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A REVISED CODE OF LAWS FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The laws of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have recently undergone a complete revision, and the new code, which was submitted by the Board of Management to the Council in April last, will be brought to the notice of the Quarterly Court, which will be held on the 14th July, and a resolution proposed by Bro. LE FEUVRE for its adoption. The earliest laws remain virtually unaltered. That which relates to the Trustees—Law VII.—has been modified, the Sustentation of Building Fund having been merged in the General Fund, and there being, therefore, no longer any necessity for electing Trustees of the latter. We remark also that the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are henceforth to be *ex-officio* Patrons instead of Vice-Presidents—a change to which we see but one objection. The Patronship of the Institution carries with it the right of 80 votes at every election of Boys, while the Grand Master for the time being, in his capacity of President *ex-officio*, is allowed 20 votes “in consideration of the sum given annually by the Grand Lodge of England.” By the proposed change, therefore, the highest personage in the Craft, the distinguished brother who, in the matter of voting, may be said to impersonate the Grand Lodge, will receive only one-fourth the number of votes bestowed on his *alter ego* in the person of the Pro Grand Master and his Deputy G. Master. It is true that by Law IV. “a Grand Patron may be elected by a Quarterly Court,” and we presume, it is intended that under Law XV., “such Grand Patron,” holding honorary rank, shall receive the same voting privileges as those who become Patrons by payment. But, though the present Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, is Grand Patron and President, it does not follow that the two offices should be held as a matter of course by one and the same personage. The Grand Master is *ex-officio* President of the Institution, and in that capacity is entitled to 20 votes at every election of boys, but he is not *ex-officio* Grand Patron. The law relating to the Presidency is absolute, but that which concerns the Grand Patron is only permissive. There need not be a Grand Patron at all, and if the Quarterly Court has a mind to elect one, it is not a matter of course that it should elect the Grand Master to such office. In former days, when there were neither Vice-Patrons nor Patrons, much less a Grand Patron, the Grand Master being *ex-officio* President, had his 20 votes in consideration of the annual grant made by Grand Lodge, while his Pro Grand Master—if he were entitled to appoint such an officer—and Deputy Grand Master, as Vice-President, had their 10 votes at each election. Thus the officer of higher rank had the greater privileges, while those of lower rank had the lesser privileges. It will consequently be as well to make some such alteration in the proposed code as will secure to the Craftsman of highest rank the superiority in rights and privileges over all other members of the Grand Lodge. We see no objection to the bestowal of greater rights and privileges on the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, provided always that the position of President, who is the chief officer of the Institution, is correspondingly strengthened.

The laws which define the privileges conferred to the different classes of donors, designated respectively Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and Vice-Presidents, are made far clearer, and are much better arranged than in the existing code, while Patrons have higher privileges conferred on further completed payments of 100 guineas each. Thus the existing law gives two votes for each additional five guineas contributed by Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and Vice-Presidents indiscriminately; but the new law proposes to give to individual donors who have qualified as Patrons 50 votes for “every further completed sum of One Hundred Guineas, in one or more payments of not less than Five Guineas each,” the same number of additional votes being assigned to ladies and lewises on payment of 50 guineas, and to lodges, chapters, societies, on the completed payment of 200 guineas. As regards honorary rank, by existing Law X. the Quarterly Court has power to elect a brother who has rendered special service to the Institution as Honorary Vice-President, and by Law XV, an Honorary Life Governor with, in each case, the rights and privileges pertaining to the rank, while Proposed Law XV. enacts that “a Brother who has rendered special service to the Institution,” may be elected “an Honorary Patron, Vice-Patron, Vice-President, or Life Governor,” with the privileges pertaining to the respective ranks. We are glad also to see under the head of “Annual Subscribers,” all those who contribute 10 guineas within a period of 10 years become, *ipso facto*, Life Subscribers, at the same time retaining the privilege as under the existing law of two votes instead of one for every additional guinea subscribed. The greater the encouragement given to brethren of moderate means to subscribe regularly the more extensive will become the range of support and the better for the Institution.

Taking the laws which affect the exercise of the privilege of voting, existing Law XXIX., which provides that “in all cases a subscribing lodge, chapter, or society shall, at the time of contribution, direct by what officer or member of the body the privilege of voting is to be exercised.” Proposed Law XXIX. makes the same provision, but with this addition—that “in default of any direction the Secretary for the time being shall be entitled to the vote.” We do not quite see why the privilege should be exercised by this particular officer. We would rather it were conferred upon the W.M. for the time being, and we imagine that in the majority of cases where a lodge omits to specify the particular officer or member by whom the vote or votes which are received in exchange for its contribution shall be exercised, it intends that it shall be so exercised by its Worshipful Master, or chief for the time being. As for proposed Law XXXIII., it strikes us as being good policy to have inserted such a provision, the clauses of which are as follows: (1) “A candidate shall be entitled without proxy to have placed to his credit at each election the number of votes to which his parents, if deceased, would by their donations have been entitled to if living;” and (2) “If either parent be a Life-Governor at the date of the reception of the petition, a candidate shall be entitled without proxy to have 10 votes, and, in case both parents be so qualified, 20 votes placed to his credit at each election.” Here again we repeat a wise course has been adopted in conferring such votes on candidates; it cannot fail to encourage people to subscribe when they realise that not only will they have the right to exercise certain powers, but also that in the event of misfortune overtaking them, or their dying without having made satisfactory provision for their children, those children, should they become candidates for this Institution, will receive appreciable benefit from their parents’ support. We are pleased to see that such a clause has been inserted under this head as that which constitutes the second section of proposed Law XXXIV., and which reads thus—“In any case in which it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Management that the Election of a Boy has been directly or indirectly promoted by the purchase or sale of the votes of the Subscribers, such Election may be declared void by the Board of Management, and the Boy may be expelled from the Institution.” We are well aware it is most unlikely that any such case should occur, but it is just as well to be protected by such a provision against any such irregularity. Some years ago a very serious unpleasantness arose in connection with the voting at one of these elections, and the brother who had committed some irregularity in his capacity of scrutineer—was sentenced to deprivation of his rights as a Mason for a period of 18 months.

No material alterations are proposed in the laws relating to Courts. In Law 38, it is proposed to allow “the ten days’ notice” required to be given by advertisement for a Special Court to be holden into a “six days’ notice,” a similar change being made in Law 45, in which the notice of a motion for a new law, or for suspending or abrogating an existing law, must be advertised six instead of 10 days previously. In Law XLII., the number of members constituting a quorum is reduced from 12 to seven. Nor are there alterations of moment in those which affect the Council, or those relating to the Board of Management under proposed new Law L., instead of brethren for election to represent the Provinces being nominated from time to time by the authority of each Provincial Grand Lodge, these nominations must be made as in the case of the London representatives, at the meeting of the Council in March; while in Law LIII., relating to extraordinary vacancies occurring among the Provincial members, it is provided that the vacancies shall be filled “by the election of a Brother, who shall be nominated on behalf of any Provincial Grand Lodge not represented on the Board,” and at the same time, that “at least fourteen days’ notice of the Election shall be given to every Provincial Grand Secretary whose Province is not represented on the Board.” Under the existing law, each extraordinary Provincial vacancy is filled “by the election of a Brother whose name shall be on the list of Provincial members nominated by the Provincial Grand Lodges.” Under the head of “Finance Committee,” proposed Law LXV. reduces the quorum from five to three, and there is a new clause added to Law LXVI. to the effect that “All payments to be made by cheques, signed by two members of the Finance Committee, countersigned by the Secretaries.”

In the laws which deal with the “Qualification and Admission of Boys,” it is proposed in Law LXXI. to alter the time at which petitions must be forwarded from “at least two weeks before the meetings of the Council” to “at least three weeks before” such meetings. Existing Law LXXIII. is extended, so that a boy, who already has a brother in the Institution, shall be eligible for admission not only if “the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates,” but also “when at least five children other than the

boy in the Institution are dependent." In Law LXXVII., which defines the educational qualifications of the children who are to be admitted, the subjects in which they will be examined according to age are specified, whereas under the existing law certain Government standards are mentioned which an elected boy must pass before admission, the standard being regulated according to age. In Law LXXXI., in addition to the three grounds already mentioned as justifying the Board of Management in ordering the removal of a boy, a fourth is given, namely, "If they are of opinion that the boy's election has been secured by fraudulent or other improper means." We notice also with pleasure that a new law is proposed to the following effect: "LXXXII.—In any case, when the Board of Management consider that the encouragement of any peculiar talent evinced by a boy would be of advantage to him in after life, they may afford such means of special instruction as to them seems reasonable." Here we have the renewed idea which actuated the promoters of the "Pupils' Assistance Fund," and to carry out which the Centenary Fund of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, has been established. That is to say, boys will be eligible to receive further educational advantages at the cost of the Institution if the Board of Management consider such further advantages will be of service to them in after life. We commend the proposal, and trust it will be adopted. The limit of age of 15 years beyond which a boy must not be retained in the School is too low, because, as a rule, boys learn more between 15 and 16 years than during any previous period of their school career. Their minds are developing, and they grasp more easily what they are taught; and if the Quarterly Court sees its way to the adoption of the new rule, it will materially benefit the boys whom the Institution has taken under its charge.

Other additions are to be found in the proposed Code of Laws, but they do not appear to us to contain anything of material importance, and do not need that we should refer to them specially. On the whole, and with the one or two exceptions we have noticed, we consider the proposed code is worthy of adoption, and we trust it will be adopted at the July Court, when Bro. LE FEUVRE's motion to that effect is brought forward.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 7th instant:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 26th April for confirmation.
3. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
7. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:

A brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, London	£50	0	0
The orphan children of a brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 428, Northwich	50	0	0
The orphan children of a brother of the Royal Forest Lodge, No. 401, Slaidburn	50	0	0
A brother of the Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Druids Lodge of Love and Liberality, No. 589, Redruth	75	0	0
A brother of the Commercial Lodge, No. 411, Nottingham	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich	50	0	0
A brother (a lunatic) of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, West Yorkshire	100	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that they have had before them a complaint by the Board of Benevolence against the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1766, for supporting a petition by a recommendation purporting to be signed by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and a majority of the members present; but which was signed by very considerably less than a majority, and by some brethren who were not members of the lodge or present on the occasion.

The Board, considering such a breach of the law highly reprehensible as tending to mislead the Board of Benevolence, severely reprimanded the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and the other members who had signed the recommendation, and warned them to be more cautious in future.

They have further to report that from the returns made by the Fidelity Lodge, No. 430, Ashton-under-Lyne, it appeared that two brethren who had been initiated on the 20th January, 1892, had been passed on the 15th February following, two days short of the interval of 28 days required by Article 195 of the Constitutions.

The Board ordered that the brethren thus irregularly advanced be re-obligated in the Second and Third Degrees before a certificate can be granted, and that the lodge be cautioned to observe strictly the law in future.

It having come to the knowledge of the Board that the members of the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, had appeared in Masonic clothing at a banquet of their lodge where ladies and non-Masons were present, without previously obtaining a dispensation, and had moreover in such presence given the usual toasts in Masonic form, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren were summoned to attend the Board and produce the warrant and books of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master having admitted the facts, and promised that the offence should not be repeated, the Board, although considering that such proceedings were not only contrary to the written law, but also a serious breach of No. 4 of the Ancient Charges, after some discussion resolved on a more lenient penalty than the case seemed to deserve, they, therefore, severely reprimanded the lodge and warned them to be more cautious in future.

Although no similar case has been brought under the formal notice of the

Board, they regret to say that one of the officers of the St. Ambrose Lodge alleged a justification of their proceedings that the custom obtained in other lodges.

They have, therefore, entered on their minutes a recommendation to their successors to treat any such cases as may be brought before them in future with greater severity.

The Board have also adjudicated upon the following complaints:

By a member of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, against the Worshipful Master for permitting the lodge to vote, at a lodge of emergency, a jewel to the late Worshipful Master without notice having been expressed in the summons, contrary to Article 166 of the Book of Constitutions, and for having, notwithstanding his protest, put for confirmation the minute of this irregular vote at the next regular meeting.

It also appeared on examination of the minutes that a candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded at this same lodge of emergency, contrary to Article 184, and that he was balloted for, elected, and initiated at the next regular meeting.

The Board ordered that the brother thus irregularly initiated should be re-obligated at the next regular meeting, or at a lodge of emergency called for that purpose under the provisions of Article 185.

For these irregularities the Worshipful Master was admonished to be more careful in the discharge of his Masonic duties for the future.

Against the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, Chingford, for having on the 19th May, 1892, in violation of Article 189, elected 17 joining members, none of whom had been previously proposed and seconded at a regular lodge.

The Board ordered that these brethren should be proposed and seconded at the next regular lodge, and balloted for at the regular lodge following.

For this breach of the law the lodge was fined £3 3s., severely reprimanded, and cautioned to be more careful of the strict observance of the laws in future.

A Sub-Committee appointed by the Board in June last year to inquire into the work of the Grand Secretary's office have held numerous meetings during the year, and have been cordially assisted in their inquiries by the Grand Secretary and his staff. They have made many valuable suggestions which the Board have approved and ordered to be adopted.

