had a very old and worthy Mason, who was always ready and willing to take command of their ceremonial. They had also the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who was equally enthusiastic in Masonry, and they next came to Comp. Beach, the Grand J., who had honoured them with his presence that evening. It afforded him (Comp. Price) personally a very great amount of pleasure to welcome him in the Domatic Chapter, seeing that he (Comp. Price) was initiated in the Province of Hampshire in the first year of Comp. Beach's rule over that province as Grand Master. Therefore he felt peculiarly honoured by Comp. Beach coming to see one of his Masonic children. Whenever the companions saw any of these Grand Officers occupying the position of president in Grand Lodge, they knew they occupied it with dignity. While they had such officers at the head of Masonry, they were certain that Royal Arch Masonry would never waver, but would remain the same grand noble institution it ever was. They had, also, to hold out the right hand of fellowship in the name of the Domatic Chapter to Comp. Fenn, Past President of the Committee of General Purposes. There were very few Masons to-day who could carry out the ceremonies more efficiently than he, not only in their own language, but in other languages. Comp. Fenn was one of the most energetic Grand Officers. Then there was Comp. Letchworth, G.S.E., who was most enthusiastic in his work, and to him he returned thanks for his assistance in obtaining the

centenary warrant. Comp. Letchworth had given up an important engagement to be present at the Domatic Chapter that evening. Then they came to Comp. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Scribe E., and there was another Grand Officer whom they claimed as a member of the chapter, Comp. George Everett, Past Grand Treasurer, and whom they were always ready to welcome. In all the chapters to which he belonged, there were none more thoroughly satisfied to see Comp. Everett Grand Treasurer than his old chapter, the Domatic. Comp. James Lewis Thomas came next: he was Past Grand Standard Bearer, and Comp. Henry Sadler, Grand Janitor. He thanked them all for their attendance, and the Domatic Chapter must congratulate itself on being honoured with the presence of more Grand Officers than it ever had on any one evening of its existence. He called upon Comps. Beach and Fenn to respond.

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH, Grand J., in replying, said he thanked the companions for the cordial reception they had given to that toast. It was a great privilege to him, and he was very proud to be associated with such distinguished Masons as Lord Lathom and Lord Mount Edgcumbe, both of whom had done very much for Masonry in all its branches, and contributed very much to the success of Royal Arch Masonry. Since he had been appointed to the distinguished office of Third Grand Principal he had tried to do a little more than he had before for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry. He had always been under the impression that those who were charged with duties should perform them to the utmost of their power, and if they could possibly attend meetings of Royal Arch Masons and try by their example, and a few words of encouragement to do something for the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry, it was a great pride and pleasure for them to do so. He had felt for a long series of years in Royal Arch Masonry that he should do something for this branch of the Craft, to incite those who had not joined this high Degree to emulate those who had gone before them, and try to make themselves acquainted with the hidden mysteries of Masonry, which they could only do when the additional secrets were committed to them from year to year in this exalted Degree. He thought that in provinces as Masonry increased so the Royal Arch Degree increased. There was generally a proportion of chapters which were called into existence commensurate with the number of lodges. That was a very healthy sign, because it showed that the brethren were anxious to make themselves acquainted with this exalted Degree. He could only hope it would continue to flourish. He had had very great pleasure in attending on this highly interesting occasion. He would say nothing more at that moment on this head, because he believed it would presently fall to him to say something on it, and he should, therefore, content himself by stating how pleased he was to be present, because a few hours ago he felt there were duties elsewhere which would prevent him coming.

Comp. THOMAS FENN, also replying, said the toast had been responded to so fully and so ably by their excellent and beloved Comp. Beach, that a very few words would suffice from him. He was rather surprised that the M.E.Z. should ask him to respond, because their excellent G.S.E. took precedence of him. He had no doubt the M.E.Z. would have some toast slyly in the corner of his pocket in favour of the other companions. That night he was permitted to tell them that Comp. Robert Grey, who was the real President of the Committee of General Purposes, had felt himself—very unwillingly—obliged to absent himself, as he was Chairman for the month of the House Committee of the Girls' School, and, unfortunately, he was compelled to be present at the School. Although he (Comp. Fenn) was one of the Committee, Comp. Grey had commissioned him to represent him as the only Past President of the Committee of General Purposes at present existing. He wished sincerely to convey to the companions of the Domatic Chapter the regret of Comp. Grey at being unavoidably absent, more especially as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence, who was an active member of that chapter—Comp. Cottebrune—and Comp. Everett, formerly a member, was one of its Vice-Presidents. He should not forget himself, and he would say how gratified he felt at the first time of being in that chapter, in which so many of his old and original friends who were Masons were members. Not the least of these was S. Barton Wilson who was his instructor in Masonry, and with whom he was associated in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement many years; their Bro. John Snelling, one of the most distinguished lights of that lodge, and one of their highly esteemed companions, Comp. James Brett. He thanked the companions very much for the pleasure he had had, and he expressed his satisfaction at the way in which the work in chapter was conducted. When he had been invited to chapters it was usually for the purpose of doing the work, and it was an agreeable surprise to him as a guest to see the work so well performed by all the officers.

Comp. W. BEACH, Grand J., next said a most pleasing duty had been assigned to him. They had met that evening on a most interesting occasion, and therefore the toast which he had to propose to the companions was "Success to the Domatic Chapter." He felt that that toast ought to have been proposed by some one more intimately connected with it, who could have done more justice to it, who could have entered more intimately into the past history of the chapter. But he had been only informed of one or two facts in regard to it. He understood it existed first of all in 1789, but not under authentic records, and it was not until 1793 that it began to exist under a warrant from the Athol Lodge. At that time chapters under the Athol Lodge did not exist by themselves, but they existed by warrant of the lodges under which they took origin, and therefore that was a very different mode of proceeding to that of the present time. Of course, after the amalgamation of the different lodges and the United Grand Lodge was brought into being, all these things were changed. No doubt during that time the Domatic Chapter had done great and useful work. Many distinguished Royal Arch Masons had been members of this chapter; they had done very active and solid work in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry. During this long series of years the companions had handed down to their successors the traditions of the chapter and had shown unbroken work which formed a record in the present day. He was sorry to say he was not able to be present at the time when the candidates were exalted that afternoon, but he had the pleasure of witnessing two of the installations, and he was delighted with the way the work was conducted. Comp. Fenn, who was present sooner, did justice to the way in which Comp. Price and the other officers did their work. Therefore he thought they had to congratulate the Domatic Chapter on the way the work was carried out in it, and they had every reason to believe that in future years the chapter would continue to flourish and be an ornament to the Craft and to the Degree to which it belonged. It had received a centenary warrant. He understood there were only three other chapters in London which had that distinction, and only 18 altogether. Of course it was a great distinction to be one of such a small number as that. He congratulated the members of the Committee heartily on the success

which had attended their past efforts, and hoped it would be their object in the future to sustain it, and that they would have the same success as in the past. With the toast he coupled the name of Comp. C. A. Cottebrune, P.Z., Scribe E.

Comp. COTTEBRUNE, in acknowledging the toast, said that to a certain extent he felt he was quite unable to answer the very high eulogium passed on him by their very distinguished companion. However, he wished that one of their companions—a very highly esteemed one—would have been able to be amongst them, but, unfortunately, he was not able, through infirmity—it was their old friend, Comp. Buss. Comp. Buss was a member of that chapter some years before him (Comp. Cottebrune), and they worked together up to the time when he was called upon to take Comp. Buss's place as senior member and also as Scribe E. of the chapter. He felt that a very high responsibility was falling on his shoulders, and he was not going to tell them a secret, because, no doubt, they were all aware of it already, that, being a foreigner, especially, he thought it was a great undertaking on his part to take the position of Scribe of such a distinguished chapter; but knowing it was his mother chapter, and passing the chair, he thought, in 1864, it was his duty to endeavour to do the best he could for the chapter, and his companions had very kindly re-elected him from year to year. He was pleased to a certain extent, and he certainly felt highly honoured, that they had conferred upon him that position so long. The Domatic Chapter had always been to his heart very dear indeed. There he was exalted, and there he had found many very good friends. He had endeavoured at all times to be perfect—not always perhaps successfully—but to be in the estimation of all the members of the chapter.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Scribe E., proposed "The M.E.Z., Comp. John Hattersley." He extremely regretted that he had been unable to be present at the time when Comp. Hattersley was installed in the chair which he thought he would so worthily fill. He was told that Comp. Hattersley was a child of the lodge to which this chapter was attached, that he had gone through all the offices, that he had risen to the highest position in the lodge, and now he took the highest position he could in the chapter. He most heartily congratulated Comp. Hattersley on occupying that position, and he also congratulated the companions on being presided over by one so distinguished. During its centenary year the chapter had been presided over by Comp. Price, whose exertions on behalf of the chapter, as well as in obtaining its centenary warrant, the companions all acknowledged. But he (Comp. Letchworth) had now to do with Comp. Hattersley, and he wished him a very happy year of office, feeling sure that during his rule he would carry out the objects of the Order in a manner worthy in every respect of the grand traditions which this chapter inherited.

Comp. HATTERSLEY, in acknowledging the toast, which was drunk with great fervour, said he felt proud indeed to be M.E.Z. of a chapter like the Domatic Chapter, and especially in a year when they celebrated such an eventful career as the centenary of the chapter. He was more than pleased and delighted to see the company of visitors they had around them that evening, and he hoped that one and all had enjoyed themselves. On behalf of the chapter he offered them a kind reception. Through his year of office he should be pleased to carry out all the duties that appertained to the M.E.Z. in the chair. He would endeavour to do them to the best of his ability, and he felt certain that all the officers under him would carry out the old traditions the chapter was noted for. He thanked all the companions for their good wishes. But before he sat down he would like to present the Past Principal, Comp. H. N. Price, with the P.Z. jewel of the chapter. The companions knew the good qualities of their Immediate Past Principal, and most companions in London who knew Royal Arch Masonry also knew the good qualities of Comp. Price. Comp. Price took great interest in his work; he was always pleased to lend a helping hand to those who were going into office, and to promote the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in general. It was with great pleasure he presented Comp. Price with the P.Z.'s jewel; it was one which the chapter had taken on itself to have specially made for him on that occasion, because of his working, and the time he had taken in proving the links that were required in establishing the centenary of the chapter. But not only had Comp. Price done his work thoroughly and well, but the members of the chapter had appreciated his good service. Comp. Price had felt within himself that he would not like to have all the honours thrust upon him, and he had asked the members of the chapter when he heard they were likely to make some concessions towards himself—which they felt they were bound to make—for bringing out all these facts, that he asked them to let the honours be extended to his wife. Therefore he then asked Comp. Price to allow him to present to him, for Mrs. Price, a very handsome dress ring, which the members of the chapter took upon themselves to purchase for the purpose of presenting to their Immediate Past Principal's wife. On behalf of the members of the chapter, he (Comp. Hattersley) took it as a great privilege and honour to ask Comp. Price to accept from the members of the chapter, for Mrs. Price, that present. Comp. Price had expressed his good wishes with his wife not only to that chapter but to other lodges and chapters he was connected with throughout England. Whenever there had been a ladies' day Comp. Price and his wife had always been to the fore, and therefore the companions hoped that that combination between the two would continue for many years to come. Again, on behalf of the companions of the chapter he wished Comp. Price and his wife many long years of happiness and enjoyment, and he hoped they would be with the companions in their outings, not only in the Royal Arch, but in the Craft. He hoped Comp. Price would accept the ring as an expression of the good feeling of the members of the chapter towards him and his wife.