Arising out of their report the Board have to offer the following recommendations for adoption by Grand Lodge:

1. That all appointments in the Grand Secretary's office should in future be by recommendation of the Grand Secretary to the Board of General Purposes, and subject to their approval, and that promotion should not necessarily go by seniority, but on the occasion of a vacancy the appointment should be made by fitness for the particular office vacated.

2. That the banking account hitherto kept at the Western Branch of the Bank of England in Burlington-gardens be transferred to the Law Courts Branch, Temple Bar.

3. That the Grand Secretary shall have a clerk capable of taking down letters and other matters in shorthand, and that Bro. A. H. Lee (son of Bro. Lee, one of the clerks in the office), who has served some months on probation, be permanently engaged as such clerk at a salary of £120 per annum, dating from Christmas, 1892.

4. That Bro. James Hodgins, who was engaged as a temporary clerk in 1887 at two guineas a week, be now placed on the staff, and that his salary be £150 per annum, dating from Christmas, 1892.

5. The work of the Grand Secretary's office having materially increased, it is recommended that an additional clerk be engaged at a salary of £100 per annum.

The Board have ordered that in future the report of each Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge be sent out as nearly as possible within 14 days after the meeting.

The Board recommend that the following alterations be made in the Book of Constitutions, consequent on resolutions of Grand Lodge passed December, 1892, and confirmed March, 1893:

Rule 6.—Below the words "Past Grand Registrar" (16) insert words "Deputy Grand Registrar," and below "Deputy Grand Registrar" the words "Past Deputy Grand Registrars." Below words "Past Grand Sword Bearers" (32) insert words "Deputy Grand Sword Bearer," and below that "Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearers."

Rule 18.—Below the words "Grand Registrar" insert words "Deputy Grand Registrar," and substitute for the words "Four Grand Deacons" the words "Six Grand Deacons." Before the words "Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies" insert the word "Three," and add "s" to word "Director." Below words "Grand Sword Bearer" insert "Deputy Grand Sword Bearer."

Rule 88.—That the following words be added:

That in Provinces and Districts numbering 40 lodges and upwards the Provincial or District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually "four Provincial or District Grand Deacons," a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies," and "three Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies."

In Provinces and Districts numbering 70 lodges and upwards the Provincial or District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually "six Provincial or District Grand Deacons," a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies," and "three Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies."

In Provinces and Districts numbering 100 lodges and upwards the Provincial or District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Registrar," to take rank immediately after the Provincial or District Grand Registrar, "six Provincial or District Grand Deacons," a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies," "three Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies," and a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer."

Rule 311.—Below the words "Grand Registrar, £10 10s.," to insert the words "Deputy Grand Registrar, £10 10s.," and below the words "Grand Sword Bearer, £5 5s.," insert "Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, £5 5s.," and below the words "Grand Secretary, £10 10s.," insert "President of the Board of Benevolence, £10 10s."

At page 137.—Below the words "Past Grand Standard Bearers," insert "Past Deputy Grand Standard Bearers," and below these words "Deputy Grand Standard Bearer," and below the words "President of the Board of General Purposes" insert "Past Deputy Grand Registrars," and below these words "Deputy Grand Registrar."

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of May inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £8629 os. 11d., and balance of annual allowance for library £40 4s. 2d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th May, 1893.

W.M. 1745, nominated by Bro. H.J. Lardner, P.M. 1745. Bros. Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537, James Brett, P.M. 177, John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, and Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108, nominated by Bro. S.H. Parkhouse, P.M. 511.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733, Robert Daniel Cummings, P.M. 1677, Lieut.-Col. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569, C. Kempton, P.M. 1287, Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567, Wm. Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625, J. L. Anderson, P.M. 555, Theophilus J. Bird, P.M. 1897, Alfred H. Hickman, P.M. 228, and Nelson Reed, P.M. 1671, nominated by Bro. Thomas Hutchinson, 1900.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- No. 2469, The Hortus Lodge, London.
 „ 2470, The Telegraph Cable Lodge, London.
 „ 2471, The Avon Lodge, Northam, Western Australia.
 „ 2472, The Walthamstow Lodge, Walthamstow.
 „ 2473, The Molesey Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey.
 „ 2474, The Hatherton Lodge, Walsall, Staffordshire.
 „ 2475, The Border Lodge, Blackwater, Hampshire.
 „ 2476, The Ubique Lodge, Barrackpore, Bengal.
 „ 2477, The Colne Lodge, Wyvenhoe, Essex.
 „ 2578, The Gold Fields Lodge, Johannesburg, South African Republic.
 „ 2479, The Rhodesia Lodge, Salisbury, Mashonaland, South Africa.
 „ 2480, The Boksburg Lodge, Boksburg, South African Republic.
 „ 2481, The Jeppetown Lodge, Johannesburg, South African Republic.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held in the Town Hall, Pontefract, on Monday, the 15th ult., by the invitation of Chapter St. Oswald, No. 910. Present: Comps. Thos. Wm. Tew, Past A.G. Soj., P.Z. 495, Grand Supt.; Wm. Harrop, P.P.G.J., P.Z. 290, as Prov. G.H.; Wm. Hy. Jessop, P.Z. 521, Prov. G.J.; and many other P.G. Officers, as well as Principals, Past First Principals, and companions from various chapters and visitors.

Comp. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., P.Z. 495, G. Supt., and Prov. G. Officers having entered, the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter, holden at Huddersfield on Friday, 11th November, 1892, were presented, when it was moved by Comp. S. SLACK, M.E.Z. 910, and seconded by Comp. R. WILLIAMSON, P.Z. 521, and resolved, "That the minutes be taken as read."

On the proposition of Comp. BILLINGTON, P.Z. 1462, seconded by Comp. C. L. MASON, P.Z. 306, the minutes were confirmed.

At the request of the Grand Superintendent, the Prov. G.H. designate then delivered the annual address, which dealt most exhaustively with all matters of interest to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and which we regret the space at our disposal will not admit of reproducing in these columns.

E. Comp. H. T. E. HOLMES, P.Z. 139, then, as Treasurer, presented his Cash Account for the year, and pointed out the satisfactory condition of the balance, there being £210 13s. 8d. in the bank to the credit of Prov. G. Chapter.

This being accepted, Comp. HOLMES then proposed "That E. Comp. Fred Rand, P.Z. 242, be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year."

This was seconded by Comp. GEORGE BROOKE, P.Z. 242, and carried *nem. con.*

Comp. THOS. WM. TEW, Grand Superintendent (who was seated in an invalid's chair), previous to distributing the collars, said how thankful he was to the true and ever living God Most High to be so far restored to health that he was able to be present at the convocation; how deeply he felt the abundant sympathy and consideration which he had received from his numerous Masonic friends; that he could not sit quietly there without at least saying that much, and that he trusted that Royal Arch Masonry would continue to advance and progress until it had permeated the whole province of W. Yorkshire. After alluding to the acquisition of a site and the probable erection of a new Masonic Hall in Pontefract, which was most needful, he proceeded personally to invest the officers appointed, addressing kindly and courteous words to each individually.

The officers were:

Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z. 302	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. F. Tanner, P.Z. 337	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. G. E. Green, P.Z. 151	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. F. Tasker, P.Z. 296	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Fred. Rand (elected), P.Z. 242	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. H. Steward, P.Z. 380	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Shoesmith, P.Z. 521	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. Flockton, P.Z. 1042	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. P. Hewitt, P.Z. 139	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. Mathers, Z. 495	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Wilson, P.Z. 302	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. R. Fawcett, P.Z. 1214	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Haigh, P.Z. 448	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Milnes, Org. 289	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Smith, P.Z. 1019	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" W. Metcalfe, P.Z. 600	...	...
" José Rickard, P.Z. 304	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. Verity, P.Z. 208	...	...
" H. S. Goodyear, P.Z. 495	...	...
" T. Chester, Janitor 904	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. Col. the Hon. W. T. ORDE-POWLETT, Prov. G.H. North and East Yorkshire, Past G.S.N. Eng., acknowledged in courteous terms the salutations of the companions of West Yorkshire. It was, he said, always a pleasure to visit them; that he was delighted to see Comp. Tew again,

and that he trusted his health would continue to improve. He took this opportunity of expressing officially his thanks for the valuable help given by that province at the last election for boys, and cordially invited West Yorkshire brethren to attend the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire at Beverley on the 5th of July next.

Comp. M. C. PECK, Prov. G. Scribe E., Past A.G.D.C. Eng., also returned thanks.

A cordial vote of thanks to the M.E.Z. and companions of St. Oswald Chapter for their excellent arrangements was proposed by Comp. BILLINGTON, seconded by Comp. UTTLEY, and carried with acclamation.

Prov. G. Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held in the Saloon at Whitby (on the invitation of the Britannia Chapter, No. 312), on Wednesday, the 10th ult. Present: Comps. The Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, G. Supt.; the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.S.N. England, Prov. G.H.; T. B. Whytehead, 1611, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.G.H., and a large number of Prov. Grand Officers and members of chapters in the province.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were taken as read and confirmed.

The annual balance-sheet was then read, which having been audited and found correct, was unanimously adopted.

The various chapters in the province, all of which were represented, then communicated.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Walter Reynolds, P.P.G.H., was then unanimously re-elected.

The following Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested:

Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.S.N. England	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Geo. Garbutt, 236	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" M. C. Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. England	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Joseph Henderson, 57	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. W. White, 312	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. G. Smithson, 1010	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Dr. S. Walker, 602	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. A. Hutchence, 543	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Geo. Leigh, 2134	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Winterschladen	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. Gerald Hodgson, 236	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Geo. Petch, 1605	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Atlay, 312	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. B. Redfearn, 2134	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" F. J. Lambert, 1010	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. GEO. J. ROBINSON, M.E.Z. 236, P.P.G.S.B., on behalf of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, gave Provincial Grand Chapter a cordial invitation to hold the annual convocation next year at York.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT returned thanks for the invitation, which he had much pleasure in accepting.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the Prov. Grand Chapter as follows: Excellent Companions, I cannot conclude the business of this, our Annual Convocation, without expressing the pleasure I feel, after an absence of four years, on again meeting you in such a large assembly. I must express my most hearty and sincere thanks to the Provincial Grand Officers who, during my absence on official duties, carried on the affairs of the Province so well and successfully. I feel that the prosperity of our Province has not been due to myself, but to those who have given their time and services to its best interests. I shall hope to attend Provincial Grand Lodge at Beverley, on the 5th July next; the meeting will be interesting as occurring during the Centenary year of the Constitutional Lodge, and I trust to be supported by a numerous attendance of brethren. I must not omit to offer, on behalf of myself and Provincial Grand Chapter, our best thanks to the officers and members of the Britannia Chapter for their hospitality, and excellent arrangements for our reception in this beautiful hall. We always look forward to visiting Whitby, and invariably enjoy a happy and successful meeting here.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

An excellent banquet, at which the Grand Superintendent presided, was subsequently served at the Crown Hotel, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUNGARVAN CHAPTER, No. 973, FROME.

On Thursday, the 25th ult., the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset met at the Masonic Hall, Frome, to consecrate the new Dungarvan Chapter, No. 973. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Superintendent of Somerset, Comp. R. C. Else, P.G. Std. Br. of England, assisted by Comps. E. Harris, P.G.H., acting H.; F. T. Elworthy, P.Z., acting J.; and the officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset. The Masonic hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion, some beautiful banners having been painted for the purpose by Mrs. Dalby, wife of one of the founders of the chapter. The petition praying for the charter forwarded to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was signed by Lord Dungarvan, Comps. A. Duckett, A. G. Hayman, G. W. Wiltshire, R. S. Gough, F. Bendle, S. Spill, A. J. Rozza, P. Edinger, J. M. Rattray, F. E. Pearce, G. R. Wilson, and F. Kirbell. It was supported by a resolution

of the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, and approved by the Grand Superintendent of Somerset. There was a large attendance of members of the Craft from the various lodges of Somerset, Bristol, Wiltshire, &c., including the following, in addition to the officiating officers above mentioned: Comps. Edward Noke, P.G. Scribe E.; B. H. Watts, P.G. Treas.; L. H. Ruegg, P.G.S.B.; Michael H. Clark, Asst. Scribe E.; Alfred Hatter, Janitor; T. Bigwood, Asst. Janitor; J. R. Ford, P.P.G.J.; W. J. Nosworthy, P.P.G.P. Sojourner; Thomas H. Holroyd, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. E. Alford, P.P.G.P.S.; and a large number of brethren and visitors.

The usual ceremonies of dedication having been performed, the installation of the Three Principals took place as follows: Comps. the Rt. Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M., M.E.Z.; A. Duckett, H.; and Alfred G. Hayman, J. The other officers were installed as follows: Comps. Dr. F. E. Pearce, S.E.; G. R. Wilson, S.N.; G. W. Wiltshire, Treas.; R. S. Gough, P.S.; S. Spill, 1st A.S.; F. Bendle, 2nd A.S.; P. Edinger, D.C.; A. J. Rozea, Org.; and F. Kirbell and Dr. J. M. Rattray, Stewards.

Four joining members were proposed, and also 16 candidates for exaltation.

In the evening the installation banquet was held at the George Hotel Assembly Room, after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

CONSECRATION OF THE GEORGE GRAVELEY MARK LODGE, No. 461.

A new Mark lodge for the Province of East Anglia was consecrated on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, Essex, by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, and was assisted in his important work by Bros. George Cooper, P.G. Ov., as S.W.; Chas. H. Driver, P.G. Ov., as J.W.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, G. Chap., as Chap.; C. W. Carrell, P.G. Stwd., as D.C.; and Jabez Church, P.G. Ov., as I.G.

Previous to the consecration of the lodge a Mark lodge was held by special dispensation for the purpose of advancing certain Craft brethren, Bro. George Graveley presiding. Assisted by Bros. Shurmur, Holland, E. M. Money, and others, he advanced several brethren.

Bro. MATIER, in opening the consecration proceedings, said the brethren met that evening for a very interesting purpose, and one which could not fail to make a lasting impression on the minds of those who took part in the ceremony, whether as Consecrating Officers, as founders of the new lodge, or as spectators. The purpose was no less an one than that of consecrating a new lodge for the Province of East Anglia, which he trusted would be a lasting ornament to the province, for the benefit of the Order at large, and for the best advantage to the members of the lodge.

Bro. OXFORD having offered prayer, the usual forms were observed, and he then gave the oration.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. Geo. Graveley was installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge, by Bro. Matier, and the following brethren were appointed to fill the other offices: Bro. James Hall Brown, Prov. G.D.C. Middx., Acting I.P.M.; William Shurmur, S.W.; J. Holland, J.W.; Arthur G. Duck, M.O.; Michael Christian, S.O.; Charles Mac Colla, J.O.; Chas. G. C. Dunbar, D.D., Chap.; Nathaniel Fortescue, Treas.; Francis Pulsford, R.M.; Geo. Ward Verry, P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. H. Graveley, Asst. Sec.; Wm. G. Bridges, S.D.; J. Brandreth Gibbs, J.D.; William Bussey, D.C.; W. G. Puttick, Org.; F. W. Perryman, I.G.; B. Johnson, F. H. Gooch, and M. Bleick, Stwds.; and G. Shearman, Tyler.

The complimentary votes were afterwards passed to the Consecrating Officers, and other formal business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an exquisite banquet provided by Bro. Hall Brown, proprietor of the Red Lion and Masonic Hall.

During dinner Bro. Harry Tipper, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey, P.M. 315, 385, &c., assisted by the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers, gave some beautiful selections on the hand-bells.

After dinner, Bro. Tipper, Madame Malenoir, Miss Florence Tipper, Bro. F. J. Britten, Mr. H. Ryall, Mr. H. G. Ryall, and the Royal Criterion Quartette, sang some charming pieces.

The usual toasts were honoured, Bro. GEORGE COOPER replying for "The Pro Grand Master, &c."

Bro. HARVEY, Prov. G. Sec. of East Anglia, acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Henniker."

Bro. MATIER proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master of the George Graveley Lodge, No. 461." There was no toast that could possibly be proposed that evening which could be more important than the health of the Worshipful Master, who had been installed to rule over the brethren. Consequently, no toast ought to meet with a heartier or more cordial reception than "Prosperity to the George Graveley Lodge." In asking the brethren to drink that toast, he was asking them to drink the health of a brother who had filled the office of Master of the Beaconsfield Lodge, of the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, and of the Old Kent Lodge, and who had now completed his quadrilateral service by becoming Master of the George Graveley Lodge. If it was important for a brother to be installed as Worshipful Master for the first time, how much more important was it for a brother to be installed as first Master of a lodge, and more especially when that lodge bore his own name.

The toast having been drunk with the greatest enthusiasm,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said, in response, if there was a Degree in Freemasonry that he was fond of more than another it was the Mark. He had endeavoured in his short Masonic career of 18 years to find what there was in the various Degrees, and he must say that among the various Degrees the Mark, if properly carried out, was the most interesting. With

regard to his name, he stood there a very humble representative of a glorious name, which floated 1130 years ago in the county of Herts, when Edward the Confessor gave the name of his (Bro. Graveley's) predecessor's name to a borough in that county. He did hope that his officers would endeavour to do their duty. He would not like to see that lodge which bore his name starve for want of new blood and new energy. While he was in the chair he should endeavour to do what he could to work out the ritual in the proper way. He wished to be a severe Master to them all; but, at the same time, he wanted to be a loving Master. No man was a good Master unless he knew how to control the brethren. If he could not control them the sooner he resigned the chair the better. He wanted to love them all, and to be loved in return. He wished to say that he thanked various brethren for presents they had made to the lodge. Bro. Shurmur had presented the whole of the books, and Bro. Holland had presented the pedestals and wicket and other things. At the next meeting he should propose a vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes to these brethren. He now proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," thanking them for their services.

Bro. MATIER, G.S., in reply said the thanks were not proposed to himself *in propria persona* alone, but simply as the occupant of the office of Consecrating Officer. It had given him great pleasure to consecrate that lodge, because it bore the honoured name of one who for many years had been one of his most strenuous supporters in Freemasonry and of the Mark Degree, one who had made his mark in the Charities, and in the Mark Benevolent Fund in particular. Secondly, he was glad to do anything for Lord Henniker. He was most happy to be called upon to perform the ceremony, and he had done it to the best of his ability. But how could he have done it as he had done if he had not been so ably assisted by other distinguished brethren. He thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his efforts, and he wished the lodge every success and prosperity for years and years to come.

Bros. the Ven. Dr. DUNBAR, J. BRANDRETH GIBBS, WRIGHT, and other brethren responded to the toast of "The Advancees," and Bros. E. M. MONEY and Major CARRELL replied to that of "The Visitors."

Bro. Major CARRELL stating that Mark Masonry was now making such strides in the Eastern part of London that he believed the time was fast approaching when Essex would be separated from the Province of East Anglia, and have a province of its own.

Bro. GEORGE WARD VERRY responded to the toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund," which the W.M. had said in proposing it that lodge could not be expected to support in this its first year, but in a year or two it was hoped they would be able to send up a Steward to it.

Bro. W. SHURMUR, S.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers," and expressed his firm conviction that the lodge, which had been so well started, and had such an excellent first Master, and such promising officers, would go from strength to strength, and become the leading Mark lodge in the province. No efforts of his would be spared to lead the lodge to a successful issue, and in the matter of working or in the Charities an example would be set to all other lodges.

Bro. GEORGE SHEARMAN gave the Tyler's toast ere the brethren separated.

The Masonic career of Bro. George Graveley, the first Worshipful Master of the newest Mark Lodge, which we now give, may prove interesting to our readers:

Bro. Graveley was initiated in the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 898, February, 1876, served all the minor offices, installed W.M., May 1883; joined Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, October, 1883; exalted in the Yarborough Chapter, No. 554, November, 1878, served all the minor offices, installed in the chair of M.E.Z. February, 1887, and served two years as First Principal, and now Treasurer to the same chapter; founder and first M.E.Z. of the Temperance Chapter, No. 898; founder and first I.P.Z. of the Guelph Chapter, No. 1685; founder and first H. in the Shurmur Chapter, No. 2374; elected First Assistant Grand Sojourner of Essex, 1893; advanced February, 1879, Beaconsfield Lodge M.M.M., No. 205, served the minor offices, installed Worshipful Master, 1886; joined the Old Kent Lodge (T.I.), served all offices, installed W.M. 1889; founder and first W.M. of the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 350, now Treasurer to the same lodge; founder and first W.M. of the George Graveley Lodge, No. 461; served Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, and Senior Overseer of East Anglia; Grand I.G. of England, 1885; Grand Sword Bearer of England, 1887; elevated in the Old Kent Ark Mariners, 1879, and Past W.C. Noah; installed in the Mount Calvary Encampment of K.T., served all the offices, and installed E. Commander, 1888; installed Knight of Malta, 1880, and Prior of Malta, 1888; perfected in the Mount Calvary Rose Croix Chapter, No. 3, served all the offices, installed M.W.S. 1891; member Royal and Select Masters, 1880; installed T.I.M. Grand Master's Council, 1889, Grand Marshal in Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters; Treasurer of Grand Master's Council, No. 1; member of the Royal Order of Scotland, 1886; member and J.W. Metropolitan Council (T.I.), of the Allied Masonic Degrees, 1879; elected Knight of the White and Black Eagle, 30, May, 1887; High Prelate in the Premier Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine; member of the True Friendship Council in the Order of the Secret Monitor, 1888; member of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicruciana Societas; served five Stewardships to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, four Stewardships to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, five Stewardships to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 6 Stewardships to the Mark Benevolent Fund; and is a member of the Board of Benevolence.

Fanaticism is one of those peculiar outbreaks of ill-regulated minds which seems periodically to affect humanity. It has marked human nature curiously enough from the first, and has even disgraced religion. Of course, to some religion itself is fanaticism; but we are speaking of that hopeless and excited and intolerant spirit which denies to another the right of private judgment, which sees nothing good in any who happen religiously or politically to differ from it, and which bans, instead of blessing, and hinders, instead of advancing, the progress of religious toleration and of the liberty of belief. Freemasonry has suffered much from fanaticism and fanatics in past times and at the present hour, but knows nothing of it itself, disavows it, and condemns it. Freemasonry avows toleration for all, and wishes ever to lay down the great, though sometimes forgotten truth, that the world is wide enough for all religious bodies, and that instead of fighting with one another, and cursing one another, they had better join in one common crusade against evil, ignorance, suffering, sorrow, want, and wretchedness, lying like Lazarus at their very doors.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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In future numbers of the *Freemason* we purpose giving a series of portraits of Worshipful Masters who have been recently installed. Recognising the fact that no greater honour can be bestowed on a brother than to be elected the Master of his lodge, we desire to do our part towards creating a permanent record of such event in his Masonic history by placing his portrait before our readers. We shall be pleased to furnish Secretaries of lodges and others who may take an interest in our project whatever information may be desired as to our proposed method of procedure.

The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES.—Crescent, No. 789; Mozart, No. 1929; Gordon, No. 2149; Royal Victorian Jubilee, No. 2184; and Bushey Park, No. 2381.

MARK LODGE.—Croydon, No. 198.

Consecration of the Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777, at Guildford.

Resuscitation of the Doyle Conclave, No. 7, Guernsey.



SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday next, the 7th instant, when a very formidable agenda will be brought under the notice of the brethren. There will, as usual, be the election of members of the Board of General Purposes and of the Colonial Board; of Grand Lodge Auditor and of brethren to serve on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For the first of these elections—that for the Board of General Purposes—the contest will no doubt be exciting, as there is quite a regiment of W.M.'s and P.M.'s, but especially of the latter, who have been nominated to serve.

As for the reports which will be submitted, that of the Board of Benevolence calls for no remark, but we notice with regret that that of the Board of General Purposes specifies several cases of grave irregularity which had been brought under its notice and dealt with according to their several degrees of demerit. In one of these cases the members of a lodge had appeared in Masonic clothing at one of its banquets when ladies and non-Masons were present, without having previously obtained the necessary dispensation, and, moreover, they had given the usual toasts in Masonic form in the presence of these ladies and non-Masons. For such conduct the lodge was treated with greater leniency than it deserved, and severely reprimanded, and admonished to be more careful in future.

In another case 17 joining members were elected at one of the meetings of a certain lodge, without having been previously proposed and seconded at a regular lodge. For the offence the lodge was fined £3 3s., severely reprimanded, and cautioned to be more careful in future. But can we be surprised that the privileges of Freemasonry are abused when such irregularities as those we have specified are committed. We believe that one of these offending lodges prides itself on its numerical strength, which, in our opinion, is not always a subject of congratulation, and it were better if it were in a position to pride itself on a strict observance of the laws of Freemasonry. Unfortunately, it seems to have forgotten all about the law in its eagerness to be a numerous lodge.

The report of the Colonial Board is occupied entirely with the case of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, New South Wales, a considerable minority of which, numbering 20 brethren, declined to throw in their lot with the newly-organised United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The circumstances are fully set forth in

the report and therefore we shall content ourselves with stating that the case is governed by Article 219 of the Constitutions, and that notwithstanding the decision which Grand Lodge arrived at on the recommendation of the Grand Registrar, in December, 1891, in the case of certain New Zealand lodges the Board recommends that a duplicate warrant as prayed for by the Cambrians be not issued, it being the Board's opinion that the provisions of the said Article 219 "are not intended to deal with cases where the lodges contemplate joining a new Masonic allegiance."

Our opinions on the question are so well known that we shall not reiterate them here. It is enough for us to point out that the provisions of Article 219 are laid down absolutely, without the slightest qualification of any kind; that the minority stated in the said Article as being entitled to retain and work under a warrant in the event of a majority of the members resolving to resign the lodge is exceeded in this case of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656; and that the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognised by our Grand Lodge on the usual condition that the rights of English lodges to remain in allegiance are to be respected. There may be circumstances in this particular case of which we are not fully cognizant, but on the face of it the Colonial Board appears to have made a hash of the business, and in order to extricate itself from the dilemma in which it is placed, proposes that a grave injustice shall be done to certain English Masons who desire to remain in allegiance to our Grand Lodge.