Comp. H. N. PRICE, I.P.Z., in accepting the gift, after the companions had warmly received the toast, said it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure and pride to be able to respond in the very enthusiastic manner the toast had met with, which had been so kindly proposed by Comp. Hattersley. He had to thank Comp. Hattersley for many things, and more especially for allowing him to occupy the position of president on that occasion. Of course it had been known to the companions that during his year of office he had been able to prove the continuous working of that chapter for 100 years. The companions considered, as a reward for his efforts in that direction, that it would be a compliment to him to allow him to occupy the position of Chairman that evening that he might be able to add to his Masonic record, that he had the honour of presiding over the companions on the occasion of the chapter completing its centenary, and also as M.E.Z. during the 100th year. The companions would say it was a singular coincidence that they would scarcely hear of at any time, where the same companion or brother had occupied those two positions. Comp. Hattersley had offered him the greatest compliment any companion could offer him; but it had been one of his

great wishes for many years to occupy that position. And he was pleased to find that the companions received Comp. Hattersley's sacrifice in not allowing himself the pleasure to preside. However, he wished publicly to convey to Comp. Hattersley his most sincere and hearty thanks for his great kindness and self-denial. With respect to the centenary charter, he worked very hard for it, and at one time he was afraid he should not be able to prove continuous working, but on application to Grand Chapter they acknowledged from 1793 to the present day in order to prove the continuous working they had a break from 1797 till 1805, and they informed him in a melancholy manner they did not want to discourage him, but they were afraid it was a gap he could not bridge over. However, having been Master of the Domatic Lodge, and taking up the whole of the records for 1806, for the purpose of giving Bro. George Blizard Abbott the minutes for getting up a history of the Domatic Lodge, he was able to refer to them, and by those very books he was able, fortunately, to bridge over that gap, as in the gap there was shown a Royal Arch Chapter which sent to the lodge to attend a meeting of delegates. He was enabled to do this successfully, and he was told by the G.S.E. that the chapter was entitled to a warrant. The Committee of General Purposes were pleased to recommend at the meeting of Grand Chapter in February that the chapter should have a centenary warrant, and Grand Chapter confirmed it. He had drawn up a history of the chapter, and Comp. Sadler recommended him to have it printed, but unfortunately it was too late to be given to the companions at that meeting, but they would have it afterwards. He would, however, call attention to a few facts in the matter of the minutes from 1845. Comp. Buss made a memorandum in the books that he had applied to the widow of Comp. Child, G.S.E., but he (Comp. Price) fancied Comp. Child never had the books at all, but they belonged to Comp. Seton, who was Scribe for 10 or 11 years. Evidently there was a little unpleasantness because he was elected to the position of Scribe E., but he did not come up at the installation—not in consequence of illness—therefore the minutes, so far as the election was concerned, were not confirmed. On account of that unpleasantness, therefore, the books might never have been in his possession. In 1846 they found Comp. Seton proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Block, a very old Past Principal, who had filled the position of M.E.Z. twice. He was some 29 years in the chapter, and it was accorded to him, and also unanimously, a jewel was given to him for his services. In 1849 he was elected a third time to the chair. In March, 1857, he was elected Janitor, which position he occupied eight years. Comp.



COMP. HARRY NELSON PRICE, I.P.Z.

Price added that he did not wish to tire the companions by going through that history, but in respect to their dear old friend, Comp. Buss, most of them were proud to be able to know him, and those who were not fortunate enough to know him would know his worth. He was exalted in that chapter in 1851, and became M.E.Z. He was Scribe E. and Treasurer after a time, until unfortunately he had to retire on account of infirmity. The companions' best wishes were with Comp. Buss, and they trusted he would still live to be an ornament to Royal Arch Masonry. Then they came to their dear old friend, Comp. Cottebrune. During his year intimation came warning the companions of the place they were meeting in. In consequence of a spurious lodge being held there they went away. Then there was Comp. George Everett, P.G. Treas., he became a joining member, and in 1880 he was Principal, and like all of the Principals, did his work thoroughly. He would not go further for fear of wearying the companions, but he had to thank them sincerely for the exceedingly kind manner in which they had added to the value of the P.Z.'s jewel they had presented to him by the gift of a ring to his wife. On her behalf also he wished to express his most sincere thanks for the honour they had done her. It was a present she would always value.

In giving the toast of "The H. and J.," the M.E.Z. said it must always be satisfactory to an M.E.Z. to have excellent officers, and both the H. and J. were an ornament to Freemasonry.

Comp. HATTERSLEY, H., replying, said he should content himself and please the companions with a very few short remarks. Every one must feel it an honour to be a member of that chapter, especially as it held high rank. It was very pleasant for a member to look back to days gone by and see what position he had held. The companions had that night drunk the health of the H. and J. most heartily, and the M.E.Z. had proposed it in a most genial manner. For himself he thanked the companions most sincerely.

Comp. BAILEY, J., added that he hoped to prove by his actions that he would fulfil the duties of the chair to which the members had elected him. He knew that if he did so it would be to his own credit.

Comp. GEORGE EVERETT, P.Z., P.G.T., said the duty had been delegated to him of submitting to the companions the next toast. They were

somewhat departing from the order of things that night, but it was necessary in consideration of the very large attendance they had had, and the amount of business to be gone through. The toast he had to submit was a very popular one, and he considered it a very great privilege and pleasure on an occasion of that kind to propose it, as it was that of "The Visitors," who had honoured them with their presence. No less than 102 had sat down to the banquet table, and of that number 60 were visitors. The Domestic Chapter felt itself highly honoured that such a large number of visitors should have come forward to assist to celebrate its centenary. The custom which prevailed in Freemasonry of visiting lodges and chapters, to his mind was one of its most pleasurable phases; it afforded an opportunity of cementing old friendships and forming new ones, and did much to promote that brotherly love and regard which should at all times characterise Freemasons. On behalf of the chapter he offered the visitors a very hearty welcome indeed. There were too many present for him to describe the particular merits of each, but he hoped that no visitor would take it as a slight if his name was omitted. He was requested to call upon Comps. James Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B., Capt. T. C. Walls, W. M. Stiles, Dr. Horne, and Dr. Jackson to respond. He had again to repeat how pleased the members of the chapter were to see the visitors, and he wished to add that he hoped that notwithstanding the large number who had assembled they had been comfortable.

Comp. J. LEWIS THOMAS said he returned thanks with the greatest pleasure for the great hospitality displayed by the chapter to its visitors that evening. He was one of those fortunate visitors who came early, and, therefore, saw the admirable working of the chapter. He did not think in the whole course of his experience he ever saw the exaltation ceremony done more perfectly. The lectures were beautifully rendered by the H. and J., and most masterly by the M.E.Z., who did the installation afterwards. It would be a long, long time before he forgot it.

Comp. Capt. T. C. WALLS, in adding some remarks to those of Comp. Thomas, said he had to thank Comp. Briggs for giving him the opportunity of visiting the chapter. He remembered attending it many, many years ago, when he was a very young Royal Arch Mason, and he was very proud and pleased to say that the Domestic Chapter had increased, not only in regard to its numbers and its financial prosperity, but also in regard to the manner in which the work of the Degree was carried out. He quite agreed with the last speaker, his old friend, Comp. Lewis Thomas, that the work of exaltation and installation was admirably done. He was speaking as an old R.A. Mason. It was not so many years ago when the installation ceremonies in the Royal Arch were performed by half-a-dozen companions who had a refresher for being called upon to assist chapters in placing their Principals in the chair. He was pleased to say that the Domestic Chapter at the present time had a very large and formidable phalanx, capable not only to instal their own Principals, but to go to other chapters to perform the ceremony. Many remarks had been made that night with regard to the Royal Arch Degree. They had heard that night, for the first time in his experience, a companion from many thousands of miles away—from Burma—paying a very high compliment indeed, not only to the working of the Domestic Chapter, but also making a speech not altogether parliamentary but very charming. As one of the 60 visitors that companion agreed with the others in regard to the chapter, and also the event they were met to celebrate the centenary of the chapter—a remarkable occurrence in R.A. Masonry. There were only four R.A. Chapters now in London which had the honour of wearing the jewel. Every cock like to crow on its own dunghill. He (Comp. Walls) had the honour to belong to the oldest chapter in London, No. 3. He had a companion on his right who had the honour to belong to No. 2. What did the four metropolitan chapters, which had the honour of wearing the centenary jewel, teach? Why, that Royal Arch Masonry was not of that antiquity which people supposed. He believed the first early record of Royal Arch Masonry in England was in 1754, and as the Domestic dated from 1793, it must have been living at the time the first Royal Arch Chapter was inaugurated in England. He had very great pleasure in being invited to the Domestic Chapter; there was always an air of geniality about it, and the companions who were members of it never forgot that it was an old chapter, that a great principle of the Order was hospitality, and that the Domestic Chapter must keep up that old tradition.

Comp. WM. STILES also replied, and said he thoroughly endorsed what had been said by previous speakers.

Comp. HORNE was also called for, and in answer to the demand, said it did him great pleasure to be present on such an almost unique occasion, and to see so many Grand Officers grace the proceedings, and also so many other excellent companions. Hailing, as he did from the provinces, his invitation was the greater honour. It always gave him great pleasure to be present at Masonic meetings in London, for this reason: companions in the provinces had very small idea, probably of the way Masonry, and particularly Royal Arch Masonry was carried out there. In the provinces they endeavoured to carry out the principle rather strictly. In Oxfordshire they endeavoured to carry it out with all the ritual of the Craft. He must say the work he had seen that night had quite surpassed what they had in the provinces. In the provinces they looked to Comp. Penn as the guide, the instructor, and the ruler in this branch of Freemasonry; they believed him the father and teacher of this work. He was in hope to have heard from Comp. Penn a remark that he (Comp. Horne) could have taken home, but such was not the case. But he should take home the memory of this visit to the Domestic Chapter, and say what a grand evening he had had.

Comp. Dr. JACKSON said it was not the first time he had attended the Domestic Chapter, but the last time was when it celebrated its 90th anniversary.

Comp. WOOD, replying to the toast of "The Exaltees," said he appreciated the manner in which the honour of Royal Arch Masonry was conferred upon him, and he felt he could not value it too highly, especially when it had been conferred on the day the chapter celebrated its centenary. The ceremony was very impressive, more impressive even than the ceremony of initiation. He hoped he should see more of it and to profit by it and the duties to be learned from it.

Comp. HATTERSLEY gave "The Past Principals of the Domestic Chapter, and the Scribe E., and the Treasurer and the other Officers," as the hour was getting late. They had a goodly array of Past Principals, and very good Past Principals they were; they paid great attention to the Chairman, and made excellent arrangements for the meetings. There were Comps. Austin, Hubbard, Wm. Thomas, George Everett, Harrison, Nolan, and Charles G. Hill. Then there was the indefatigable Scribe E., Comp. Cottebrune, and the genial and loving Treasurer, Comp. Briggs. All the officers were willing and able to carry out all the duties. There was a good feeling between the Principals, and the Past Principals, and the officers.

Comp. THOMAS NOTON, in acknowledging the toast, said that, called upon to respond to that most important toast on behalf of his services in the chair, he really did not know what to say. If somebody else had said something before him he knew he ought to say something to follow. He had been going to say that he intended to make the longest speech on record; that might have been if someone had preceded him, but he thought he had better leave unsaid what he should have said.

Comp. HOBBS said he should endeavour to carry out whatever duties he was asked to perform, and he should do it to the best of his ability. He hoped the Principals would be satisfied with his endeavours.

Comp. SMITH said, for the whole of the officers, each would try to do credit to the Domestic Chapter in the office to which he was appointed.

Comp. JAMES VERY gave the Janitor's toast, the drinking of which terminated the evening's proceedings.

Comp. Harry Nelson Price, who had the dual honour of occupying the chair of both the Domestic Lodge and the Domestic Chapter during the centenary years, was initiated in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 834, Havant, in 1870. He joined the Domestic Lodge in 1873, on the proposition of Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas. After filling various offices he became W.M. in 1886, the year in which the centenary of the lodge was celebrated. In 1887 he was exalted in the Domestic Chapter, and was M.E.Z. in 1892-3. Bro. Price has been an active worker in metropolitan Masonic circles, having been founder and first W.M. of the Viator Lodge, No. 2308, also of the Carrington Lodge, No. 2421, and first Secretary of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012. Three Stewardships and the qualification of Life Governor of each of the Charities must also be added. To Bro. Price the credit is mainly due of successfully establishing the claim of the Domestic Chapter to the centenary warrant and jewel, he having been able to bridge over a space from 1797 to 1805, which was somewhat obscure, and by so doing proving the continuous working of the chapter for a period of 100 years.

Comp. Hattersley, the present M.E.Z. of the Domestic Chapter, was good enough to offer Comp. H. Price the Chairmanship of the festival to celebrate the centenary that he might have the honour of presiding over the festival of the Domestic Lodge and the Domestic Chapter.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The publication of Bro. P. C. Dutt's annual* affords abundant material for a brief article on the Craft in India and Burma. The work covers over 200 pages of closely printed matter, and it is not only the largest Masonic directory issued under the English Constitution, but is also one of the best.

There are two diaries, one being for the meetings of all the Masonic bodies in Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, and the other for the English and Scottish lodges generally. These compilations mean a lot of labour, and, being carefully done, are of considerable utility, so also are the rolls of the District Grand Masters and District Grand Officers, beginning in 1728 and brought down to the present year. Bengal leads off at the year noted, and then Madras follows from 1767. Other Provinces are also mentioned, but not at such length. Bombay began in 1763, Burma in 1868, and the Punjab in 1868, so the Grand Lodge Calendar states. From the same source we learn that the lodges in the several Districts concerned are thus located—Bengal, 42; Bombay, 24; Burma, 8; Madras, 22; and the Punjab, 22; total, 118. Under the Grand Lodge of Scotland there are also 33 lodges, raising the grand total to 151 lodges.