However, Bro. Richard Eve, Past G. Treas., has given notice of a motion to the effect that these Cambrian brethren who adhere to their allegiance to our Grand Lodge are entitled to recognition as the lodge, and he rests his motion on the ground that the determination of the Colonial Board—as to Article 219 not applying to the case of this Cambrian Lodge—is totally opposed to the uniform practice of Grand Lodge since 1779, "and that the correct construction of the law was laid down by the Grand Registrar and the President of the Board of General Purposes in June, 1885, by the late Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., in December, 1888; and by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, the Grand Registrar, and the President of the Board of General Purposes in December, 1891." We shall be curious to know what answer will be forthcoming from the Colonial Board to the contention of Bro. Eve.

Of the 13 warrants granted by his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master since the March Communication for the constitution of new lodges, three are for lodges in the London district, four for lodges in the Provinces of Surrey, Staffordshire, Hampshire, and Essex, and six for lodges abroad, namely, for one in Western Australia, one in Bengal, three in the South African Republic, and one in Mashonaland, South Africa.

We beg to remind our readers that the Petitions for the Boys' School election should be handed into the office not later than the 16th inst. It is greatly to the advantage of the cases that an even earlier deposit should be made in order to give time for examination and the correction of errors.

The first meeting for the Stewards of the 95th Anniversary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys was very numerous attended. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick was elected the Acting President; Bro. George E. Fairchild, Hon. Treasurer; and Bro. J. M. McLeod, Hon. Secretary of the Board. The Royal Pavilion, Brighton, was selected for the place of meeting by a large majority, and we trust a fine day will assist in bringing about a successful result. Special train arrangements are being made—the usual Steward's fee covering cost of first-class fare to and from London.

The Board did a graceful act in deciding that the fee for a lady serving as a Steward, and qualifying as a Life Governor of the Institution, should be one half that of a brother, and including dinner and railway ticket. We hope to see a large acquisition of lady Stewards on the occasion.

Bro. Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, will to-morrow (Saturday) consecrate the Molesey Lodge, No. 2473, at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey. Bro. J. D. Langton, No. 1, P.M. and Sec. 1673 and 2096, P.P.J.G.W., and Provincial Charity Secretary of Surrey, is the W.M. designate; Bro. C. O. Burgess, S.D. 2460, the S.W. designate; and Bro. J. R. Cleave is the J.W. designate.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge (No. 27).—The installation meeting of this old established lodge was held on the 4th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Douglas Smith, W.M.; A. E. Todd, S.W.; A. Brendle, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M.; Treas.; M. Hale, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Macfarlane, S.D.; D. Niven, J.D.; A. T. Webster, D.C.; F. Bull, I.G.; Isaac Scarth, F. Harrison, P.M.; H. H. Libbis, P.M.; J. W. Dixon, P.M.; T. R. Lambell, P.M.; G. B. Chapman, C. B. Todd, P.M.; T. J. Maidwell, D. H. Jacobs, P.M.; W. Notting, J. Bangs, J. L. Dunford, W. Cane, A. J. Farrants, J. Symmons, J. C. Barnes, H. C. Todd, T. C. Farrants, F. May, H. P. Robinson, T. Hughes, J. Whiffen, T. Winn, R. T. Hane, J. Ullman, W. Pattison, J. Hollyman, and A. Symmons. Visitors: Bros. R. T. Pearce, 1194; H. Broadway, 1320; H. J. Tibbatts, 2396; J. M. Longley, 299; J. W. Cain, 179; F. Williams, 72; C. H. Dancocks, 1671; Ben Johnson, 1805; J. C. Bird, 91; H. Williams, 1567; G. W. Niblett, 1622; J. Tickle, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; R. Buckler, 1364; W. A. Needes, 53; J. and I. Botibol, both of 188; B. Doig, W.M. 1539; T. Anly, 177; B. Beach; T. R. Mander, 2168; W. H. Squier, 1929; A. T. Tout; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. raised Bro. Dunford to the Third Degree, and afterwards passed the following: Bros. Cane, J. Symmons, A. J. Farrants, T. C. Farrants, and Barnes. The W.M. rendered the ritual in a very able manner. Bro. A. E. Todd was then installed W.M. by the out-going Master, Bro. Rob Douglas Smith. The following were invested as officers: Bros. F. Brendle, S.W.; H. J. Macfarlane, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M.; Treas.; M. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; D. Niven, S.D.; T. Hughes, J.D.; F. Bull, I.G.; Jacobs, P.M., Stwd.; A. T. Webster, P.M., D.C.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. R. Douglas Smith, who gave the usual addresses with marked effect.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was prepared by Bro. A. Clemow in his best style, and ably served under the superintendence of his energetic manager, Bro. Evans.

The loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly honoured,

Bro. R. Douglas Smith, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that he had known him for a very long time in Masonry and other ways. They had attended many lodges of instruction, and they had worked together. He felt sure that he would make one of the best Worshipful Masters the lodge had ever had, and in conclusion he wished him from his heart a prosperous and happy year of office.

The toast was well received, as was the W.M. on rising to respond. He was much gratified at his reception, and for the kind things said of him. He would endeavour to carry out the duties of his high office with credit to himself and the brethren.

At this point Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., entered the room, and was received with great enthusiasm, the brethren rising and giving him a hearty welcome as candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer for 1894.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," who, he said, had had a successful year of office, and had had 12 initiates. His working of the ritual and of the installation was perfect, and the members were honoured in having such a good workman. He left the chair with the best wishes of them all, and in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, hoped that he might live for very many years to wear it.

Bro. R. Douglas Smith, on rising to respond, received an ovation. In a short, but eloquent, speech, he thanked the brethren for their kindness to him at all times, and for the honour they had conferred upon him that night.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they had a goodly array, to whom he gave a hearty welcome, making special mention of their old friend, Bro. W. M. Stiles, a veteran in Masonry, and who was fitted in every way to hold the office of Grand Treasurer, whose name he coupled with Bro. Tickle and others to respond.

Bro. Tickle, in reply, stated that it was an honour to have to respond to the toast. The working that night was done in a masterly manner, and the lodge was favoured in having such efficient officers. He had been invited on many occasions, but that was the first opportunity he had had of attending. All the Past Masters were old friends of his. He would leave to Bro. Stiles—one of their coming kings—to follow him.

Bro. W. M. Stiles also responded. He was not able to get there earlier as he had another Masonic engagement that evening. He appreciated the kind remarks of the W.M. and Bro. Tickle. He was a frequent visitor to the lodge, in which he had many friends. For many reasons he was sanguine that at their next installation meeting he would have the high honour of addressing them as Grand Treasurer, and, in conclusion, he thanked the brethren for the great reception they had given him.

Bros. Needes, Longley, Ben Johnson, Grimes, and Doig also replied in suitable terms.

"The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were next given, and duly honoured, coupled with the name of the Secretary, Bro. Hale, P.M., who replied in suitable terms.

The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the success of the happy gathering.

During the evening Bros. Symmons, Bangs, Doig, H. Broadway, and W. H. Squier vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren.

Duke of Albany Lodge (No. 1963).—At the usual meeting of this lodge, which took place on Thursday, the 18th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, Bro. W. H. Jeffries, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed

as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large muster of the brethren of the lodge and a good number of visiting brethren, including Bros. G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.G.D.; R. E. H. Goffin, P.P.G.D.C.; Wilkins, P.P.G.P.; Hiram Henton, P.M. 1559; J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1420; Collick, P.M. 1585; Stiles, P.M. 1507; C. Wilson, W.M. 1329; and Buxton, P.M. 1891. The installation was performed by Bro. A. Harvey, I.P.M., in a most praiseworthy manner, in the presence of 23 Past Masters, and the impressive and deliberate manner in which he afterwards delivered the charges elicited hearty praise from all those present. Bro. Jeffries then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. Harvey, I.P.M.; H. Bannister, S.W.; C. Donaldson, J.W.; R. C. Davis, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Voisey, P.M., Sec.; C. James, S.D.; S. J. Randall, J.D.; V. Murché, P.M., D.C.; J. Bird, A.D.C.; G. F. Winney, Org.; T. Bowley, I.G.; W. Turner, Wynn, and T. Phillips, Stwds.; and J. Whiteman, Tyler.

The ceremony being ended, the lodge was closed in the usual manner and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, when nearly 100 sat down.

The W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts. These were interspersed with some excellent singing by Miss Constance Adams, Miss Annie Wilson, and Bros. Pownall and Bartlett, and the Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

London Scottish Rifles Lodge (No. 2310).—The installation meeting of this well known and flourishing lodge was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Regent's-circus, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Glyn Smith, I.P.M., W.M.; S. A. Hardiman, S.W., W.M. elect; J. J. Mackay, J.W.; W. H. Pardoe, M.D., Sec.; E. J. Husey, Treas.; S. F. Mackway, S.D.; J. A. Braik, J.D.; R. B. Fowler, I.G.; W. E. Nicol, D.C.; Graham Gordon, Org.; M. Carlin, Stwd.; W. Robertson, Tyler; J. Hepburn Hastie, P.M.; Col. Henry Lumsden, P.M.; James W. Slyth, J. McKinlay, J. B. McKenzie, A. J. Keys, R. Grant, K. B. Brown, D. Whyte, E. H. Gordon, and C. J. Downer. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Higerty, P.M. 1044, P.P.G.D. Surrey; James Munro, 2128; C. H. Stone, W.M. 597; R. B. Brown, 151 (S.C.); Louis Beck, 1326, P.P.G.O. Middx.; Jas. Addington, P.M. 217; W. T. Reid, Prov. Grand Master Banffshire; D. F. Gellion, W.M. elect 2319; and J. Thomson, Sec. 2319.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Master Banffshire, Bro. W. E. Reid, having arrived, he was saluted in due form. Bro. Col. Hy. Lumsden then presented Bro. S. A. Hardiman, W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation from the hands of Bro. W. H. Glyn Smith, W.M., which ceremony was performed in a highly impressive and perfect manner. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year most commendably as follows: Bros. J. J. Mackay, S.W.; S. F. Mackway, J.W.; W. A. Pardoe, Sec.; E. J. Husey, Treas.; J. A. Braik, S.D.; R. B. Fowler, J.D.; R. Grant, I.G.; K. B. Brown, A.D.C.; Graham Gordon, Org.; J. McKinlay, Stwd.; and W. Robertson, Tyler. The addresses were rendered by the Installing Master in a very able manner. A Past Master's collar and jewel, together with a special bar for he jewel, were unanimously voted to Bro. W. H. Glyn Smith, for so ably performing the duties of W.M. for the past year, through the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. T. Norman Callaway, W.M., who had gone to California. A proposition for initiation was handed in for the next meeting.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave, in right royal style, the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.N.," which were received most loyally.

That of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M., after dilating on their many excellences, commended it to the brethren as one most worthy, which was received and duly honoured.

The toast of "The W.M." was presented by Bro. Col. Lumsden, P.M., in eulogistic terms, remarking that he was sure it would be received most enthusiastically. Their W.M. was a most zealous Mason, and devoted much time to the cause of Masonry. He had filled the lower offices in a very able manner from the consecration of the lodge, was one of its founders, and now the brethren had unanimously placed him in that honourable position, thus showing their confidence in him. He (Bro. Col. Lumsden) was confident the prestige and high character of the lodge would be fully maintained during the present year, and at its close would predict the lodge would hold a more influential position than now. The toast was received with acclamation.

Bro. Hardiman, W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren most cordially for the too flattering remarks of Bro. Col. Lumsden, under whom he was proud to say he served, and to whom the present position of the lodge was greatly indebted. That night was the proudest moment of his life, for to have filled the lower offices, having been appointed J.D. at the consecration and had worked hard in founding the lodge, it was one to which every Mason should attain. To him Masonry was his very soul, and his utmost endeavour was to carry out the grand principle of doing to others as we would wish them to do to us. Most truly and sincerely in every way he would endeavour to maintain the honour and integrity of the lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Smith," who was a most splendid Mason and had for the second year carried out the duties of W.M. (for reasons already stated) in a most exemplary manner. To show the appreciation of the brethren for his most cheerful and able services he had very great pleasure in investing him with the Past Master's collar and jewel, and also the special bar for the Past Master's jewel voted from the lodge, trusting that the Great Architect would spare him many, many years to wear the same, and thereby adorn the lodge with his genial presence and give them the benefit of his wise counsel.

Bro. Smith, Installing Master, in reply, stated the pleasure it gave him to render what service he could to further the interest of the lodge. Certainly he had been called upon to perform those duties for the second time most unexpectedly, but, nevertheless, he was gratified to do it. He must say he had been most ably assisted by Bro. J. Hepburn Hastie, the father of the lodge, during the year, who was always most ready and willing to help those

who needed that assistance. He was pleased to be able to congratulate the lodge upon the W.M., and also on the excellent array of young officers following. For this mark of appreciation he most heartily thanked the brethren, and would promise to support the Worshipful Master most cordially.

The toast of "The Visitors" was relegated to Bro. Mackay, S.W., who dilated upon the wonderful force and power there was in Masonry in drawing together men of every clime, and binding them in one indissoluble bond. He would present the toast to the lodge, and was confident it would be received most cordially.

In reply, Bro. Reid, Prov. G.M. Banffshire, spoke most highly of the work he had witnessed, and also the excellent entertainment afterwards. It was his first visit to a London lodge, and deep impression had been made. It was his duty and privilege to visit all his lodges personally in his province, which entailed an immense amount of labour in reaching them, but he had been rewarded by seeing the great benefit accruing from such visits. He again complimented the lodge upon its high position, and, on behalf of the visitors, most cordially thanked the brethren.