Masonically, India is thus practically governed by five District G. Lodges constituted by England, and one by Scotland, the latter being for "All Scottish Freemasonry in India." It appears the better plan thus to have this vast country divided into five Districts rather than extended over the whole area, for even now it must be difficult to keep in touch with not a few of the lodges far away from populous centres, and for District Grand Masters to thoroughly do their duty must entail no little labour for themselves and their Deputy District Grand Masters.

Bro. Dutt aims at catering for the whole of this vast body, and, what is more, actually does so in a most creditable and satisfactory manner, not that his large Directory is intended to supersede separate Calendars like the one edited by Captain Leslie. There is room for each and all, and all are much needed to communicate light and information to the Craft dispersed throughout India and Burma, even more so than in England, because the opportunities of visitation and fraternal conference are fewer, and must be often a veritable rarity in some lone spots.

Not only, however, are the names of the chief officers of these lodges duly given in this truly wonderful annual, but similar information is afforded as to the Royal Arch, the Mark, the Knight Templar, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland, and other Degrees; and the "Masonic Notabilia" is a most interesting compilation, and valuable for the guidance of District Grand Masters, Masters of lodges, and other brethren who desire accurate particulars as to the Indian Craft, for the preparation of speeches and addresses to lodges, &c.

I entirely object to the statement that certain lodges 1797-1801, "threw off their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England and obtained warrants from the Ancient York Constitution." Bro. Dutt should put this matter right another year, by altering the term to "Ancient Grand Lodge," or "Atholl Grand Lodge," which never had any connection with York, and issued their warrants from London. He has several works published of late years, dealing with this point, and will doubtless correct the error in another year. So also as to "Ancient York Lodges." Either drop York entirely, or use another term such as "Atholl Lodges." The mistake occurs again as the Union of December, 1813, relative to the "York Constitution."

There are also two lodges noted by Bro. Dutt, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, viz., Nos. 203 and 322, in regiments, both domiciled for the time at Poona.

Assuredly Bro. Dutt deserves the hearty thanks and earnest support of all zealous Craftsmen in India, for nothing but a large sale can cover the cost of production of this important and valuable volume.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* "The Indian Freemasons' Almanac and Diary for the year 1893." Edited by Bro. P. C. Dutt, 14, Sessoram Ghose's-street, Calcutta.

PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTION.

Bro. H. J. Whympier, C.I.E., the zealous D.D.G.M. of the Punjab, has kindly sent us the report of the Trustees of the above excellent Charity for the year 1892. It extends to over 80 pages, and is a most voluminous and exhaustive account of all that concerns the interests and welfare of one of the best managed Masonic funds in connection with the Grand Lodge of England.

At the close of 1892 the large number of 40 children were being educated by the Punjab Masonic Institution (18 boys and 22 girls), the average expenditure being 257 rupees each (including clothing, &c.). The names of the schools, and particulars of the wards thus benefited, are duly given, and many other noteworthy particulars, by the honorary Secretary, Bro. F. Jackson, P.M., &c.

The total income for 1892 was Rs. 16,714, and is the highest yet obtained, the investments being now raised to over 79,200 rupees, being also the largest amount in any year.

Since the Society started the large sum of 164,812 rupees have been paid into the fund, which, at 2s. to the rupee, would mean over £16,000, but, unfortunately, the rate of exchange is far from the maximum at the present time. The "Stewart," No. 1690, enjoys the position of being the largest contributor; followed closely, however, by the "Charity," No. 563. Bro. Whympier is the largest individual subscriber, but the record generally is a very honourable one.

It is a good plan thus to furnish so many particulars, and well pays for the outlay as respects labour and printing. It is a most beneficent Institution, exceptionally well managed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 31st ult. at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. John Davies, P.M. 169, W.M.; G. E. Higginson, W.M. 1791, S.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2202, &c., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, J.W.; A. Carlstrom, 733, Preceptor; W. H. Tucker, P.M. 144, Sec.; A. Williams, P.M. 2090, S.D.; J. Cox, 1585, J.D.; R. Ambler, 2432, I.G.; T. Brooks, P.M. 382; J. R. Harnell, P.M. 1681; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; T. Harrington, P.M. 1686; J. Alexander, P.M.; W. T. Edmunds, P.M. 1507; Kirk, P.M. 1608; H. Gilbert, P.M.; S. P. Fisher, Treas. 217; Ham, S.D. 1891; F. Styles, Stwd. 1500; W. H. Brown, 996; F. Thomas, 1585; Freer, 1681; L. F. Lundy, 1941; W. Slatter, 619; W. Edelstein, 441; T. Blyth, 1681; C. C. Barber, 1585; Reid, 1275; F. A. Barth, 865; D. F. Norrington, 1891; and J. Lewis, 1681.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Sections of the First Lecture were then worked as follows: 1st Section, Bro. J. Cox, 1585; 2nd, Bro. T. Blyth, 1681; 3rd, Bro. R. Ambler, 2432; 4th, Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2202, &c.; 5th, Bro. Kirk, P.M. 1608; 6th, E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2202, &c.; and 7th, G. E. Higginson, W.M. 1791. The lodge was called off and on, and resumed to the Second Degree, and the Sections of that Lecture were worked as follows: 1st Section, Bro. A. Williams, P.M. 2090; 2nd, Bro. John Davies, P.M. 169; 3rd and 4th, Bro. G. E. Higginson, W.M. 1791; and 5th, Bro. T. Blyth, 1681. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the Sections of that Lecture worked as follows: 1st Section, Bro. F. Thomas, 1585; 2nd, Bro. W. H. Tucker, P.M. 144; and 3rd, Bro. A. Carlstrom, 733. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and the W.M. and S.W. were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. Bros. J. R. Harnell, P.M. 1681; S. P. Fisher, 217; and W. H. Brown, 996, were unanimously elected members of the lodge. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the W.M. and brethren who had assisted to work the Sections, to which the W.M. replied. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren, the lodge was closed.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).—On Monday evening, the 27th ult., this lodge of instruction was inaugurated at the Norlance Arms, Addison-road, N.W., by the W.M., Wardens, and many brethren of the mother lodge. After a few introductory remarks, the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Alfred Green, P.M., as S.W.; W. Radcliffe, P.M., as J.W.; G. E. Higginson, W.M. 1791, as Preceptor; G. Cockrell, J.W., as Treasurer; H. Lindfield, P.M., as Secretary; W. J. Dyer, S.W., as S.D.; C. C. Barber, 1585, as J.D.; A. S. Spawforth, J.D., as I.G.; and G. Copley, S.D., as Steward. The following were also present: Bros. S. Webb, P.M. 1287; J. Davies, P.M. 169; W. Densham, I.P.M. 957; C. B. F. Mount, I.G. 211; G. E. Absell, Steward 211; P. J. King, jun., 211; W. W. Colley, 211; R. N. Larter, S.D. 1791; G. Kirkham, 2309; T. Jobson, 834; E. J. Melvin, 1541; Dr. Harrison, 2012; H. R. Elkin, 2157; and W. R. Carpenter, 2150.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies, P.M., acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, when all the brethren present became joining members of the lodge, and the dues were collected. On the second time of rising, Bro. Alfred Green, P.M., was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. On rising for the third time, it was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by Bro. G. Cockrell, and supported by Bro. J. Davies—"That the W.M. and Wardens of this evening be elected Honorary Members of this lodge," which was agreed to. Bro. Higginson thanked the W.M. and brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge for the gift of the furniture for the use of the lodge of instruction. After some complimentary remarks were made by Bros. Radcliffe, P.M.; A. Green,

P.M.; and J. Davies, P.M., Bro. S. Webb, P.M., in a few well chosen words proposed "That a hearty vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. G. E. Higginson for his kindness in taking the Preceptorship of the lodge." This was seconded by Bro. Barber, unanimously carried, and suitably responded to by Bro. Higginson. The bye-laws of the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction were then read and adopted by the brethren. "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M., and the lodge was then closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting was held at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street, W., on Wednesday evening, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. Osborn, W.M. 1287, W.M.; Evenden, P.M. 749, S.W.; Edy, J.W.; Lonsdale, P.M. 382, S.D.; Smale, P.M. 538, J.D.; Stewart-Walker, I.G.; Paul, P.M. 1287, Preceptor; Hill, P.M. 871, Treas.; Willby, W.M. 538, Sec.; Mason, Vigar, Crossingham, Palmer, Forbes-Drummond, and Hattemer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed and seconded "That the report of the informal meeting held on the 22nd ult. to arrange future meetings, &c., be accepted and confirmed." Carried unanimously. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor. Bro. Palmer, P.M., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Palmer being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mason being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bros. Stewart-Walker, Vigar, and Evenden were elected joining members of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Treasurer, Preceptor, Assistant Preceptor, and Secretary were appointed. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. M. Rosenberg, W.M.; C. T. Brown, S.W.; W. N. Hatton, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1988, P.P.G.S. of W. Salop, S.D.; J. T. Haley, J.D.; T. M. Lambie, I.G.; J. Reichenberg, Stwd.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; J. C. Conway, W.M. 1891; R. J. Rogers, W.M. 733; W. Hillier, J. J. Hough, H. Campbell, H. Windeatt, A. Toghill, and R. W. Board. Visitor: Bro. F. Laudeker, 217.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hillier being candidate. Bro. Windeatt, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and invested the officers. Bro. Rosenberg then re-assumed the chair, and opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 3rd Section of the 1st Lecture was worked also by Bro. Ferguson. Bro. Brown was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting—officers to be in rotation. The brethren expressed their sympathy with Bro. Shapcott in the sudden death of his brother-in-law, and the Secretary was desired to write to the worthy brother. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Philip Upton, W.M.; D. Forbes, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; J. Petch, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon and J. Duncan, Secretaries; G. T. Chretien, S.D.; J. T. Frost, J.D.; V. J. R. Longman, I.G.; J. Amand, T. E. Newman, E. G. Young, and Milton Smith. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Amand being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Young answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Young being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Forbes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., who is an old Preceptor of the lodge, attended at great personal inconvenience in order to meet Bro. Philbrick, and to act as Master elect. Those present were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., W.M.; S. Lea-Smith, S.W.; F. G. Ivey, J.W.; G. F. Marshall, Preceptor; W. T. Grant, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; H. M. Hobbs, S.D.; J. H. Williams, J.D.; C. J. Marrian, I.G.; M. Slaughter, D.C.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Knight, W. A. Clarke, J. Hamilton, W. G. Bullen, and J. D. Langton. Visitors: Bros. C. Fox (from New Zealand), M. Williams, M. B. d'Almeida, and F. T. Ridpath.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Philbrick, Bro. Sudlow acting as Master elect. A very cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Philbrick for coming and working a ceremony, and thereby conferring a great honour on the lodge, was carried unanimously. Bro. Philbrick suitably replied. Bros. M. Williams, and M. B. d'Almeida were elected members of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent dinner which was fully enjoyed by all present, at which Bro. J. D. Langton took the chair. In the course of the evening Bro. Philbrick mentioned that it gave him very great pleasure to forward the cause of Masonry to the best of his ability, and that lodges of instruction were doing a good and a great work, and that he was pleased, as an honorary member, to attend the Langton Lodge of Instruction, and rehearse a ceremony, more so as he met with a very cordial welcome, and always felt at home, and among friends and brethren. He con-

fessed, however, he hardly expected to find such a master of the ceremonies among the members as Bro. Sudlow, who, he regretted to find, has had to leave before the dinner, and that it was gratifying to find that such brethren were ever ready and willing to help in the work, even at great personal inconvenience. It was whispered about that there was a good chance of Bro. H. M. Hobbs, who had resigned the Preceptorship on account of ill health, being able and willing to resume those duties, if not so often as formerly, quite sufficiently for him to be considered an active Preceptor. It is sincerely to be wished this may be so, not only in the interest of the lodge, but more so as it proves his health has greatly benefited by the rest he has taken for the last few months.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; Reid, S.W.; McDermott, J.W.; Hillier, acting as Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Williams, S.D.; Hyde, J.D.; Kirkham, I.G.; Powell, Steward; Mulvey, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Jobson, and Fox.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mulvey, P.M., being the candidate. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and Bro. Powell being a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

HARLESDEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on the 30th ult., at the Court House. Present: Bros. W. R. Plaford, W.M.; Bailey, P.M., S.W.; Hagan, J.W.; Hillier, Preceptor; Priest, acting Sec.; Hatton, S.D.; Lovegrove, P.M., J.D.; Craggs, I.G.; Tebbit, Stwd.; Dowsett Smith, P.M.; Dehane, P.M.; W. C. Tebbit, and George Chapman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Priest being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bailey, P.M., who very ably and impressively performed the installation ceremony and duly installed Bro. Plaford into the chair of King Solomon, who then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY DICKEY.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Bro. Hy. Dickey, P.M., who was for several years Secretary of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744. Our brother, who was well-known in the Metropolis, was 55 years of age, and had been ill for some time, and died on Monday, the 27th ult. He was also a member of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355; Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507; and Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048. The funeral took place on the 1st instant, at St. Pancras' Cemetery, Finchley, and was attended by the widow and daughters, and his brother, Bro. Geo. Dickey, and Bro. May. The following brethren, all of the Royal Savoy Lodge, also attended: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; G. Morrey, S.W.; A. H. Cole, Sec.; Geo. Thompson, J. Walker, and R. T. West. Several handsome wreaths were sent by the members of his family and friends, and from the Royal Savoy Lodge, and the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction.