Bros. Higerty, Beck, Gellion, Thompson, Addington, and Stone, most fully responded, specially congratulating the W.M. upon the proud and honourable position as "the premier" as regards the subscriptions towards the Girls' Institution at the late Festival, taking up the splendid sum of £210, representing the Stability Lodge, No. 217, his mother lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given most ably, and responded to by Bros. Lumsden and Smith in becoming terms.

The Worshipful Master, in presenting the toast of "The Officers," eulogised them individually most fully, and congratulated himself and the lodge upon having such. He would call upon the J.D. to respond, which was done very ably, and on behalf of his brother officers, they would throw all their zeal and energy to make the year most successful.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy and eventful meeting.

During the banquet "The Haggis" was played in by the piper, who added greatly to the harmony of the meeting by playing the several reel dances. The following brethren, under the able organist, Bro. Graham Gordon, highly entertained the lodge: Bros. Reid and Thompson (reciter), Mackway, Mackay, Major Brown, Lieut. Braik, Fowler, Keys, K. B. Brown, and Carlin. The brethren closed by singing the patriotic melody, Auld Lang Syne.

Hiram Lodge (No. 2416).—The last meeting of the season was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 24th ult. Bro. Frederic R. Lueove, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. J. Ebbetts, as I.P.M.; F. A. Nowell, S.W.; W. T. Bonner, J.W.; Henry Lovegrove, I.P.M., Sec.; G. Elkington, S.D.; W. West, as J.D.; T. C. Yates, as I.G.; and F. Jackson, Org.

Bro. Reginald Bix was passed. Bros. Drinkwater and Wrightson, two of the officers, were unable to attend through indisposition, and Bros. Mundy, Treas., and W. Heelis through business engagements.

The brethren dined at Freemasons' Tavern, and a pleasant evening was spent, as may be expected when all the members belong to one profession. Architects and surveyors are welcomed as members of this lodge.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ETON.

George Gardner Lodge (No. 2304).—A meeting was held at the Christopher Hotel on Saturday, the 27th ult., when, after the initiation of Mr. J. Williamson, Bro. C. P. Bellerley, P.G.S.B., was installed as W.M. by Bro. Laundy, W.M., and afterwards the following officers were appointed: Bros. R. T. P. Laundy, I.P.M.; Corpe, S.W.; Broderick, J.W.; George Gardner, P.M., P.P. G.S.B., Treas. (in the place of Bro. E. B. Cocks, deceased); and J. T. Muddiman, Sec.

The meeting throughout was most enthusiastic and pleasant, and bids fair for the prosperity of the lodge. Bro. George Gardner represented the lodge at the recent Festival of the Girls' School, and took upwards of £120, and serving his 20th Stewardship. The lodge is to have five meetings in the future instead of four, in consequence of the increase of local support.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—At the meeting held on Wednesday, the 17th ult., there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Jas. Edgell, W.M., had an opportunity of showing his knowledge of the ritual on this his first occupancy of the chair after installation, and the way in which he initiated the accepted candidate, Mr. W. J. Wells, shows that he has not neglected opportunities of learning while ascending the ladder. The lodge gained another member in the person of Bro. Geo. Scott, 2395, who was welcomed as a joining member on the recommendation of Bros. Tom Wilkinson and Watkin, the S.W. and W.S. respectively. Bro. J. C. Mortimer, 1044, was also proposed to join. In the initiation ceremony the Junior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. Long, the oldest member of the lodge, and the charge was given with marked emphasis by Bro. Levy, I.P.M. It was the sorrowful duty of the Secretary to have to report the death of two lay members of some years' standing, who had passed away within a fortnight of the date of meeting, and he was directed to convey the regret and sympathy of the lodge to Mrs. Bean and Mrs. Carter, the widows of the deceased brethren. At the proper time the W.M. drew attention to the approaching marriage of the son of the Grand Master of the Order, and on this proposition it was resolved to send an address of congratulation thereon to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent the remainder of the evening most pleasantly under the presidency of the W.M.

LEEDS.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 1042).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Thursday, the 18th ult., the following officers and brethren being present: Bros. J. W. Blackburn, W.M.; T. Thorp, I.P.M.; R. J. Smith, Secretary, as S.W.; J. J. W. Saville, as J.W.; R. Waide, S.D.; A.

H. Dougill, J.D.; J. E. Davenport, I.G.; G. Tooley and H. Whitfield, Stwds.; J. H. Newton, Tyler; H. Cowbrough, P.M.; P.J.G.D.; E. W. Batley, T. Huntley, T. Hutchinson, F. C. Nettleton, E. R. Morley, H. Heath, J. W. Dobson, J. A. Milne, W. Foster, and J. W. Hargreaves. Bro. W. N. Pearson, 495, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Foster was raised to the Sublime Degree by Bro. T. Thorp, I.P.M., assisted by the W.M., who gave the concluding portion of the traditional history and the working tools. The by-laws were read by the Secretary, who also proposed a candidate for initiation in June.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet chamber.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, an unusually excellent, intellectual, and musical treat was provided by Bros. Pearson, Briggs, Miller, Higgins, and Whitfield, which evoked the heartiest expressions of approval from all the brethren present, and greatly enhanced the pleasure of the evening.

LINCOLN.

Ermine Lodge (No. 2351).—INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF YARBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, the 16th ult., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough was installed W.M. of the above lodge and the occasion was made a great Masonic ceremony. Lord Yarborough is descended from a Masonic family, his grandfather having been a very prominent member of the brotherhood in his day. The Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England, recently bestowed a signal mark of his favour upon Lord Yarborough, whom he appointed S.G.W. of England, and the honour was the greater inasmuch as his lordship only entered the Fraternity some three years ago, having been made a Master Mason in the Ermine Lodge two years since. Lord Yarborough also holds the high position of Prov. Grand M.M. of Lincolnshire. The Ermine Lodge was consecrated on April 21st, 1890, by a great ceremonial, in which Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, and other Grand Officers assisted. The officers for the past year have been Bros. the Hon. Victor Anderson Pelham, W.M.; R. G. Ellison, I.P.M.; the Earl of Yarborough, S.W.; Eustace A. Cousins, J.W.; Rev. T. Gregory, Chaplain; R. C. Carline, Treas.; E. R. Dalton, Sec.; F. L. Thornton, S.D.; the Hon. H. C. A. Pelham, J.D.; R. C. Hallows, D.C.; C. P. Kemp, I.G.; and R. Whitton, Stwd. The principal brethren present at the installation ceremony were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, who acted as Installing Master; C. F. Matier, G. Sec. of Mark Master Masons; Sissons, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire; Vickers, Prov. Grand Sec. of Lincolnshire; and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, were Bros. W. Mortimer, J. L. Rayner, W. H. Close, A. L. Peacock, W. Dixon, and others. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Captain N. G. Philips, of her Majesty's Body Guard; E. Letchworth, Grand Sec. of England; Major Smyth, Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire; Akers Douglas, J.G.W. of England; Col. Cook, Prov. Grand Master of Middx.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Colonel Grantham Spilsby, and the Worshipful Master of the St. Hugh Lodge.

It being announced that the Grand Officers sought admission, the Prov. Grand Officers formed procession, and escorted Lord Euston and the other Grand Officers into the lodge, when Lord Euston occupied the chair, and was received with the usual salutations, and the like honours were conferred upon Bros. Matier and Sissons, D.P.G.M. The Earl of Yarborough was then presented by Bro. Victor Pelham, and the Earl of Euston delivered the charge, the Secretary reading the usual interrogatories. Bro. Matier conducted the remainder of the ceremony. The W.M., the Earl of Yarborough, then invested his officers as follows: Bros. the Hon. Victor A. Pelham, I.P.M.; Eustace A. Cousins, S.W.; F. L. Thornton, J.W.; R. C. Carline, Treasurer; E. Percy Dalton, Secretary; R. C. Hallows, Director of Ceremonies; Charles P. Kemp, S.D.; R. G. Pearson, J.D.; R. Whitton, I.G.; G. P. Torney and G. E. Heneage, Stwds.; Thornton and Kemp, Audit Committee; and W. Strangward, Tyler. The Worshipful Master begged to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Officers who had come there that evening. Considering the numerous duties in London devolving upon the Earl of Euston and Bro. Matier, they owed them their thanks for coming there that day and performing the ceremony of installation in so impressive a manner as they had done. Bro. the Hon. Victor Pelham had pleasure in seconding the resolution, which was unanimously adopted. Bro. Lord Euston tendered them their hearty thanks, and said they were only too pleased to come down to assist Bro. Lord Yarborough whenever they could, and he should be always ready to assist, not only Bro. Lord Yarborough, but anybody in Freemasonry whenever they could. Bro. Lord Yarborough proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Mortimer, who had so kindly decorated the hall for them, and also desired to thank Bro. Sims for the loan of flags, &c. Bro. Hallows seconded, and the resolution was adopted. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet afterwards took place.

SURBITON.

Surbiton Lodge (No. 2146).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th ult. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors to witness the installation of Bro. G. F. Budden to the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. S. Hewett, P.M., whose working throughout called forth hearty marks of approbation from the brethren. Bro. Budden having been placed in the chair, the newly-elected W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. J. Williams, S.W.; G. Gilbey, J.W.; R. S. Hart, P.M.; Treas.; J. S. Beck, Sec.; J. Williams, S.D.; Tomkinson, J.D.; J. Hart, I.G.; T. Johnson, sen., and W. Bunce, Stwds.; H. G. R. Hart, Org.; and J. List, Tyler. Bro. A. Wilson, P.M., was unanimously elected Charity representative of the lodge.

Subsequently the brethren met at the banqueting table, when, in addition to those above-named, there were present Bros. J. W. Allen, P.M.; A. Storr, P.M.; F. P. Hill, P.M.; Jennings Forth, W. McMillan, G. A. Sowerby, Wakeford, E. Jackson, E. L. Austin, J. N. Horsfield, T. Johnson, jun., J. G. Lane, T. Mayhead, Powell Birtles, F. G. Smith, J. Madgwick, E. W. Gaudin, W. A. Thomas, J.

F. Lockett, E. W. Butler, G. H. Drewett, J. Biddle, J. R. Meyrick, H. T. Roberts, S. Masters, T. H. Taylor, B. Hoare, H. W. Hill, J. Packham, C. E. Gray, and Albert Hill. The visitors were Bros. H. White, P.M. 1257; J. Edgell, W.M. 889; H. W. Willis, W.M. 1638; J. F. Carl Sims, I.G. 1216; J. J. Wright, W.M. 1081; R. Bramble, 2182; W. Lane, P.M. 1638; C. G. Sherwood, 2191; J. Jarvis, S.W. 1872; S. H. Hodgkin, W.M. 1872; and D. M. Gardiner, J.W. 1872.

A very excellent banquet, served by Messrs H. Packham and Sons to the satisfaction of all, having been discussed, and Bros. Johnson and Bunce, the Stewards, having attended admirably to the wants of the brethren,

The W.M. proceeded with the toast list, announcing, to the pleasure of all, that, as there was an admirable programme of music prepared, he would refrain from making long speeches.

"The Queen and Craft" and the usual Masonic toasts having been given and received,

Bro. Hewett, I.P.M., rose to give "The W.M.," highly eulogising Bro. Budden's steady work through all the offices of the lodge, and his valuable services to the Craft generally, and the Surbiton Lodge in particular.

The toast was most heartily received, and the W.M. made suitable reply, thanking the Past Masters and the brethren for their support.

The next toast, "The Installing Master," was given in most cordial terms by the W.M.

Bro. Hewett replied.

"The Visitors" (responded to in felicitous terms by Bros. Hodgkin, Willis, and Wright), "The Treasurer and Secretary" (responded to by Bros. R. S. Hart and J. G. Beck), "The Masonic Press" (coupled with the name of Bro. G. H. Drewett), and "The Officers of the Lodge" (responded to by the J.W. and S.D.), having been suitably toasted, the Tyler's toast concluded the very successful proceedings.

The excellent music given formed quite a feature of the evening. Bro. H. G. R. Hart, the newly-elected Organist, had drawn up what proved to be a very enjoyable programme. The musical talent of the lodge is strong, and Bro. Hart could rely on very able assistance from Bros. Masters, F. P. Hill, P.M.; R. S. Hart, P.M.; Albert Hill, and H. Winch Hill, members, while visiting Bro. Sims also sang, being most favourably received, and W. C. Oungate assisted. Part songs, solos, duets, and mandolin solos were all excellently rendered, and the artistes received the hearty thanks of the brethren, an extra toast in their honour being given from the chair.

Royal Arch.