BRO. CHAS. CREW, P.M. 1112.

On the 13th ult., the Vale of Avon Lodge, No. 1112, Shirley, lost a valued brother by the sudden death of the late Bro. Chas. Crew, the senior P.M. He was initiated many years ago in the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton. When the Vale of Avon Lodge was removed from Fordingbridge to Shirley, Bro. Crew was one of the first to join, in January, 1875. He was then living in Millbrook, and for some years he took an active part in the working of the lodge, was elected Treasurer in 1877, and W.M. in 1882. He was exalted in the Royal Gloucester Royal Arch Chapter at Southampton, and was, we believe, a member up to the time of his death. He took the 18th in the Canute Rose Croix Chapter, No. 41, Southampton, in 1879, and filled the chair of M.W.S. in 1889. In November, 1887, he was advanced in the Onslow M.M. Lodge, No. 361, London. Bro. Crew had been to the Cape of Good Hope for the benefit of his health, and was returning home in the Union Company's s.s. Mexican, and when about two days south of Madeira, he was seized with an apoplectic fit whilst sitting at dinner, and although everything that could be done was done at once, he died in about half-an-hour, and was buried at sea next day. Bro. Crew was well known as a waterworks expert, being Chairman of the South Hants Waterworks Company, a Director of the Antwerp Waterworks Company, and of the Guernsey Waterworks Company, as well as Secretary of the Seville Waterworks. His loss will be sorely felt by his many business friends, as well as by his Masonic brethren, as he was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

Marriage.

RALLING—SPRATT.—On the 3rd inst. (Easter Monday), at St. Sidwell's Church, Exeter, by the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, Rector, James Frederick Ralling, Exeter (W.M. Unity Lodge, No. 1332, Crediton, Devon), to Emma, daughter of the late George Spratt, Exeter.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The School Quarterly Courts will be held at Freemasons' Tavern next week, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on Thursday, and on the following day that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On both days the chair will be taken at the hour of 12 noon for the transaction of general business, and when that is over, or, at all events, at 1 p.m., the poll for the election of children will be opened, and will remain open till 3 p.m., after which hour no voting papers will be accepted.

For the Girls' School 19 vacancies will be competed for by 30 approved candidates, of whom three were on the list in October last, while the remaining 27 are new cases. London furnishes seven candidates, and has a part interest with one or more provinces in three others; the remaining 20 are wholly provincial and from abroad. Four of the girls have this one and only chance of being elected, namely No. 3 (London and Warwickshire), who brings forward 753 votes; No. 5 (West Yorkshire), No. 13 (London), and No. 19 (West Lancashire).

For the Boys' School election on the 14th instant there are 49 approved candidates, of whom 10 hail from London, and one has claims on London and two of the Provinces. The remaining 38 are wholly provincial or from abroad. Four out of the 49 boys have already stood at two elections, and eight others were candidates in October last, while the others are new cases. The number of vacancies to be competed for is 23. Here there are six children whose names will be removed from the list if they fail in winning places at this ballot, namely: No. 5 (Sussex), who starts with 270 votes to his credit; No. 14 (West Lancashire); No. 16 (Dorsetshire); No. 18 (N. and E. Yorkshire); No. 44 (West Lancashire); and No. 49 (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight).

In accordance with the practice we have adopted for some years past, we make an earnest appeal to all governors and subscribers, who are not already committed to the support of any particular candidate or candidates, to give their votes and exercise their influence in behalf of the four girls and six boys who are so situated, as we have already pointed out, that if they fail to secure places at these elections they fail altogether. All the other candidates on both lists have at least one, and the majority of them more than one opportunity of winning admission into these Institutions; but for these unfortunate 10 it is a case of "now or never." We invite them to remember that these children have had their claims to the benefits of the Schools recognised, and for this reason, though we know nothing whatever of the merits of the different cases, we urge upon all who have votes to spare to place them at the disposal of these children.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, Grand Treasurer of Mark Master Masons for the year, gave a luncheon to a large number of distinguished members of Grand Mark Lodge, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday. Among those present were Comps. E. Letchworth, Col. A. B. Cook, Alfred Williams, C. Fitzgerald Matier, Gordon Miller, Charles Belton, George Cooper, Balfour Cockburn, R. Clowes, Clifford Probyn, Stewart, R. Berridge, Major Carrell, and others.

The annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, on the 11th and 12th January last, under the presidency of Bro. Alphonso Barts, M.W.G.M., no less than 179 out of 190 lodges on the roll being represented. The Grand Master, in the course of his address, announced that during the year charters had been granted to five new lodges, and dispensations issued for three others. The returns showed an aggregate membership of 13,444, being a net gain of 544 on those of the previous year. The Grand Treasurer's report showed a total of receipts, including balance brought forward, amounting to \$11,204, and disbursements, \$7141; while the statements in respect of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund gave a total of cash in hand and investments amounting to within a fraction of \$12,102. The new Grand Master is Bro. W. F. Dickinson, and Bro. Thomas Montgomery was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. William Salmon, J.P., of Penlyne Court, Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, who is the oldest living Freemason and the oldest member on the roll of the College of Surgeons, has attained his 103rd year. We trust our venerable brother may be spared to us some time yet to enjoy this unique privilege.

A particularly sensitive gentleman named Kanertz, residing at Kaldenkirchen, has brought an action for slander against the Burgomaster of that town, Herr Bertges, for having called him a "Freemason." The defendant admitted the truth of the allegation, but maintained that to call a man a Freemason could not possibly be construed into slander. On the other side, it was contended that it could be, provided the person so designated were not a Freemason, as the allegation might be injurious to him in certain circumstances. The Court at Lobberich decided that it was slander, but on appeal to a higher tribunal at Cleves the judgment was reversed.

"The Lay of Earl Harold," since published with some alterations, under the title of "The Weird Lady," was written by Charles Kingsley in 1840, while staying with the Hon. Dr. Wellesley, at Durham. It was illustrated by him at the same time, and given to Dr. Wellesley's daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Augustus Liddell, one of his dearest and most valued friends from his boyhood to the end of his life. The illustrations now in the possession of Mrs. Charles Balfour, by whose wish and permission they are reproduced for the first time in the April number of the "English Illustrated Magazine."

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Ivy Lodge (No. 1441).—The installation of Bro. Charles Taylor Barlow took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Burcham Cooper, P.M., according to strict emulation working, and was witnessed by a large number of brethren, who highly appreciated the masterly and impressive manner in which that worthy brother conducted the same. After which the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. A. Clarke, I.P.M. (deferred through absence in consequence of illness); T. W. Ingram, S.W.; E. Sinclair, J.W.; G. Mattock, P.M., Treas.; G. Skegg, P.M., Sec.; R. E. Lane, S.D.; J. Hills, J.D.; H. Sternberg, I.G.; R. Foster, P.M., L. Von Hill, and F. H. Scroggie, Stwds.; Burcham Cooper, P.M., D.C.; W. P. West, A.D.C.; J. Rorke, Org.; R. Carey, A.D.C.; and W. P. N. James, M.D.; and J. Lee, Tyler. The ceremony of initiation then took place, and the W.M. certainly deserves great praise for the manner in which he performed his duties.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a *recherche* banquet, provided by Mrs. Venables, in her best manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and responded to, the brethren separated, after a most enjoyable evening.

Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1658).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bro. James Letchford occupied the chair. There was a good muster of the members. Visitors: Bros. Doig, W.M. 1539; A. Doig, P.M. 1539; A. Lundie, W.M. 1381; J. Williams, D.C. 2146; J. Hudson, I.G. 975; G. Mote, P.M. 1732; A. Tocke Peyton, A.D.C. 101; J. J. Warton, P.M. 65; J. Armour, W.M. 172; F. W. Upton, 619; and J. Budd, W.M. 101.

The lodge was opened by Bro. A. B. Norman, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report having been read and adopted, the ceremony of installation was then performed, and the W.M. elect duly installed into the chair of K.S., the I.P.M. being assisted by Bro. H. Cohen, P.M., who presented the working tools, and gave the addresses in his well-known able manner. Mr. C. H. Paul was initiated.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. Hills, P.M., Treasurer, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and highly complimented him upon the manner he had performed the ceremony of installation, and expressed the hope that he would long be spared to wear the jewel which had that night been presented to him, and he was sure the whole of the brethren wished him a long, prosperous, and happy life.

The I.P.M. replied, and it was evident he was deeply touched by the kindly expressions used towards him.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received in the most hearty manner, the speeches, in reply, being very high-class.

The evening was enlivened by many good songs, &c.

The lodge is in a very satisfactory state, and promises for the future to go on prospering.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—The regular meeting of this well-known lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. There were present Bros. Capt. C. J. Knightley, W.M.; G. Mordey, S.W.; E. Rozicka, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Cole, Sec.; T. B. Jefferies, J.D.; J. Pratt, I.G.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Thompson, Steward; R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler; R. Ross, I.P.M.; Holland, P.M.; J. H. Adcock, F. Mizon, G. Sillick, W. Jennings, W. Baker, Fletcher, A. George, E. Waymouth, T. Morris, W. A. Wykes, C. P. Coles, A. Rumsden, A. Davis, E. Gentry, T. Nicholson, A. B. Fox, C. Wilsden, H. Ward, and R. T. West. The visitors were Bros. A. Bentley, 1815; W. Parkinson, 463; J. B. Shakespeare, 1790; E. A. Rice, 1320; Geo. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; R. Douglas Smith, 27; T. Welham, 1897; F. Carr, 1607; G. C. Paine, 1507; G. R. Bolton, W.M. 1732; F. Douglas Norman, 172; H. Lewis, 1472; R. A. Bend, 732; H. Monson, 2353; F. G. Stuart, 1602; T. Golds, 704; F. Tomlin, 1360; D. F. Driver, 1360; and F. Bartlett, 1110.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, Bro. Mizon was raised, and Messrs. T. Nicholson, Alfred Davis, and E. Gentry were initiated. In eloquent and pathetic terms, the W.M. referred to the death of Bro. H. Dickey, P.M., the late Secretary of the lodge, which happened the day previously. Upon the motion of Bro. Ross, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. W. M. Stiles, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Dickey, and a wreath purchased for the funeral.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet.

After the loyal and Masonic toasts had been given by the W.M.,

The I.P.M., Bro. Ross, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," remarked that he was one of the most genial fellows the lodge had ever had as their W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said that so long as he occupied the chair he would do his very best, and with the assistance of his old friends, Bros. Stiles and Scurrah, he hoped that when his term of office expired the brethren would be satisfied with the little he might have done for the happiness and prosperity of the lodge.

In appropriate terms the Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters," stating that he was indebted to the Past Masters for the office he held, and that no other lodge could

have a better band of Past Masters. He coupled the name of Bro. W. M. Stiles, their very modest but well tried member, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Stiles, in reply, said that he was proud to be a Past Master of so flourishing and important a lodge, and it was comforting to the Past Masters to have so genial a W.M. for their ruler.

Bro. Ross, I.P.M., also responded, remarking that the brethren looked upon Bro. Stiles as their guiding star.

The next toast was "The Initiates," the Worshipful Master stating that they had three that night and it made him proud. He strongly urged them to be upright in their conduct in every way and to help to maintain the eminent position the lodge now held.

Bros. Nicholson, Davies, and gentry suitably replied, the first named observing that he would do his utmost to carry out the instructions he had received that evening.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," to whom he gave a hearty welcome. They were well supported that night having 19 present, many of whom were well known and distinguished. Bros. Cole and Jefferies had brought with them nine, for which he thanked them. He was delighted to have visitors and hoped that they were satisfied and would come again. He coupled the names of Bros. R. Douglas Smith, Driver, Lewis, F. Tomlin, and Douglas Norman, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. R. Douglas Smith, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind words in greeting the visitors. The lodge was well known for its great hospitality, and when once a brother came there he was anxious and glad to come again and again. They appeared to be prosperous and having three initiates that night was, he thought, a good augury for the future. He felt bound to remark that Bro. Stiles appeared to be a very energetic and popular member of the lodge, and for the great things he had done for Masonry and the Charities he hoped to see him rewarded by being elected as Grand Treasurer for next year, for which high office he was well fitted.

Bro. G. H. Lewis also replied, observing that the whole of South London was in favour of Bro. Stiles's candidature.

Bros. Driver, Tomlin, Shakespeare, and Douglas-Norman also replied in suitable terms, the last-named stating that many of his friends in the provinces were coming up specially to vote for Bro. Stiles.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," who both responded.

Bro. Stiles, the Treasurer, on rising had a great reception. He stated that he appreciated the kind remarks of the W.M. and the visitors. He never knew that he had so many friends working their hardest to place him in that high office it was his ambition to attain. He was being supported all round South London, and West London was going solid for him. He had been promised great support from the provinces. In conclusion, he said that he did not know how to thank his many friends, who numbered thousands.

Bro. Cole, Secretary, also replied.

In giving "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. stated that his list as Steward for the "Boys" now amounted to £65, but he felt sure it would be largely augmented.

The next toast was "The Officers," to which Bros. Mordey, Ruzicka, W. A. Scurrah, Jefferies, and G. Thompson replied.

The Tyler's toast brought the happy gathering to an end. During the evening Bros. Paine, W. Baker, Cole, G. Thompson, Monson, Bentley, and Bartlett, vocally entertained the brethren.

The Abbey (Westminster) Lodge (No. 2030).—The election meeting of this successful lodge took place on Monday, the 13th ult., at the Town Hall, Westminster. Present: Bros. C. C. Piper, P.M., as W.M.; Bonwick, S.W.; H. Hambling, J.W.; J. Gibson, P.M., Treasurer; W. E. Poole, Assistant Secretary; J. Hayler, S.D.; J. E. Smith, J.D.; T. Bull, P.M., as I.G.; J. M. Barber, as Tyler; T. Cocks and W. Balcham, Stwds.; Kent, Berry, A. Piper, W.M. 177; Bradford, Hendre, Danielli, Flury, T. W. Dauies, B. Pinto, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Messrs. Higgs, Webling, and Ilone were duly balloted for, and initiated. Bro. Squires was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. A. Fownes and Lough were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Bonwick, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Gibson, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. M. Barber, Tyler, *vice* Bro. Walkley, deceased. A Past Master's jewel and collar was voted to the outgoing W.M. for his past services and excellent working and administration of the lodge. The deaths of the members were announced, and the resignation of the late Secretary, Bro. Shand, on account of enfeebled health. Letters of apology for absence from lodge were received from Bros. W. Burdett-Coutts, P.M., P.G.D.; Sir F. Seager Hunt, P.M.; and Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chap., P.G.C. Three Auditors were appointed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Hotel Windsor, under the genial gavel of the W.M., Bro. F. J. Smith. The usual toasts were given, interspersed with music and recitations.

St. Stephen's Lodge (No. 2424).—The first installation meeting of this young lodge was held at the Green Man Assembly Rooms, Lewisham, on the 28th ult. Bro. H. E. Joyce, W.M., was supported by Bros. R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., W.M. elect; C. E. Keyser, J.G.D.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; Gordon Miller; H. F. Bing, P.M., Sec.; J. Harrison, S.D.; Dr. W. Jordan, Org.; J. Dunn, Sintern, Miles, F. Jordan, and G. Jordan. Visitors: Bros. Edwd. Terry, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; S. Elison, P.M. 507; Frank Miller, P.M. 1593; F. W. Hancock, P.M. 548; W. C. Sayers, 1601; A. Lambert, P.P.G.D. Surrey; G. B. Brighteson; W. Cumming, W.M. 1593; H. Nuding, P.M. 140; Mostyn Pigott, 257; E. Van Patten, W.M. 1601; A. V. Sellars; C. H. Stone, W.M. 507; J. J. Caverley, J.D. 1685; E. M. Roe, P.M. 1593; E. W. Armstrong, 1593; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott was duly presented as W.M. elect by Bro. C. E. Keyser, Acting D.C., and was regularly installed into the chair by Bro. Joyce. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Dr. W. Jordan, S.W.; Gordon Miller, J.W.; Merryweather, Treas.; H. F. Bing, P.M., Sec.; J. Dunn, S.D.; Sintern, J.D.; Shepherd, D.C.; Haycroft, I.G.; Miles, Org.; F. Jordan, and G. Jordan, Stewards; and E. Ball, Tyler. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the G. Sec. and several other distinguished G. Officers. Lodge was

closed, and after banquet the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said it had given him great pleasure to be present and see the admirable manner in which the ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., for they did not always find the first W.M. of a lodge installing his successor. It was carrying out the true spirit of Masonry, and doing the work thoroughly, and was a spirit the Grand Officers tried to encourage in lodges. He had been very much pleased with the work, and hoped to be present again on some future occasion, when he was sure he should find, as he had that night found, that the lodge bids fair to have a long career of usefulness.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Regr., in response, said he was glad to re-echo what had been said about the foundation of that lodge, and trusted that the cement which was applied on the day of the consecration had proved to have laid a sure foundation of a good Masonic superstructure. To Grand Officers there were mingled considerations, such as the parent of many daughters saw them go away to be married to most unexceptional suitors with large fortunes and prospects, and they looked as fathers to see what might become of their progeny, for there were mingled feelings about the multiplication of lodges. When a lodge was strong, had the elements of perpetuity and prosperity and carried the light of Masonry into a district which had not before that time had the advantage of a lodge in its midst, he need scarcely say the warmest feelings of those connected with the administration of their great Craft went with the founders of that lodge, and when the hopes and wishes thus expressed were fulfilled, and they saw one who was not unknown amongst the Grand Officers, and where known, there or elsewhere, was respected and rightly held in esteem—he meant their Worshipful Master—and when they saw that a new lodge for its second Master had such a brother for its head, he thought they might think the success of the venture was assured. The Craft was a great Institution, and having been in some humble way connected with it for some years, he believed it was a great power for good. He was not going to talk politics, for they had no politics or religion that divided them in Freemasonry, for they met on a common platform on the common bond of humanity, but there was another St. Stephen's that might take a lesson for harmony and unity from the St. Stephen's Lodge.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B., also briefly replied. Bro. H. E. Joyce, I.P.M., said it was his privilege to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and there was no more honoured title in Masonry than to be the W.M. of that lodge. They had in their W.M. a brother who was distinguished in Masonry and a Past Grand Officer, and who reflected honour upon the lodge by accepting the position. They could not have a better testimony to the excellence of their W.M. than the presence of the worthy and distinguished Grand Officers. He hoped the W.M. would have a prosperous year of office, and nothing should be wanted on his part to contribute to its success.

Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. exceedingly for his kind expressions. He would make no boasts, but ask the brethren at the end of his year if he had been successful. He had a far more pleasing task to perform in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M." The Grand Officers had already given their meed of praise to Bro. Joyce, who had done his work throughout the whole of his year equally well. As a small mark of their esteem, he had the privilege and pleasure of pinning on the I.P.M.'s breast the jewel of the lodge, the inscription on which was—"Presented by the members of St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 2424, to Bro. H. E. Joyce, as a token of regard and in recognition of his services as the first W. Master." They would all very heartily drink his health, and wish him long life.

Bro. H. E. Joyce, I.P.M., returned thanks for the toast, and for the jewel presented to him, which it would be his pride to wear as long as he lived. It had been his effort during his year to do his best for the lodge. It was an old design of his seven or eight years ago, which only came to fruition a year ago. He felt in accepting the jewel he was entitled to it, for he had done his best in every respect to uphold the principles and tenets of the Craft.

"The Visitors" was next given, and was replied to in cordial terms by Bros. Dr. Cock and Lambert.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," said Bro. Bing had worked hard both before and after the foundation of the lodge, and had earned the esteem and regard of every member. A few of his friends in the lodge did not like the opportunity to pass without recognising this, and begged his acceptance of a small title, which they hoped he would wear for many years. They trusted he would be spared to wear the jewel for many years as Secretary, in remembrance of the first year's existence of the lodge.

Bro. H. F. Bing, P.M., Sec., returned thanks in a suitable manner, and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHISHLEHURST.

Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The 99th meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull Hotel, on Saturday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. John Marshall, W.M.; C. A. Dettmer, S.W.; Thos. Smith, J.W.; Edward J. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; W. J. A. Gleaves, S.D.; A. J. Perriam, I.D.; George Proctor, I.G.; J. Rawles, Tyler; Chas. Francis Quicke, I.P.M.; Richard Neville, P.M.; Nathan Robinson, Robert G. Robinson, Walter Herring, Geo. Whomes, J. Muir Smith, H. Storey, and J. E. Drinkwater. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Mann, 2168; J. T. Baron, 2168; Thos. E. Scott, P.M. 2395 and 771; and Chas. E. Bradley, 1760.

After the lodge had been opened and the minutes of the last lodge confirmed, Bro. William White, 1321, was elected a joining member. In the absence of Bro. Wm. Hollis, P.M., Treas., his notice of motion respecting the Provincial Grand Lodge dues was brought forward by Bro. Goodale, P.M., Sec., and was seconded by Bro. Quicke, I.P.M., and adopted by the lodge. The Secretary read to the lodge a letter of sympathy written on behalf of the lodge to the widow of their late esteemed Bro. Andrew Muir, whose loss they all so deeply deplored. A sum of £5.5s. was then voted from the Benevolent Fund for the widow of a deceased Past Master of the lodge, whose case had

previously been brought to the notice of the Provincial Grand Lodge. A letter from Bro. John Roberts, P.M. 65, was read, informing the brethren of the serious illness of Bro. W. T. Brailey, F.M., P.A.G.P., and upon the proposition of Bro. Nevill, P.M., the Secretary was desired to write and express to Bro. Brailey the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren. Bro. Goodale, P.M., Sec., then referred to the shocking attack upon two young ladies of that locality which occurred in the fall of last year, one of whom is the daughter of our esteemed Grand Registrar, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C. As this was the first lodge meeting after the happy recovery had been announced, it was considered a fitting occasion to send a letter of congratulation to the Grand Registrar, who is so popular with all the members of the Craft. This was cordially seconded by Bro. Quicke, and unanimously agreed to. Letters were received from Bros. Wm. Hollis, Treas., and W. White, regretting their enforced absence. After receiving the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, after a pleasant ramble, which was much appreciated, owing to the glorious weather, returned to the banqueting room at the Bull Hotel, where Bro. George Whomes served up a very excellent cold collation, which was done justice to by the brethren.

Amongst the Masonic toasts, which were cordially received, that of the ever-popular "Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst," was, as usual, received with much enthusiasm, as also was that of "W. Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M."

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. C. Francis Quicke, I.P.M., who said that, as a small lodge, the efforts made had been very successful, and referred to the last occasion when he had gone up as Steward for the R.M.B.I., and taken a list of £80, whilst their esteemed Bro. William Hollis, P.M., whose absence he regretted, had, with his proverbial generosity, taken up a list of £60 on his own account, making a fair total of £140 from that little lodge. He pointed out that Masons might legitimately be proud of their grand Charities, and look back with pride to that Festival, at which a sum of £70,000 had by great efforts been brought into the common fund.

Bro. R. Nevill, P.M., in a few humorous remarks, proposed the toast of "The Chislehurst Lodge," to which full "Kentish fire" was accorded, many of the brethren having a long distance to go were desirous of catching the 10 o'clock train, so about nine o'clock, after the Tyler's toast had been duly honoured, a very happy meeting was brought to a close.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The March meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. R. N. Brunyee, W.M.; J. M. Behrendt, I.P.M.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Constable, P.M., Chap.; T. Staniforth, P.P.G.P., Charity Stvd.; T. C. Horobin, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Burtonshaw, P.G.P.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M.; W. Chamberlain, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Watson, J.P., Treas.; C. Fox, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; H. L. Burtonshaw, P.P.G.O., Org., and S.D.; J. Turner, Std. Br.; W. Pickering, J.D.; W. W. Scholey, I.G.; T. Wessle and J. Franks, Stvds.; J. Batty, W. Hurst, and G. Naylor, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. W. Martin, J.W. 2259.

After the lodge had been opened, the I.G. announced the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Sissons, P.G.I.D. England, and he was received in due form, with salutation. Mr. H. Hoc was next admitted and initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., being assisted in the ceremony by Bros. Behrendt, Constable, and Ashlin.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Bro. Cundall's Assembly Room, where that brother provided a supper.

Among the usual Masonic toasts was that of "The D.P.G.M.," who, in response, made an eloquent and instructive speech, which was listened to with marked attention.