Temple Chapter (No. 101).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on the 25th ult. Present: Comps. J. Minter Flegg, M.E.Z.; F. W. Williams, H.; H. Squire, J.; T. E. Taylor, Treas.; J. Spinks, P.S.; C. L. Plant, 1st A.S.; B. P. Lucas, 2nd A.S.; G. Austin, as Janitor; T. H. Bullock, P.Z.; E. Lardner, P.Z.; C. May, P.Z.; H. P. Squire, J. S. Webb, E. A. Ashby, and H. Petley. The visitors were Comps. T. Grumant, P.Z. 1275; C. H. Stone, J. elect 1901; W. H. Tilling, P.Z. 720; Wm. Hibberdine, 1237; J. H. Pullen, J. 1622; R. J. Voisey, M.E.Z. 1216; B. R. Bryant, P.Z. 720, 1224, and 1329; J. C. Strong, P.Z. 91; A. Weston, 1572; and C. Muscard, 185.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee, which showed a very favourable balance in hand, was presented and adopted. The installation of the Principals was next proceeded with, and carried out most perfectly by Comps. E. Lardner and T. E. Taylor in a very impressive manner. Comp. F. W. Williams, M.E.Z., invested his officers as follows: Comps. T. E. Taylor, P.Z., Treas.; Thomas, P.Z., S.E.; H. Petley, S.N.; C. L. Plant, P.S.; Perry, 1st A.S.; B. P. Lucas, 2nd A.S.; and G. Austin, as Janitor. Letters and telegrams were read from several companions for inability to attend, and wishing the M.E.Z. a happy and prosperous year of office. The M.E.Z. proposed a candidate for the next convocation, and the chapter was then closed.

The companions then adjourned to the banquet, the arrangements for which were personally superintended by the manager, Comp. E. A. Ashby.

On the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the loyal and Royal Arch toasts in very appropriate terms.

In presenting the toast of "The M.E.Z.," Comp. Flegg stated to him it was a great pleasure, and one he thought the most important of the evening. The honour of giving this toast devolved upon him by virtue of his office as I.P.Z., and in that capacity he would state with confidence, well knowing that their M.E.Z. would make an excellent officer. He was an honour to the Temple Lodge, and he was confident he would honour the chapter, as he had its welfare at heart. Already an exalte was announced, which augured well, and while their M.E.Z. practised out of the chapter such excellent precepts as were taught within it the chapter must go on and prosper. He, with the rest of the companions, wished the M.E.Z. a most happy and successful year of office.

In response, the M.E.Z., Comp. F. Williams, thanked the companions for such a hearty reception and Comp. Flegg, who had said such kind things of him. Certainly he had the love of Temple Lodge at heart, and the chapter would be to him as dear, and nothing gave him greater happiness than to be doing for either or both. For such a warm greeting he was deeply touched, and his earnest desire was that they should, for many years to come, meet around that hospitable table.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the M.E.Z. They were honoured by a goodly array of excellent companions, and he trusted they would grace their social board on many future occasions.

Comp. B. R. Bryant, in reply, congratulated the M.E.Z. on attaining the honourable position. It was one of great honour, dignity, and trust, and in order to sustain it as such it required every effort to be put forth. He was confident that effort would be made to the satisfaction of every companion of the chapter. For such hospitality shown to the visitors he heartily thanked them, and his earnest wish was that there would be plenty of work.

Comps. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., and Strong also responded. The toast of "Comps. H. Squire, H., and J. Sparks, J.," was next given by the M.E.Z., who remarked that Comp. Flegg had said he (Comp. Williams) would make a good

First Principal, but he must add that without such excellent companions as H. and J., he could not carry out his duties fully, and he should rely upon them to a very great extent. He wished them long life to adorn the position of M.E.Z., as also that of Past Principals.

The H. and J. suitably acknowledged the compliment paid them.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was given by the M.E.Z., who said they all knew their intense value and superior working. Of their excellent Comps. Lardner and Taylor, he would assure the companions that their working of the installations that evening could not be surpassed. He was attached to a chapter in South London noted for its working, but even there it was not performed better. Also Comps. May, Flegg, Bullock, and the father of the chapter, Comp. White (with whom they deeply sympathised in his illness) all had done most suitable service in the Temple Chapter. Some time ago he had had the honour of attaching to the breast of Comp. Flegg the jewel of Past Master of the Temple Lodge, and now, to show the appreciation of the companions, it gave him the greatest possible pleasure in pinning to his breast the jewel of I.P.Z. of the chapter, unanimously voted him for valuable services rendered during the past year. He (the M.E.Z.) hoped that it would adorn his breast for many, many years, and that it would be present at many of their convocations, accompanied by its owner.

In response Comp. Taylor, Treas., thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, and stated the great amount of pleasure it gave him to render any service to the chapter, as also his colleague, Comp. Lardner, and was gratified it met with approbation. Hitherto the office of Treasurer had been a sinecure, but now he was happy to state there was a balance in favour, and he hoped that during the present year that would be increased, and he would undertake that the money trusted would be rightly disbursed.

Comp. Flegg, as I.P.Z., paid a high tribute of praise to Comps. Lardner and Taylor for able services rendered him during the past year. He was grateful for such a handsome testimony as the jewel, and felt he had not properly earned it; nevertheless he should highly prize it as long as he lived. Everything augured well for the future of the chapter, finances good, working good, and exaltees promising. He should look back with pride upon the past year, and thanked all most heartily for their kind support.

Comps. May, Lardner, and Bullock also ably replied. The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers," congratulating himself and the chapter upon having so good an array.

This was replied to by Comps. Horace Petley, S.N., and C. Plant, P.S.

The Janitor's toast closed one of the best meetings in the annals of Temple Chapter. An excellent book of the words with a cabinet portrait of the M.E.Z. was presented to every companion present.

Comp. Horace Petley, Org., arranged a splendid programme of music, most ably assisted by Comp. Arthur Weston, and Bros. James Budd, Fred. Stephens, and Samuel Wright. Comp. Petley was the able accompanist. The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

CROYDON.

Mozart Chapter (No. 1729).—This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 22nd ult. Among those present were Comps. J. Costello, M.E.Z.; Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z. 141, H.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., acting J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas. Comps. J. Lichenfeld, 205, and G. W. Capel, 464, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, after which the election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing resulted as follows: Comps. Major T. W. Richardson, M.E.Z.; J. Govan, H.; H. H. Shirley, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; Alliston, S.N.; and Lane, Janitor. The election of Treasurer was postponed. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. Comps. Govan, Alliston, and others sent apologies for non-attendance.

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

The proceedings terminated at an early hour, and the companions separated.

Mark Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 4).—The installation meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 29th ult. Through the sudden illness of Bro. W. G. Brighton, P.G.I. of W., &c., W.M., the chair was taken at short notice by Bro. W. Vincent, P.G.A.D.C., who installed Bro. Edwin W. Lewcock into the chair of A., in his usual perfect manner, and the officers were invested as follows: Bros. W. Hunt, S.W.; F. A. Powell, J.W.; J. Smith, M.O.; R. Willoughby, S.O.; Bolt, J.O.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.G.I. of W., Treas.; Charles Pulman, P.G.I.G., Sec.; Gunton, S.D.; F. W. Bate, J.D.; A. Love, I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler.

Prior to the investment, Bros. F. W. Bate and A. Love were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by the newly-installed W.M., who performed the task with great correctness, and the lecture of the Degree was given in good style by Bro. J. Smith.

Two P.M.'s and two other members sent in their resignations, which were accepted with regret.

Bro. George T. Huntley was a visitor.

At the completion of the business the brethren dined at the Holborn Restaurant, after which Bros. Pulman, Hunt, and Lovegrove sung and recited.

Kintore Lodge (No. 333).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 15th ult., when there present Bros. Major Easterbrook, Prov. G.D.C. Surrey, W.M.; James Hill, S.W.; W. Briant, M.O.; Bird, J.O.; Lieut. Col. C. H. Neville, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Surrey, Treas.; J. A. Braik, Prov. G. Stwd. Surrey, Sec.; Rev. W. R. Finlay, Prov. G. Chap. Surrey, Chap.; Mackway, S.D.; Sidney Hill, Org.; Whiteman, Tyler; R. A. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; J. Cureton, Prov. G.D. Surrey; Voisey, P.G.I.G.; W. Scott, Croxson, Hobbs, Jackson, Davis, Austin, Venables, and Harper. The visitors were Bros. Donaldson, W.M., Elgar, S.D., R. C. Davis, J.W., and T. H. Salmon, all of 22.

After the opening of the lodge and the preliminary busi-

ness had been performed, Bro. Voisey installed Bro. J. Hill, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The following brethren were then invested as officers: Bros. Major Easterbrook, I.P.M.; W. Briant, S.W.; C. W. Bird, M.O.; C. W. Davis, S.O.; Mackway, J.O.; Rev. W. R. Finlay, Chap.; Col. Neville, Treas.; W. Scott, R.M.; Braik, Sec.; Croxson, S.D.; Keys, I.G.; Major G. H. N. Bridges, P.M., P.G. Stwd., &c., D.C.; Sidney Hill, Org.; and Whiteman, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Adams was then advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. in a highly creditable manner. The W.M. next presented Bro. Easterbrook with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge, after which the usual addresses were given in a very impressive manner by Bro. Marshall, P.M.

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

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and received in an enthusiastic manner,

Bro. Easterbrook said the next toast was one which would meet with the warmest response of the brethren—"The Health of the W.M." The brethren, both in the Kintore and out of it, knew that their W.M. was a brother most enthusiastic in Masonry, and most painstaking, and ready to do all in his power for the good of Freemasonry, and he could only say that if his (the W.M.'s) health be spared the success of the Kintore Lodge would be assured during the ensuing year.

The W.M. said: I thank you for drinking my health, and I only hope I may enjoy that good health you all so cordially wish me to have. If I do I shall spend it in endeavouring to make you as happy as I possibly can while I preside over the lodge. My accession to the chair of the Kintore Lodge will serve still further to mark what is to me an interesting year of my life.

Bro. Neville, P.M. said: The next toast has been entrusted to me, and it is one which is always of interest in the Kintore Mark Lodge. It is "The Installing Master." All of you know how well the principal part of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Voisey, and all must have been greatly impressed by the eloquent manner in which the addresses were afterwards given by Bro. Marshall.

Bro. Voisey said: I am very much obliged to Bro. Neville for the kind things he has said about me for the services rendered by me to-night. I think it is about seven years ago you did me the honour of electing me an honorary member of the lodge, and I should be ungrateful, indeed, if I did not at any time my services were required give them most reely.

Bro. Marshall also expressed his willingness as a P.M. to at any time perform any duty he was called upon to do.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters and Treasurer and Secretary," adding that in the Kintore as in other lodges the Past Masters were whenever called upon ready to assist the officers in every possible way.

Bro. Newington Bridges, in responding to the very handsome way in which this toast had been proposed and received, said: I beg to thank you. I suppose Past Masters may be likened to the corner-stone of a building they have helped to bind the building together, and it is expected they will be the right stones in the right place. The W.M. has been good enough to entrust me with what in Freemasonry we generally consider the toast of the evening—"The Health of the Advancee, Bro. Dr. Adams." It is a source of very sincere regret to me that I was not present to see the ceremony of advancement, because I know that in the hands to which it was entrusted it would be thoroughly performed. Bro. Adams will find a great deal in this Degree to interest him, and I trust in due time he will work through the various offices to the position which our W.M. occupies to-night.

Bro. Adams said: I thank you for the way in which you have responded to this toast. I am sure I have been very much impressed with the ceremony this evening, and I shall endeavour to follow the advice of Bro. N. Bridges and try to qualify myself for the various offices in the Degree.

The Worshipful Master here made a slight innovation by proposing "The Health of the W.C.N. of the Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge and his Officers," and spoke of the success which attended this Ark lodge, and the pleasure it had given the members to elevate at their last meeting two such distinguished brethren as Bros. Lieut.-Col. Bircham and Bowles, the Prov. G. Treas. and Sec. for Surrey.

In the absence of Bro. W. Brandt, W.C.N., who had been compelled to leave at an early hour, the toast was replied to by the Chaplain, Bro. Finlay, who said he had from time to time marvelled that the Degree should be so remote in the minds and desires of many Mark Masons, but hoped this would quickly become a thing of the past. All being well, on the 15th July next, he hoped to lay the foundation-stone of the new church, and as that would be an ark in its way, he was about to apply for dispensation for the use of Masonic clothing on that occasion, and cordially invited the members of the Kintore Lodge to be present.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Marshall, who, in the name of the W.M., extended a hearty welcome to the brethren of the Southwark Lodge, with whom the Kintore Lodge had been so closely allied since its formation.

Bro. Donaldson suitably responded.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Officers," speaking in complimentary terms of the efficiency displayed by all.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Bro. N. Bridges, in replying, thanked the W.M. for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and, as senior Past Master in the lodge, it was a matter of sincere gratification to him to see the lodge in its present flourishing condition. It had been the constant endeavour of the officers of the lodge to perform the ceremony in as perfect a manner as possible, and for this they were all much indebted to Bro. Voisey, the Preceptor of the Kintore Mark Lodge of Instruction, for the valuable assistance he had rendered them.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

The musical arrangements were admirably carried out under the direction of Bro. Sidney Hill.

BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).—The concluding meeting, prior to the recess of this old Time Immemorial Lodge, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, April 25th, Bro. T. H. Pattison, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. T. E. Greenough,

S.W.; F. D. Harrison, J.W.; J. T. Last, M.O.; Dr. M. Hayes, S.O.; W. Lacock, J.O.; T. Norfolk, I.P.M.; C. J. Schoff, P.P.G.W.; S. Whiteley, P.P.G.D.; Org.; J. Dewhurst, P.M.; W. Moxon, Sec.; G. Martin, S.D.; R. H. Bonsor, J.D.; J. Niven, I.G.; J. Hill, Tyler; S. A. Auty, Chap.; Joseph Wilson, P.S.W.; John Ingleby, R. H. Pullan, A. W. Pullin, Joseph Clifford, and George C. Gamble.

The minutes of the previous lodge were duly confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Wittaker, 408, and Bro. C. Cromack, P.M. 2330, which proved in their favour, and both being in attendance they were advanced to the Degree of a Mark Master by the Worshipful Master, assisted by Bros. Norfolk and Whiteley. The working tools were explained by Bro. Greenough, S.W. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Bros. Greenough, S.W., as W.M.; G. Althorp, P.P.G.W., as Treas. (re-elected); and Bro. John Hill, as Tyler.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

BRENTWOOD.

Brentwood Lodge (No. 377).—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 11th ult. at the White Hart Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. C. Quennell, W.M.; J. L. Nissen, S.W.; F. H. Meggy, J.W.; Imbert Terry, P.M.; John Ramsey, P.M.; G. Cooper, P.M.; F. Landon, E. C. Wills, R. H. Lyon, and T. Humphreys. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; J. C. Bastone, Col. Burgess, and A. W. Garrood.

The W.M. very ably advanced Bro. A. Darby into Mark Masonry, after which Bro. Matier assumed the chair, and in his usual faultless style installed Bro. J. L. Nissen into the chair, who appointed the following officers: Bros. F. H. Meggy, S.W.; E. C. Wills, J.W.; H. G. Hobson, M.O.; R. H. Lyon, S.O.; Carlyon Hughes, J.O.; G. Cooper, P.G.O., Treas.; F. Landon, Sec.; T. Humphreys, Reg.; Rev. W. Quennell, S.D.; R. J. Symonds, J.D.; and A. Darby, I.G.

All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This prosperous provincial lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 17th ult., when there were present, among others: Bros. E. W. Davis, P.G.S., W.M.; H. Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.O., acting S.W.; C. H. Köhler, P.M., P.P.G.S., acting J.W.; George Everett, M.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.C., P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. W. Westley, R. of M.; Pentelow, S.D.; R. W. Forge, J.D.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; and Hanson, Tyler.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. Woodruff, S.W.; H. Von Joel, J.W.; W. Thomas, I.P.M., P.G.J.O.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. presided most ably.

Bro. W. Fisher, P.G. Stwd., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a neat little speech.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. H. Higgins, who duly acknowledged the compliment.

Bros. C. H. Köhler and W. J. Porter replied on behalf of "The Past Masters, and

Bro. George Everett made a characteristic speech in responding to the pledge of "The Officers."

The proceedings were not protracted.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, P.M., &c., W.M.; J. Cox, S.W.; Oliver, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, P.M., Sec. and I.G.; Thomas, S.D.; and Kirke, J.D.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Kirke, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was then worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting was held at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street, W., on Wednesday evening, the 24th ult. Present: Bros. Crossingham, W.M.; Mason, S.W.; Edy, J.W.; Wilby, Sec. and I.G.; Hemming, P.M.; Thom, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; and Milne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Mason, and the 3rd Section by Bro. Hemming, P.M. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. W. Wood, P.M. 193, and G. U. Milne were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; J. Banks, S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; R. Reid, S.D.; H. Bone, J.D.; E. Fox, I.G.; W. Hinds, R. H. Williams, P.M., and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Bro. D. S. Long, P.M., in appreciation of his long services as Secretary. The lodge was then closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. Hooper, W.M.; Niblett, S.W.; Reilly, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, Sec.; A. C. Wood, Chabôt, and Stocks.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Chabôt, who after having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Chabôt raised in due form. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. Bro. Rice was elected to occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, W.M.; J. T. Haley, S.W.; A. L. Butters, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; L. J. Powell, S.D.; D. F. Norrington, J.D.; T. M. Lambie, I.G.; G. Weaver, Stwd.; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; R. T. Godfrey, S. Mann, and H. Campbell. Bro. W. C. James, 141, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Godfrey being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. James was elected a member, Bro. Haley was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The brethren agreed to continue their support to Bros. G. Read, J. J. Thomas, and W. J. Mason for the Board of General Purpose, being well satisfied that they were proper brethren for the appointment. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. G. T. Peall, W.M.; R. Philip Upton, S.W.; A. Oliver, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon and J. Duncan, Secretaries; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; A. Ingram I.G.; C. C. Renaud, and R. W. Nicole.

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. Renaud being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coxon, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Hancock as W.M. elect. Bro. Peall resumed the chair, and Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed and adjourned until the first Tuesday in September.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Jones, W.M.; Norrington, S.W.; Willans, J.W.; Foan, Preceptor; Hoggins, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas.; Keene, Sec.; Shipton, S.D.; Dukas, J.D.; Morrell, I.G.; Walker, Org.; Warren, Gehlen, Berry, Hamlyn, Cogliati, Ham, Watson, Forest, Sandland, Bradley, Dr. Nutt, Wise, Downes, Harris, Gibelli, Avergini, Rowe, Warwick, and Hancock.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Cogliati having offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the first time, Bros. Forrester, 1681, and Avanzini, 1559, were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. A. Norrington, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that a vote of condolence and sympathy be entered on the minutes to the widow and family of the late Bro. Davis, seconded by Bro. Foan, carried unanimously. The Secretary to write to the widow of the late Bro. Davis. On the motion of Bro. Foan, Bro. Stuart was unanimously elected Organist of that lodge of instruction and an honorary member. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. B. Neville, W.M.; H. R. Elkin, S.W.; E. E. Gellowski, P.M., J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; C. G. Hatt, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; J. J. Rumbal, I.G.; A. Williams, W.M. 834; W. Hillier, John Ford, W. R. White, J. H. Neville, R. Henderson, and H. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ford acting as candidate. Bro. White offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been proved and entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the passing ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Elkin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. R. Henderson and H. W. Williams were elected joining members, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Hide, W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Whiteley, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Reid, S.D.; Larkham, J.D.; Pinchbeck, I.G.; A. William, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M.; Cumming, P.M.; McDermott, R. J. Williams, and Fox.

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. McDermott being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. William, P.M. Bro. Fox being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Hide re-occupied the chair, and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed in due form.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 26th ult., when there were

present Comps. H. G. Martin, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, H.; T. Pullen, J.; Grummant, P.Z., acting Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; G. Thompson, S.N.; W. Dawson, P.S.; McIntyre North, Barr, Hill, Hooper, Rice, Lewis, Andrews, W. Davies, Dr. Adams, and Frank Williams.

The minutes of the previous weekly meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. Dunn personating candidate. Comp. Hooper, 1622, was elected a joining member. Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, was elected M.E.Z. for first Friday in September. It was resolved that a letter be written to Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, upon attaining his jubilee. Also that a letter of condolence be sent to Comp. Benedetti upon the irreparable loss of his wife. Chapter adjourned to the first Friday in September, at 7 p.m., when the three installations will be rehearsed.

Knights Templar.

DARLINGTON.

St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held on Tuesday, the 9th ultimo, Sir Knight C. H. Backhouse, P.E.P., presiding. The following were present: Sir Knights J. J. Wilkes, Provincial Sub-Prior; Dr. Hill Drury, Provincial Constable; Rev. C. Jackson, P.E.P., Prelate; C. H. Sharp, Constable; Rev. R. Coulton, Marshal; H. Warwick, Sub-Marshal; R. Luck, P.E.P.; T. Ness, P.E.P.; S. F. Bousfield, P.E.P.; W. N. Cochrane, and many others.

The minutes of the last regular preceptory were read and confirmed. Comp. J. Robinson, who had previously been elected, was then admitted and installed, the ceremony being ably performed by Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury.

The preceptory was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the refectory to enjoy the hospitality of the Eminent Preceptor.

CONCORD CONCLAVE AND MOUNT HOREB SANCTUARY, JERSEY.

The Grand Recorder, Sir Knight C. F. Matier, accompanied by four other members of the Imperial Council, arrived in Jersey on the morning of the 19th ult., and paid an official visit to this conclave in the evening. They were accompanied by the Intendant-General of Jersey, Colonel Malet de Carteret, and by Sir Knight Captain Le Seelleur, P.G.S.B., and were received in due form by the members of the conclave.

After the proceedings in the temple, the sir knights adjourned to Sir Knight Bree's Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared, and to which ample justice was done.

Some excellent speeches followed, more particularly that given by Colonel MALET DE CARTERET in proposing the toast of "Our Distinguished Visitors," to which a most happy and felicitous reply was given by Sir Knight C. F. MATIER.

To Sir Knight BOIS was confided the loyal toasts. Sir Knight HAMLING, in responding to the toast of "The Officers of the Conclave," gave a most interesting résumé of the history of the Concord Conclave.

We congratulate the conclave in possessing Sir Knight Hamling as its Recorder; a more able, energetic, enthusiastic, or conscientious Masonic brother does not exist in Jersey.

Sir Knight STICKLAND, who represented the Guernsey Conclave, returned thanks for the generous hospitality he had received, and regretted the absence of the Intendant-General of Guernsey, who he was sure was with them in the spirit though unavoidably absent in person, and of whose apologies for his absence he was the bearer.

Sir Knights Capt. Barette and Oldridge, who acted as Stewards, carried out their onerous duties to the complete satisfaction of all concerned.

The representative members of Council and Senate proceeded to Guernsey on Tuesday morning, the 23rd ult., and we learn met with an enthusiastic reception. We venture to hope that the ladies who accompanied the party have carried away a favourable opinion of the Islands, and that the small attentions offered them by the Intendant-Generals both of Jersey and Guernsey, who, we know, are never found wanting on these occasions, may induce them again to accompany their husbands when either duty or pleasure leads them to revisit this Norman Archipelago.

As regards one point we certainly offer the distinguished party our sincere congratulations. Neptune was in one of his happiest moods—he is not always so—and for this gracious act we commend him to the powers that be, and the Grand Registrar-General in particular, with a view to his obtaining Past Grand rank not merely for this past service, but as a grateful offering for favours to come.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council (No. 1).—This distinguished council met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 18th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. B. R. Bryant, P.T.I.M., G. Lecturer, T.I.M.; Edwin Storr, D.M., T.I.M. elect; G. Powell, P.C. of W.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.D.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., C. of G.; W. A. Scurrah, 2nd M.; G. Gregory, J. Hay, A.W.; R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., P.T.I.M.; Lieut.-Col. Vansittart, Major Hansard, Ur. Ezard, Nelson Prower, M.A., B. Stewart, J. Smith, and C. Slater. Bros. Capt. E. Money and John Read were visitors.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, Comps. Sewell, Kirk, Moore, and Taylor having been duly balloted for, were most impressively admitted,

received, and greeted as M.E.M., B.M., S.M., and S.E.M. by the T.I.M., ably assisted by Comps. Graveley, Loveland, Shirley, and Gregory. The Recorder installed Comp. E. Storr as T.I.M. The following appointments were made: Comps. Bryant, P.D.M.; G. Powell, D.M.; the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; the Rev. R. Peek, M.A., Asst. Chap.; G. Graveley, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Recorder; H. H. Shirley, P.C. of W.; R. Roy, M.A., C. of G.; A. McDowall, C. of C.; W. A. Scurrah, Major Williamson, J.P., and J. J. Pakes, Marshals; Dr. Pocock and G. Gregory, Stewards; J. Hay and J. J. Thomas, Warders; Nelson Prower, M.A., I.S.; and E. Mills, O.S. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. the Earl of Euston, G.M.; C. F. Matier, G. Recorder; Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, P.D.G.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M., P.T.I.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M.; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., Major P. Dunbar, R. Roy, M.A., J. J. Thomas, the Rev. W. Lemon, D.D., P.G. Chap.; G. Everett, H. Higgins, and many others.

The council was then closed in the D-degree of Select Master, and the companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the annual festival was held. Comp. Edwin Storr, the T.I.M., presided in a most genial manner, his utterances being very eloquent.

Comps. Loveland, Bryant, Shirley, and Capt. Money also spoke well of the Cryptic Rite in general, and of the Grand Master's Council in particular.

A MASONIC JUBILEE.

A Masonic anniversary of probably unique significance was celebrated in Bristol on Thursday, the 18th ult. On May 18th, 1843, a candidate was initiated in the Moira Lodge of Honour, who had been a member of it during the whole of the 50 years which have since elapsed, and having attained to the highest position in the lodge, has filled many distinguished positions, and is now Provincial Grand Master of Bristol. Bro. W. A. F. Powell is universally respected throughout the province, and he will be warmly congratulated by the Craft generally upon the attainment of his Masonic jubilee; indeed his fellow citizens generally can sympathise with the rejoicings of his brethren on the occasion. It was contrary to his wish that any great demonstration should be made in connection with the event, but he consented to attend a special meeting of his mother lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, when additional interest was given to the occasion by the presence of Bro. Hugh Owen, who 53 years ago became a member of the lodge, and who at 85 years of age journeyed from London to do honour to his old friend and associate.