Altogether a very happy hour was spent in jovial chat and song.

Royal Arch.

Covent Garden Chapter (No. 1614).—The regular convocation of this prosperous and progressive chapter was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 23rd instant, when there were present Comps. F. Kedge, M.E.Z.; J. Coltart, I.P.Z.; J. Skinner, H.; G. R. Langley, acting as J., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. W. Hancock, who is journeying to Constantinople; C. O. Burgess, Treas.; S. Hewett, P.Z., acting as S.N.; A. Bullen, acting as P.S.; J. Rowe, acting as 1st A.S.; J. D. Graham, 2nd A.S.; R. F. Potter, Janitor; T. Peet, T. Blyth, W. M. Carter, W. J. Thrussell, acting as Organist; G. C. Howard, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Ballots were then taken for Bros. George Charles Howard and John Cox, both of the Covent Garden Lodge, as exaltees into Royal Arch Masonry, which was unanimous, and Bro. G. C. Howard being in attendance was informed of his unanimous election, and was accordingly exalted. Letters and telegrams were read from several companions regretting being unable to attend, amongst them Comps. Sherwood, G. H. Foan (suffering from severe illness), J. Woodward, and others. On the motion of Comp. G. Reynolds, S.E., it was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Comp. Moss, expressing the sympathy of the Principals and companions in his bereavement by the death of his wife.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the ante-room for refreshment after labour, which all the companions thoroughly enjoyed; Comp. Thrussell assisting by his musical talent.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was given by the I.P.Z., and in responding the M.E.Z. thanked the companions for the kindness always shown to him, and for the support he had received from the Principals and officers, not forgetting Comp. Geo. P. Langley.

The S.E., in returning thanks to the toast of "The Officers," said he was greatly pleased to see amongst them that evening a very old and dear brother of the Covent Garden Lodge, viz., Comp. G. C. Howard. The chapter was progressing quietly and nicely, and he was glad to hear that the companions had spent a pleasant evening.

The Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a happy termination.

Rose Chapter (No. 1622).—The installation meeting of this flourishing South London chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 25th ult. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; Frank W. Williams, J.; J. N. Kirby, Treas.; J. Loader, S.E.; G. Thompson, 1st A.S.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; J. Hooper, F. W. Pearce, A. J. Martin, E. H. Lewis, J. Bladon, C. G. Clarke, S. J. Derham, J. Schuller, T. R. Cass, L. T. Chabot, W. E. Jeffery, Wm. Dawson, Isaac Dunn, and E. A. Rice. The visitors were Comps. W. M. Stiles, P.Z. 19; G. H. Phillips, P.Z. 186; F. Wint, S.N. 101; W. A. Scurrah, M.E.Z. 2271; T. Grumant, P.Z. 1275; G. Mordey, M.E.Z. 1507; R. Millikin, M.E.Z. 253 (I.C.); C. H. Stone, S.E. 1901; J. W. Dewsnap, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 188; A. Weston, 1572; and W. W. Arter, 1572.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, after which the installation of Principals was proceeded with, when Comp. H. G. Martin, H., was most impressively installed into the chair of Z. by Comp. Hilton; Comp. F. W. Williams was inducted into the chair of H.; and the installation of Comp. J. Pullen, J., was deferred to the next convocation, his chair being ably filled by Comp. Phillips. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. J. Kirby, Treas.; J. Loader, S.E.; G. Thompson, S.N.; Wm. Dawson, P.S.; Isaac Dunn, 1st A.S.; J. Hooper, 2nd A.S.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; and J. Whiteman, Janitor. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read.

The business of the convocation ended, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her usual excellent style.

The loyal and Royal Arch toasts were most cordially given and received, as also that of "The Grand Officers."

In proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," Comp. F. Hilton said he had the distinguished honour, that evening, of being the first P.Z. of Rose Chapter, and therefore it devolved upon him to present that toast, which he did most heartily. The M.E.Z. was so well known in South London, both in the Craft and the Royal Arch, that his good qualities need not be further extolled. He waited three or four years so that he could be initiated by him (Comp. Hilton), and he also had the pleasure of exalting him into Royal Arch Masonry, and now had crowned his Masonic career by installing him as M.E.Z. Their friendship had extended over a period of nearly 30 years, and never had they been ill friends, and he was confident that that same good feeling would still exist between them. The chapter had been a great success, and under the able guidance of their M.E.Z. it would go on still proving successful.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

In reply, Comp. H. G. Martin, M.E.Z., thanked all most heartily for so kind a reception, and especially Comp. Hilton for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him. He would assure the companions that whatever he had attained in the Craft was wholly to be attributed to the able assistance and guidance of their esteemed Comp. F. Hilton. He would endeavour to emulate him in all his excellent working. The chapter, which had had a most unqualified success since its consecration, was second to none in that great City, and it would be his utmost endeavour that it should maintain its honourable position. He again heartily thanked the companions for bestowing that great honour on him, and especially would he remark the love and admiration that Comp. F. Hilton was held in by all the companions.

The toast of "Comp. F. W. Williams, H., and Comp. Phillips, J.," was, in the absence of Comp. Pullen, given by the M.E.Z.

In reply, Comp. Williams thanked the companions most heartily for such kindly expressions of feeling. Certainly his happiest moments were in the Rose Chapter, as among its members were friends of his own heart. The business of the chairs had not been properly carried out by him, as his business entailed so much time, but it was always his aim to see they were well performed by some other excellent companion, so that the prestige of the chapter was well maintained.

Comp. Phillips, J., also responded on behalf of Comp. Pullen.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the M.E.Z. The companions of Rose Chapter always welcomed their visitors most heartily, and were proud to see such an excellent array.

In reply, Comp. Stiles thanked the companions for such a grand reception. He was present at the consecration, and was delighted to see the work carried on in the same lines of their late esteemed Comp. Bumstead, thus ensuring the success of the chapter. In fact it was already assured when the First Principal was Comp. R. Hilton, whose excellent working was known all over London. He had specially been pleased to witness the installation worked so admirably. Their M.E.Z., Comp. Martin, was also held in high esteem, and he could safely prophesy a good future for the chapter. He would take that opportunity of thanking all the companions of Rose Chapter and the brethren of the Rose Lodge, for their able support towards the election of Grand Treasurer for 1894. The outlook was most encouraging, and he hoped all companions and brethren would continue their support. On behalf of the visitors he most heartily thanked the companions.

Comps. Scurrah and Grumant also replied, wishing the M.E.Z. a most prosperous year, which was well assured, as he had such an array of excellent workers.

The M.E.Z. said the next toast was the most important one of the evening—that of "Comp. Hilton, I.P.Z.," to whom alone belonged the honour of such a prosperous chapter as the Rose. He was not possessed of words adequately to extol Comp. Hilton for his virtues and splendid character. He would content himself by presenting him with the valuable jewel voted him by the companions, and, in pinning it on his breast, wished him long life, health, and happiness to continue in the chapter for many, many years.

Comp. Hilton, in reply, said he must first return his most hearty thanks for that mark of appreciation and love. It was not for its intrinsic value, but on account of the good feeling always shown him. Of all the honours that had been bestowed upon him that would not be the least. When the Consecrating Officers gave instructions to him as the First Principal, he could say they had been carried out to the very letter. The Exaltees had been good men and true, and those any chapter would be proud of. His only desire was that the splendid ritual of Royal Arch Masonry should be disseminated among the companions as the instruction was given in the Rose Lodge. His utmost endeavour would

be to inculcate such excellent precepts to all who came for instruction.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" received at the hands of the M.E.Z. that mead of praise it so justly merited. Comp. Kirby held the same position in the lodge, which showed the esteem of all the brethren and companions, and also Comp. Loader carried out the same two functions, and no companions could possibly perform the duties more ably than those two officers.

Comps. Kirby and Loader responded.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, special thanks being accorded to the excellent Organist, Comp. Choveaux, for presenting such a programme of music with such efficient artists.

Comp. Wm. Dawson, P.S., in reply, thanked, on behalf of the officers, most cordially. He was only a young Mason, and still younger Royal Arch Mason, but he, with his younger officers, was most fully prepared to perform his duties.

The Janitor's toast closed an enjoyable meeting.

There was an excellent programme of music under the able superintendence of Comp. Choveaux, Org., the following artists most efficiently assisting: Comps. Arthur Weston, Frank Swinford, Arter, Choveaux (pianist), Derham (flautist), and C. H. Stone.

Mark Masonry.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 332).—The installation meeting of the above excellent though not over-populated lodge took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, Bro. G. Burney's handsome establishment at East Greenwich. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. C. S. Burney, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., and the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, M.D., Past G.J.O. England, assumed the chair by special request, and in his own perfect and inimitable manner installed Bro. George P. Carter, J.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of A. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. George P. Carter, W.M.; Sidney J. Gore, I.P.M.; Wm. H. Burney, S.W.; Thos. P. Newton, J.W.; George Burney, sen., M.O.; George Burney, jun., S.O.; Reginald H. Bruton, J.O.; Walter C. S. Burney, P.M.; Treas.; Wm. John Huntley, R. of M.; George Carter, acting Sec.; John Pace, S.D.; George Pocock, J.D.; J. F. J. Sexton, I.G.; and Edward Spinks, Tyler. Bro. Gooding then gave the addresses in a most impressive manner, and concluded a brilliant service, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the books of the lodge, and for which he eloquently returned thanks. Bro. Sydney J. Gore, W.M., who had arrived in the interim, was then presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, and as a mark of the esteem and respect of the brethren, for which he returned his best thanks. The lamented death of Bro. F. Couldery, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and Treas., was feelingly reverted to, the lodge being in mourning on that account. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was, as all Bro. Burney's efforts are, simply superb, and well deserved the eulogiums he received on all sides for its perfectness.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, that of "The Pro G.M., the Most Hon. the Marquis and Earl of Hertford, and the D.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," being coupled with the name of

Bro. Gooding, who, in reply, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. The Grand Officers of Grand Mark Lodge were selected, to a very great extent, from among those who had won their spurs by good service not only to the Mark Degree, but to the Craft Grand Lodge and the Craft generally. After reverting to the taking over of the new Grand Mark premises, he said they were still making progress, and were prepared to do even more than they had ever yet done to increase the prosperity and usefulness of the Order. He expressed his surprise that in a place like Greenwich and its immediate vicinity, holding as it did so many excellent Craft lodges, that the Mark Degree did not prosper so well as it ought. They had the Heir to the Throne as their Grand Master, a large amount of funds at their disposal—three male pensioners received £25 per annum and three female pensioners £21; they paid for the education of a number of children at their own homes, and allowed £5 per annum for clothing for them; that, he thought, was very respectable work, and when they saw who was at their head, and the state of their funds, they had much to be proud of, and need not be ashamed of asking their brethren of the Craft to join them in the Mark. For himself he trusted he might be spared for many years to come amongst them, and find that they were increasing in numbers. It had given him great pleasure to have installed Bro. Carter into the chair, and should they at any time require his services for any or either of the brethren who would succeed Bro. Carter, he should only be too happy to perform the same service for them. Our distinguished brother then resumed his chair amid applause.

Bro. Kipps, P.M. (Hon), P.P.G.M.O., responded for "The Grand Officers of the Province of Kent, Present and Past," and highly eulogised the efforts of Bro. Robinson, P.G.M., and Bro. Cummings, D.P.G.M., for the prosperity of the Order in the Province of Kent.

The I.P.M., Bro. Gore, then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in eloquent terms, and hoped that Bro. Gooding's wishes would be realised, and that their W.M. would have plenty of work during his year of office.

Bro. Carter thanked Bro. Gore and the brethren for their kindness, he in proposing and they in so warmly receiving the toast, and earnestly re-echoed the wishes of Bros. Gooding and Gore, and trusted next year to have an increase rather than a diminished list of brethren to present to Grand Lodge. Nothing should be wanting on his part to produce such a happy result, and if the brethren helped him he had no doubt of the ultimate success of their good lodge—the Borough of Greenwich.

Bro. C. Jolly, W.M. 226, S.W. 309, P.P.G.O., responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W., responded for "The Past Masters."

After the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated, pleased and delighted with a most pleasant evening.

BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when Bro. T. H. Pattinson, W.M., was supported by Bros. T. E. Greenough, S.W.; F. D. Harrison, J.W.; Geo. Martin, S.D.; R. H. Bonson, J.D.; J. Ingleby, as I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; C. J. Schott, P.J.G.W., as I.P.M.; T. Norfolk, P.M., as Sec.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; Chas. Grabbtree, P.M., P.P.G.W.; S. Whiteley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Org.; J. T. Last, M.O.; Dr. M. Hayes, S.O.; W. Laycock, J.O.; S. A. Auty, Chap.; Joseph Clifford, Joseph Wilson, A. W. Pullin, and R. Pullan.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. R. Bates, P.M. 1522, who had been duly elected at a previous meeting, being in attendance, he was advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Whiteley, P.M., and Norfolk, I.P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Greenough, S.W. The W.M. announced that the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge would be held under the banner of the lodge on the 12th instant, and that arrangements were being made to receive the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers on that occasion in a suitable manner.

After the business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Bonsor, J.D., proposed "The Newly-advanced Brother," and stated that in his own lodge he had proved a worthy member of the Craft, and socially he knew him to be a right good neighbour.

Bro. Bates suitably responded, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner the toast had been received.

Bro. Whiteley, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who acknowledged the toast.

The W.M., Bro. Pattinson, proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and stated how much the lodge was indebted in the past, to the great services which they had rendered, and the present prosperous condition of the lodge was mainly to be attributed to the Past Masters.

Bro. Norfolk, I.P.M., responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant evening. Bros. Whiteley, Pullin, and Greenough contributed songs and music to the harmony of the meeting.

MAIDSTONE.

Robinson Lodge (No. 255).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when there was a numerous attendance of the brethren. Bro. A. W. Smith was advanced to this Degree by the W.M., Bro. W. B. Stoneham, P.P.G.Stwd., in a very efficient and masterly style. The installation of Bro. J. H. Bridge, S.W., was then proceeded with, a dispensation having been granted by Grand Mark Lodge. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Francis W. Wright, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., P.G.M., who had promised to attend, but was prevented by indisposition. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. W. A. Neech, S.W.; Hubert Bensted, J.W.; G. F. Baker, M.O.; W. P. Dickinson, S.O.; Thos. Clarke, J.O.; Silas Wagon, P.M., S.D.; Rev. Travers Clarke, J.D.; and Herbert F. Whyman, I.G. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Stoneham, I.P.M., as a slight mark of appreciation by the brethren for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties. Bro. Stoneham suitably replied, and told the brethren he should often give them opportunities of seeing it again by attending the lodge at every meeting he possibly could. A vote of sympathy was then passed, and a letter of condolence ordered to be forwarded to the family of the late Bro. McVicar, who held the office of J.W. in that lodge at the time of his death.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Mitre Hotel to partake of the excellent banquet which had been provided by Mrs. McVicar.

The various loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and one of the most happy meetings of this lodge was brought to a close.

THE SIR WALTER RALEIGH LODGE.

In order to celebrate the founding of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, a banquet, followed by a ball, took place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 22nd ult. Since its establishment in July last, the lodge, which is mainly composed of brethren connected with the tobacco trade, has made great progress. This result is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of the W.M., Bro. W. H. Bullock, and the Secretary, Bro. A. F. Scholding, who have been cordially supported by all the officers.

The gathering at Freemasons' Tavern was numerously attended by members and guests, and, thanks to the admirable arrangements made by the W.M., the Secretary, and the Stewards, it passed off in a most successful manner.

There was a good proportion of ladies present, and their enjoyment of the proceedings was enhanced by the thoughtfulness of the W.M., who presented to each a case containing bottles of scent.

At the close of the banquet, the usual Masonic toasts were proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, but, of course, without the incidental functions which are hidden from the knowledge of the uninitiated.

In proposing one of the toasts, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave a brief description of some of the Charitable work performed in connection with Freemasonry, placing special stress upon the great value of the Schools. He also expressed a hope, amidst cheers, that the "ladies' night" would become an annual institution with the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was given in the most appreciative terms by Bro. W. KLINGENSTEIN, P.M. 73 and 1540, Treasurer, and it is needless to say that it was received with great cordiality.

One of the most important toasts of the evening, of course, was that of "The Ladies," and Bro. Bedell, whom the WORSHIPFUL MASTER described as one of

the handsomest men in the room, was called upon to reply.

Bro. BEDELL, blushing with conscious modesty under the compliment, made a suitable response.

Bros. CROW, P.M., and RALPH BULLOCK having acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors,"

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed that of "The Officers of the Lodge," expressing his thanks to the officers generally for the assistance they had given him, and to the Secretary in particular. He said Bro. Scholding had borne the heat and burden of the day in connection with the gathering, and he was quite sure there was not another Secretary anywhere equal to him.

Bro. SCHOLDING, in reply, thanked the founders of the lodge and the Stewards for the support he had received, and said he was very pleased that the brethren and their friends had enjoyed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. Richardson, and the speeches were interspersed with some capital songs by Miss Jessie Royd, Miss Florence Croft, and Mr. Lovett King, Bro. Richardson playing a flute obligato to one of the songs.

Dancing commenced shortly after 11 o'clock to the music of an excellent string band, and was continued with spirit for three or four hours.

Royal Ark Mariners.

CONSECRATION OF THE EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 359, LIVERPOOL.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Bears' Paw Hotel, Liverpool, the Consecrating Officer being Bro. J. D. Murray, P.G.N., assisted by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.N. There were also present Bros. J. H. Barrow, W.M. designate; J. C. Robinson, W. Platt, W. C. Erwin, John Fletcher, W. R. Lathom, and others.

After the consecration the W.M. designate was efficiently installed, and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. C. Robinson, J.; Wm. Platt, S.; Wm. Goodacre, Treasurer; John Fletcher, Scribe; W. C. Erwin, D.C.; John Haynes, S.D.; and C. Beechey, Organist.

During the evening 14 brethren were elevated. The whole of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Murray in his usual able and masterly manner.

The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

The 21st regular communication of the District Grand Lodge of Natal was held in the Masonic Hall, Durban, on the 10th ult., under the presidency of the District Grand Master, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, J.P., and was largely attended.

The D.G.M. delivered an address upon the position and prospects of the Order in the district, which now consists of 14 lodges and 655 members.

A charter for a new lodge at Stanger is shortly expected. Application is also about to be made for another charter for a lodge at Ixopo.

Increased numbers, the absence of any calls upon the Benevolent Fund, and the absence of any disputes, all indicated a satisfactory condition of affairs.

Bro. Finnemore being about to leave with his wife and family for a six months' trip to London, an address was presented to him, wishing him a pleasant voyage and safe return, cordially expressing the high sense entertained of his valuable services to Freemasonry, and expressing the hope of the brethren to welcome back Bro. and Mrs. Finnemore to the colony, which he has in so many ways served faithfully and well.

The D.G.M. suitably acknowledged the kindness of the brethren.

The D.G.M. appointed and invested his officers as under:

Bro. J. Weighton	...	Dist. S.G.W.
" A. J. Keeler	...	Dist. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Oxley Oxland	...	Dist. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. Ikin, D.D.	...	
" S. Marriott	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" J. W. Mason	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" G. Russell	...	Pres. Bd. of G.P.
" J. B. Cottam	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" G. T. Ferneyhough	...	Dist. S.G.D.
" S. A. Behr	...	Dist. J.G.D.
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" A. E. St. Clair Liston	...	Dist. G.D.C.
" H. E. Royal	...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
" E. H. Mitchell	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" C. H. Dunn	...	Dist. G. Std. Brs.
" L. C. Hodgkins	...	
" G. Pullock	...	Dist. G. Org.
" A. R. Payne	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
" Cartwright	...	Dist. G. Purst.
" Colonel Dalgety	...	Dist. A.G. Purst.
" Dr. Birtwell	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
" Goodwin	...	
" Muirhead	...	
" Stewart	...	
" Handley	...	
" McFarlane	...	

In the evening Bro. Finnemore and his officers were sumptuously entertained at a banquet given by the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, in the club room of the Royal Hotel.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, April 15, 1893

SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
146, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
2360, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chislewick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.

Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 15, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.

MONDAY, APRIL 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 39, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
5, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
St. Marylebone, Criterion.
1305, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
1571, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1670, Eithorne and Middlesex, Cafe Royal.
2094, Argonauts' Cromwell Hall, Putney.
2245, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd Paddington, at 8.

Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Daniel Lambert, Lu-gate-hill, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.

St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, No land Arms, Addi-on-rd, North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tysen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.

United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zeland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

27, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern.
2191, Anglo-American, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGES.

44, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
411, Ubique, Criterion.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing Cross.
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
834, Ranelagh, Criterion.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
953, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.
2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E. a 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.

Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 6.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.

Fiats, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.
Lily, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.

Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W.
St. George's, New Cross Hall, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.

MARK LODGE.

22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.

Committee R.M.B.I., at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.
166, Union, Criterion.
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Limehouse.
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
1306, St. John, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant.
1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.
1803, Cornhill, London Tavern.
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.
227, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.
2362, Bloomsbury Rifles, Head-quarters, Chenies-street.
2410, Esculapius, Cafe Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Deacons' Tavern, 3, Waiibrook, at 7.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.

Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-st., Oxford-st., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 116, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider-street, Doctors Com-mons, at 7.

Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 9.30.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Hush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

Old Kent, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
385, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School at Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
238, Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
203, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
660, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
1411, Islington, Cock Tavern.
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.
1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.
2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 6.
Burgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-house E., at 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.

High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, at 5.30.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.

Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, H. Hlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
Saliabury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.

Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bays-water, at 8.

Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
619, Beadon, Anderton's Hotel.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

MARK LODGE.

86, Samson and Lion, Masonic Hall, Mason's Avenue.

ROSE CROIX.

44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.

ROSICRUCIAN.

Metropolitan College, Mark Masons' Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School at Freemasons' Tavern, at 11.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.
1997, John Carpenter, Albion.
2399, Ordinance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Swan's Nest, Great Swan Alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.

Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
St. Sylvan, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and 4th Fri., at 7.

Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Sion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, and 4th Fri., at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling's Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel.

ROSE CROIX.

3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2041, West Kent Volunteers, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, April 15, 1893.

MONDAY, APRIL 10.

Table with columns for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and Mark Lodges across various regions like Hastings, Bristol, Falmouth, etc.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table with columns for Lodges of Instruction across various regions like Southampton, Chatham, Norwich, etc.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11.

Table with columns for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and Mark Lodges across various regions like Axminster, Sunderland, Norwich, etc.

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The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., and the Baroness H. de Worms, have arrived in town from Folkestone, the Baroness having happily quite recovered from her recent attack of influenza.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress opened an industrial exhibition at the Wilton-road Board School, Dalston, on Monday, this being the fourth promoted by the Hackney and East Middlesex Band of Hope Union.

The forage stores at Preston Barracks, Brighton, where the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons are quartered, were entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning, a fireman, who fell into the smouldering forage, narrowly escaping death.

Prince Albert of Prussia, Regent of Brunswick, accompanied by his eldest son, Prince Frederick Henry, left Brunswick on Monday evening for Bournemouth, where they have since arrived, and where they will make a short stay.

The Royal yacht Osborne, with the Princess of Wales, her daughters, Princesses Victoria and Maud, and the Duke of York on board, were expected to arrive at Corfu on Thursday, and were to be escorted thence by a squadron of British ships to the Piræus, where they will arrive on Sunday.

H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief has approved of the appointment of Captain McNeill, Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, to take charge of the detachment of New South Wales Cavalry, which will shortly arrive to take part in the approaching Royal Military Tournament at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington.

A young lady, Miss Cordelia Auchmutz, who is understood to be the daughter of a German officer, made her first appearance as a violinist at the Crystal Palace concert on Wednesday, when she played a concerto by Mendelssohn for violin (2), orchestra, and other selections, her brilliant execution being enthusiastically applauded.

Sir John Gilbert, R.A., President of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, has made known to the Lord Mayor of London his intention of presenting a selection of his oil and water-colour paintings, which have been exhibited of late years at Burlington House and Pall Mall, to the Art Gallery of the Corporation of London.

It has been announced that the annual match between selected "Twenties" of bona-fide Volunteers of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales for the National Challenge Trophy will be shot at the Darnley Range, Glasgow, and not at Bisley on the 17th June. The match was instituted in 1864, and has been won 15 times by Scotland and 11 times by England.

A billiard match between John Roberts and C. Dawson of Huddersfield, for £1000 a side, in which the former conceded a start of 9000 out of 24,000, was commenced at the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, on Saturday last, and has been continued every afternoon and evening since. So far, Dawson has had the best of the contest against his doughty opponent, but Roberts has occasionally shown good form. The match will be concluded next week.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861, held at the Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m. precisely. First Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. Taylor, S.D. 180; 2nd, Bro. Groome, I.G. 861; 3rd, Bro. Rymmer, J.W. 1891; 4th, Bro. Sandland, 2398; 5th, Bro. Elvin, P.M. 538; 6th, Bro. Blyth, Stwd. 1081; 7th, Bro. Hemming, P.M. 1287. Second Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. Bayfield, 145; 2nd, Bro. Knight, A.D.C. 861; 3rd, Bro. Whitney, J.D. 861; 4th, Bro. Cater, P.M.; 5th, Bro. Salter, P.M. 861. Third Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. Bloxham, J.D. 206; 2nd, Bro. Stenner, S.D. 861; 3rd, Bro. Krellwitz, S.D. 511.

As usual, the Volunteers turned out in considerable numbers during the recent holiday, and exhibited their proficiency in route marching, garrison duty, or manoeuvres in the field. The 2nd Middlesex Artillery, under Colonel Pearson, visited Sheerness, and were quartered in Grain Fort. The Hampshire Volunteers went in for a tactical march on Easter Monday, the force, including infantry, artillery, and engineers, being about 1200 strong. At Eastbourne there was a battle, in which the Surrey and many Metropolitan corps took part, the London Scottish, the Artists, and the Queen's Westminster being in great force. There was also a big field day in the neighbourhood of Canterbury, while in other parts of the country a good deal of useful work was got through.

The Empress Frederick of Germany who, on leaving Buckingham Palace, went on a visit to the Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, left the latter place for London en route for the Continent. She was accompanied by the Prince and Princess Christian and their daughter, the Princess Victoria, and on reaching Paddington the party drove to Marlborough House, where they lunched with the Prince of Wales, who had invited the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Princess May and Prince Alexander of Teck and others to meet her Imperial Majesty. Later in the afternoon the Empress, accompanied by the Prince and others, drove to Charing Cross Station, whence she proceeded by train to Port Victoria, where she embarked on the Royal yacht, Victoria and Albert, on which she left for Flushing on Wednesday morning.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—With the changing season it is prudent for all to rectify any ailment afflicting them; but it is incumbent on the aged, suffering under ulceration and similar debilitating causes, to have them removed, or worse consequences will follow. The Ointment is their remedy; on its powers all may confidently rely; it not only puts their sores out of sight, but extirpates the source of mischief, extracts the corroding poison, and stimulates nature to fill up the ulcer with sound, healthy granulations, that will abide through life. Under this treatment bad legs soon become sound, scrofulous skins cast off their scales, and scrofulous sores cease to annoy. Such hope for the disease was unknown in former days.

We regret to hear that Bro. Lord Brassey, who has not been in good health lately, on the advice of a London specialist for the throat, is about to leave Normanhurst and travel abroad for a few weeks.

H. M. Stanley, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., will preside at the festival dinner of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, to be held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Friday, the 26th May next.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise of Wales, Duchess of Fife, gave birth to a daughter on Monday afternoon, the 3rd inst. Bro. the Duke of Fife was present on the occasion, and the Home Secretary, by command of her Majesty, was in attendance. The duchess and infant are going on favourably.

Sir John Gilbert's gift of pictures will not be confined to the Corporation of London, but will be made to the art galleries at Manchester and Liverpool as well, and it has already been resolved by the Council of the latter city to present a vote of thanks, engrossed on vellum, to the generous donor.

At a meeting of the Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 128, held at the Bridge Inn, Elton, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., an interesting event took place in the presentation of two addresses to Bro. Samuel Wood, P.M., and Richard Robinson, P.M., commemorating their jubilee as Past Masters, and recording their long and honourable connection with the lodge.

Bro. the Right Hon. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., and Mrs. Charles Hugh Hoare were married at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Wednesday. After the ceremony, the wedding party proceeded to the bride's residence in Eaton-place for breakfast, and in the afternoon Bro. Sir James and Lady Fergusson left for Balbey, one of the bridegroom's places in Ayrshire.

Colonel David Gamble, C.B., an Alderman of St. Helens, has presented to the town a plot of ground 715,000 square yards, together with a sum of £20,000 for the erection of a central library and reading room and a school for technical education and manual instruction. The letter conveying the announcement of the gift was read at the meeting of the St. Helens Town Council on Wednesday, when a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Col. Gamble.

The Prince of Wales, who has recently been the guest of Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, visited Lord and Lady Rookwood at Down Hall, near Harlow, on Monday. His Royal Highness, as a member of the Royal Commission on the Aged Poor, also took the opportunity of visiting the Dunmow Workhouse, going carefully over every department of the building, including the infirmary and casual wards, and inquiring into the bedding, clothing, and dietary. On leaving, the Prince wrote in the Visitors' Book that he had "visited this union with great interest, and found everything in excellent order."

We regret to record an accident of a somewhat serious nature which happened last week to the J.W. of the Eldon Lodge No. 1755, Somersetshire Province. The officer in question is Bro. Sergeant-Major Hazell, R.A., Instructor to No. 10 Company, 1st G.A.V., Portishead, who was on the cliffs below his residence, when he fell over. He was badly bruised and lost a quantity of blood, but fortunately no bones were broken. Our brother is not only much respected in the Craft, but his genial good nature is generally appreciated in the town, and everyone hopes for his early recovery.

The Christ's Hospital boys paid their annual visit to the Mansion House on Tuesday, when they received their usual gifts of newly-coined money, the 13 Grecians receiving each £1 1s., the eight junior Grecians 10s. 6d., the 49 monitors 2s. 6d., and 505 boys one shilling. After having been regaled with buns and champagne cup or lemonade, they marched back to their school and attended Divine service in Christ Church, Newgate-street, when the Spital Sermon was preached by the Bishop of London. Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., a former Lord Mayor, acted as *locum tenens* for the Lord Mayor.

The funeral of Bro. William Ormson, of the Uxbridge Hotel, Hednesford, took place on the 28th ult., and was attended by several brethren, Bro. Ormson being a Past Master of the Rugeley Lodge. The service was conducted by Prebendary Greir, and the bearers were Bros. Colman, Webster, Blagg, Douglas (Rugeley Lodge), Haynes (Lichfield), and J. W. Roach (Earl of Shrewsbury Lodge). Bro. Ormson died suddenly, having reached the age of 60. He had been a member of the Board of Guardians of the Cannock Union for many years, and was nominated for the ensuing election. On the day of his death he nominated two other Guardians for the Hednesford Ward for re-election.

Owing to the exceptionally fine weather which prevailed during the Easter Holidays, the resorts of pleasure in London and its environs, and the usual holiday resorts in the country and by the seaside were thronged with visitors. On Easter Monday the Crystal Palace was visited by upwards of 76,000 persons, the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, by over 30,000, the State Apartments at Windsor Castle, by close on 5000, the South Kensington Museum by nearly 13,700, the Natural History Museum at South Kensington by over 9000, and Kew Gardens by some 75,000. The Tower of London, Madame Tussaud's, and other places were also crowded, while the railway companies, but especially the Great Western, the South-Eastern, and the Midland, did an immense passenger traffic, particularly on Easter Monday.

WHERE DOES IT ALL GO TO?—The enormous number of transactions composing a year's trading in a large retail establishment may be gauged from the following particulars of goods sold by the provision department alone of Spiers and Pond's stores during the year 1892. The number of American and Cheddar cheeses sold was 5422, weighing 1005 cwt., or, to be exact, 179,830 lbs.; and, in addition, 1974 Stiltons, 15,350 Camemberts, together with 24,170 cream cheeses of various kinds. Of fresh butter there were sold 4227 boxes, and of salt butter 2437 packages, the combined weight of which was 189,843 lbs. A portion of this butter was made into pats, averaging 17.20 per day, and making a total of 538,360 for the year. The number of sides of bacon reached 4809, weighing 3026 cwt., or upwards of 150 tons. The hams numbered 14,357, weighing 1660 cwt., or 185,984 lbs., and the eggs contained in 1620 cases were 1,220,540.

At the last meeting of the Greenwich Vestry Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., was unanimously elected Churchwarden of Greenwich and a Commissioner of the Greenwich Public Baths.

Bro. Chas. Driver was installed as Deputy W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons on Wednesday last, and appointed Bros. Gordon Miller and Frank Richardson as S.W. and J.W. respectively.

In the little parish churchyard of Llantechell, near Anglesey, on Thursday, the 30th ult., were interred the remains of the late Bro. J. J. Sherlock, of Tregela, the I.P.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge, Amwlch. The deceased, who was in his 43rd year, was well known throughout Anglesey, his kindly and benevolent disposition having won for him a large circle of friends and admirers.

On Friday, the 17th ult., the remains of the late Bro. Robert Burnett, 1388, who died at his residence, 19, Sydenham Hill, Bristol, were interred at Arno's Vale Cemetery. As the deceased was for many years a prominent member of our Order, a number of brethren attended the funeral as a mark of respect to his memory. There was a large number present from the Canynge Lodge, No. 1388, and the Beaufort Royal Arch Chapter.

FUNERAL OF THE DUKE OF BEDFORD.—The body was taken from Chesham-place, on Monday evening, in charge of Mr. Wing, the family solicitor, and Bro. Perryman, the undertaker, and deposited in the mausoleum chapel for the night, and was removed into the chancel of Chenies Church just previous to the funeral. Service at 3.15 p.m. on Tuesday. The mourning party travelled by special train to Rickmansworth, where the carriages met, and conveyed them to Chenies, returning to London immediately after the funeral. The service was conducted by the Rector of Woburn, assisted by the Vicar of Chenies.

The "Literary Ladies," who for the past three years have dined together, will meet for the next of their gatherings under the equally alliterative designation of the "Women Writers." The festival will take place on Wednesday, May 31st, at the Criterion, and will be under a committee of management, which includes Mrs. Molesworth, Mrs. L. T. Meade, Mrs. E. Robins Pennell, Mrs. William Sharp, Mrs. Graham R. Tomson, and Miss Clementina Black, while Miss Honor Morten fulfils the duties of honorary Secretary.

Freemasons, and especially those brethren who practice their Craft north of the Tweed, will find much interesting matter in the "History of Freemasonry in the Provinces of Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirk Shires" (George Kenning), which the industry and research of Mr. W. Fred Vernon has just brought forth. In this volume are contained many notable records of lodge work, dating back more than two centuries; in a word, the author's chapters throw a most valuable light upon Scotch Masonic doings in the past. No "Brother" can well take up this "History" without happening upon something that will both inform and interest him.—*Daily Telegraph*.

"Mallet" in the *Glasgow Evening News* gives the following particulars of the new Masonic Temple it has been decided to erect in Hope-street: The ground purchased is bounded on the east by a lane west of Hope-street, and on the west by Wellington-street. The frontage is to West Regent-street, and this portion of the building when erected will, while forming an entrance to the halls, be let as offices. The large hall, measuring 64 feet in length, will run from east to west, and be capable of seating about 500. The upper storeys will form the lodge rooms, adjacents, store rooms, &c. The articles are being prepared by Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, and forthwith a company will be floated with a capital of £20,000.

Bro. Lord Carrington, the Lord Chamberlain, visited the Imperial Institute on Thursday afternoon, with reference to the arrangements which are being made for the reception of the Queen and Royal Family upon the opening of the building by her Majesty on the 10th of next month. The preparations in the Great Hall, where the imposing ceremony is to take place, are progressing favourably. A commodious dais is being erected at the north end of the apartment, upon which a State chair will be provided for the Queen, flanked by other chairs for members of the Royal Family. On each side of the hall tiers of seats have been constructed for the reception of the 2000 persons privileged to be present. An official "General Outline of the Ceremonial" has been printed, and is substantially the same as the programme which has already been published. It is stated that specially-invited guests and fellows will take their places from 10.30 to 11.45 a.m. The Prince of Wales will arrive at 12 o'clock. The other members of the Royal Family will come separately, and be received by his Royal Highness, the President, and the Executive Council. At a quarter-past 12 o'clock a procession of the Royal family will be formed and conducted from the Council Chamber through the vestibule to the dais in the Great Hall.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, attended by Col. Clarke, who has succeeded Capt. Holford as Equerry-in-Waiting, left Marlborough House on Thursday morning on a visit to the Duke of Edinburgh, at Admiralty House, Devonport. His Royal Highness reached Devonport shortly before five o'clock, and was met at the terminus by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Mayor of Devonport, Admiral Sir R. Molynieux, Superintendent of the dockyard, Major-General Sir R. Harrison, commanding the Western District, and several other naval and military officers, a guard of honour of the 4th Rifle Brigade being drawn up at the station. The large crowd which had assembled cheered heartily as the carriage containing the Princes and their equerries drove to Admiralty House, Mount Wise. On arrival the Prince of Wales's flag, as Honorary Admiral of the Fleet, was immediately hoisted on the Switsure flagship, the flag of the Duke of Edinburgh being transferred meanwhile to the Cambridge gunnery ship. The Duke saluted his elder brother with 17 guns, the Switsure returning the compliment with the same number. In the evening the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh were present at Madame Albani's concert in the Plymouth Guildhall. The visit of his Royal Highness to the West of England will, it is understood, extend over Sunday.

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