The W.M., Bro. Albert Barratt, occupied the chair, and the following members of the lodge were also present: Bros. W. H. Brown, I.P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. A. F. Powell, P.M., P.G.M.; Hugh Owen, P.M., P.P. J.G.D.; Samuel Edwards, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. W. Stone, P.M., D.C., P.P.G. Std. Br.; N. C. Bamfield, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. N. Hunt, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; H. Gough, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; Alfred W. Powell, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Henry Austin, S.W.; E. E. Hobbs, J.W.; E. H. Baker, Sec.; Herbert Fielding, S.D.; H. R. Withycombe, J.D.; John Boyd, I.G.; R. G. Parmenter, Org.; E. J. Sellick, P.P.G.C.; W. Rice, P.M. 1755; Joseph Littleton, L. J. T. Beck, Thomas Bamfield, J. Stoute, and J. Webber, Tyler.

The matter was scarcely known beyond the lodge or the hall would have been crowded with the brethren of the province. The following visitors, however, were present: Bros. J. R. Bramble, P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M.; Pierrepont Harris, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; C. W. Cope-Proctor, P.M. 187, Prov. G. Treas.; W. E. Parry, P.M. 686, Prov. G. Reg.; E. Atyrubb, P.M. 68, P.P.S.G.D.; Harold Lewis, P.M. 686, Prov. G.S.B.; Robert Clive, P.M. 610, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Wilkinson, P.M. 68, P.P.J.G.D.; W. G. Vowles, P.M. 103, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Pearce, P.M. 610; J. Northam, W.M. 2257; C. J. Hill, 2257, W.M. elect 1296; W. Church, 103; A. C. Powell, Sec. 187; E. Holden, 68; J. J. Justice, 610; T. Colenutt, 1833; G. Will, 1750; T. Protheroe, 2257; T. H. Brown, 610; and R. H. Strappell, S.W. 1833.

The Worshipful Master expressed the pleasure they all felt at seeing their Provincial Grand Master with them on that auspicious occasion. In a few well-chosen words he presented the following address on behalf of the lodge:

To the Right Worshipful Brother William Augustus Frederick Powell, Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, Past Grand Deacon of England.

The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Moira Lodge of Honour, No. 326, desire, on the completion of the 50th year of your membership of the lodge in which you were initiated, May 18th, 1843, installed W.M. Dec. 2nd, 1846, to express their deep sense of the value of the services you have rendered to Masonry, and of their appreciation of the honour which you have conferred upon your mother lodge during your membership.

They also desire to express their sincere hope that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to permit you to enjoy a long continuance in your exalted office.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1893.

Albert Barratt, W.M.; Wm. Hy. Brown, I.P.M.; Henry Austin, S.W.; E. E. Hobbs, J.W.; J. T. Hallam, P.M. and Treas.; E. H. Baber, Sec.; Henry Fielding, S.D.; Henry Robert Withycombe, J.D.; Thos. W. Stone, P.M. and D.C.; John Boyd, I.G.

Following these signatures was a list of the present members of the lodge in order of seniority. The address had been very beautifully illuminated on vellum by Bro. W. Bennett. It was bound in blue morocco, ornamented with gold, and lined with very rich shot silk. Each page was surrounded with emblematic borders, and the back of each leaf was adorned with Masonic emblems, such as the badge of a P.G.M. and the like. The frontispiece was a platinotype portrait

by Bro. T. Protheroe, of Bro. Powell, with his arms and the city arms.

The presentation having been made, Bro. HUGH OWEN, as the father of Masonry in Bristol, congratulated the P.G.M., not only upon the position in which the Prince had worthily placed him, but also upon attaining his jubilee. In a very graceful speech, he said they were very young together, but as he was a few years the elder he entered Masonry first; in fact he had been 53 years a Mason. He well remembered the meeting at which their P.G.M. was a candidate, introduced by his honoured father, than whom a more worthy brother never entered a Masonic lodge. His son had held the highest offices in the province, and won the confidence of the highest, the noblest, the humblest, and the simplest of brethren.

Bro. JOHN NORTHAM, the newly-installed W.M. of No. 2257, conveyed the congratulations of the lodge which was permitted to bear the honoured name of Powell, and

Bro. W. E. VOWLES, P.P.J.G.W., as a Bristol Mason of 35 years standing, added his felicitations.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was received with enthusiastic applause, rose to reply, and said he could not adequately express his thanks for the honour done him by his mother lodge. So long as he lived the beautiful address they had presented to him would be among his most precious Masonic treasures. Bro. Owen had referred to 50 years ago, and very few could expect to see the 50th anniversary of their initiation. But to be a subscribing member to a lodge for 50 years, to have become its W.M., to have held various offices, and at the end of the time to be Grand Master of the province was, he believed, absolutely unique. He could say he had never sought any office, but he could claim one merit for himself, a good feeling for the Craft, a desire to uphold it, to maintain its character, and to do all in his power to help a brother Mason. He was unable now to be as active as he had been in years gone by. In fact had he known the illnesses he should have to undergo he would not have accepted his present position. In conclusion, he wished the W.M. and brethren of every lodge in the province that prosperity, goodwill, and harmony, which Masons ought to possess and had done in a peculiar degree in the Province of Bristol during the whole time he had known it.

The proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close.

THE LATE W. BRO. H. J. WHYMPER, C.I.E., DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB.

We have a melancholy pleasure in giving prominence to this the first communication from India, other than by cable, respecting the decease of the lamented Bro. Whymper. Bro. Capt. Leslie is the W.M. of the Stewart Lodge, and was a close Masonic friend of the Deputy District Grand Master now, alas! no more.

It will be with feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret that the death of W. Bro. H. J. Whymper is heard of, not only in his own district and lodge, but over the whole Masonic world, for it is not too much to say that his collection of works on Freemasonry, and his vast knowledge of its literature, are known to all true lovers of the Masonic art.

He had gone to Bombay to see an old friend off to England, and it was there that he was taken ill. On the 19th April he was admitted to the European General Hospital, where he rapidly sank, and died on the 27th, of dysentery and fever.

He was initiated in Mayo Lodge, No. 1413, at Rawal Pindi, on December the 17th, 1872, took the R.A. Degree in the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, and in due course became a member of the 32°, a Knight Templar, and a Knight of Malta. He was a member of the Inner Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and at the time of his death was Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab.

To his Lodge—Stewart, No. 1960—of which he was a founder, his loss is irreparable, and in the District of the Punjab he will leave a gap which it will not be possible to fill. Well versed in all branches of Masonic literature, a staunch and generous supporter of all the Masonic and social undertakings of his lodge, ever ready to help and advise, to assist and instruct; his genial face will be missed, his kindly words and actions ever remembered by all Freemasons in the Punjab, but by none more than his sorrowing brethren of the Stewart Lodge.

I enclose a circular indicative of the desire of No. 1960, to honour the memory of our beloved friend and brother, which, kindly publish with this communication, and much oblige,

J. H. LESLIE, W.M. 1960.

Rawal Pindi, April 29.

THE STEWART LODGE,

No. 1960, E.C.

Rawal Pindi, April 30th, 1893.

Dear Sir and Bro.,

Overleaf you will find a copy of a resolution that was passed at a regular meeting of this lodge held at Rawal Pindi on April the 29th, 1893.

The late Bro. Whymper's connection with Freemasonry in nearly every part of the globe (for he was a prolific writer on Masonic subjects), but especially in this district, call upon us to perpetuate his name.

I ask you, therefore, not only to help in the matter yourself, but to use all the influence you can in getting others to help—both lodges and individuals.

Believe me, dear Sir and Bro., yours fraternally,

J. H. LESLIE, W.M.

RESOLUTION.

"That this lodge take immediate steps to raise a fund, to be called the 'Whymper Memorial Fund,' and to ask all Masonic bodies, Freemasons, and others to help, with a view to establish a memorial to our late Bro. Henry Josiah Whymper, C.I.E., Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab, a founder and member of this lodge.

That whatever amount is raised be divided into three equal shares, and these sums be handed over respectively to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Punjab Masonic Institution, for investment in such manner as the trustees of those several Institutions think fit, and that the interest accruing from such investments be given annually as a scholarship, to be called 'The Whymper Memorial Scholarship,' to one pupil in those several Institutions, under terms to be hereafter decided upon; but that the P. M. I. scholarship be divided equally into two, one for a European and one for a native child.

That this lodge form itself into an Executive Committee to carry out all the details of the scheme, with power to add to its number, and that all members of the lodge be authorised to collect and receive monies on behalf of the fund.

That an account in the name of the fund be opened in the Commercial and Land Mortgage Bank, to which all monies should be paid."

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. JOHN LARKIN, I.P.M. 1857.

It has been the custom of the Aldersgate Lodge for several years past on the retirement of the W.M. from the chair, to pay him the graceful compliment of inviting him to a banquet, at which he appears as the guest of the brethren over whom he has for the year preceding exercised his authority as ruler. This pleasant experience of relief from the cares of office, was this year enjoyed by Bro. John Larkin, than whom no more genial brother has not occupied the chair of this representative City lodge.

The Forest of Epping was the rural retreat chosen, and the Royal Forest Hotel the hostelry at which to dine. The party left Liverpool-street station on Saturday last, at 1.33, in reserved carriages. On arrival at Chingford a four-in-hand was waiting for a three hours' drive through the forest. Not the least pleasant part of the journey was the half-hour spent at Bro. Webb's "Ye Old King's Head," the unique old hostelry immortalised by Dickens in *Barnaby Rudge*, and of which he writes in one of his published letters: "Chigwell, my dear fellow, is the greatest place in the world! Name your day for going. Such a delicious old inn facing the church. Such a lovely ride. Such forest scenery. Such an out of the way rural place. Such a sexton. I say again, name your day!" After being shown by the host Dickens' "Bed-room," and "The table on which he wrote *Barnaby Rudge*," the party proceeded on their way to the more imposing establishment which has been reared in that district since the time of Dickens, where an excellent dinner was awaiting them.

In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. E. F. B. Fuller, the chair was taken by Bro. Geo. Kenning, P.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. S. White, P.M. and Treas. There were also present Bros. Geo. Rawlinson, S.W.; James Shotter, J.W.; Septimus Croft, S.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M. and Sec.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; Edward Anderton, P.M.; A. B. Hudson, P.M.; Cox, S.W. 3; Owen, and Messrs. Radcliffe, Rawlinson, Smythe, Langton, Bennett, Warrick, Arnold, Stringer, Pallery, Dridge, and Fletcher.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. J. D. Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. W. Thompson, W. R. Briscoe, Alderman T. Renals, P.M.; M. R. Webb, P.M.; and E. C. Philpot.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were most heartily given and received.

The CHAIRMAN next presented the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. John Larkin, I.P.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge." Bro. Kenning said that he regretted the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. F. B. Fuller, who would have proposed the toast with greater ability, although he would yield to none in the respect and esteem that he held for Bro. Larkin, whom he had known and worked with for many years in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry. He was glad of the unexpected opportunity of testifying to the good qualities of such an old friend, who could be trusted on all occasions, making friends with all, upholding during his Mastership the dignity and proud position which the lodge had held from its formation, emulating the actions of the previous Worshipful Masters by a large contribution to each of the three Charitable Institutions. He then had the greatest possible pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. John Larkin, representing as he did at that moment the heartfelt good wishes of every gentleman present for the health and prosperity of their guest.

Bro. LARKIN, in thanking the Chairman, brethren, and visitors for the great compliment paid him in attending in such numbers, and in responding to the toast so flatteringly given by the Chairman, said he had been connected with Aldersgate for over 40 years, and had always received great kindness from the Aldersgate Lodge, and hoped that he might be spared many years to render help to the same.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the toast of "The Visitors." The members of Aldersgate Lodge were never better pleased than when they had a goodly number of visitors. On this occasion the number of visitors exceeded the number of the members of the lodge, and on behalf of the lodge he offered them all a most hearty welcome.

Bros. OWEN and COX responded on behalf of "The Brethren," and Mr. WARRICK for "The Non-Masons."

The next toast was proposed in an eloquent speech by Bro. SAMUEL WHITE, P.M. and Treas., it being "The Chairman," who briefly responded to the compliment.

"The Health of Bro. Samuel White, P.M. and Treasurer," was then proposed, and responded in his usual happy manner.

In proposing the last toast, "The Health of Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M. and Secretary," the CHAIRMAN said that, as usual, Bro. Jolliffe had made all the arrangements for their pleasant summer outing in honour of Bro. John Larkin, with the usual result that everyone was delighted.

Bro. JOLLIFFE, in reply, assured the brethren that he had the interest of the Aldersgate Lodge at heart, and desired to offer his best and most sincere thanks for the very cordial way in which the Chairman had proposed his health, and for the kind manner in which both members and visitors had responded to it.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the General Committee of the above Institution took place on the 25th ult., Bro. A. C. Spaul, Grand Std. Br., in the chair. The minutes of the previous meetings of the General, House, and Finance Committees having been read and confirmed, the following brethren only were nominated for the House Committee: Bros. Ralph Clutton, T. Fenn, Robt. Grey, C. Hammerton, H. A. Hunt, E. Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, J. H. Matthews, Sir J. B. Monckton, Frank Richardson, A. C. Spaul, and Ed. Terry.

The following were elected on the Finance Committee also without a contest: Bros. W. Bailey, W. M. Bywater, E. C. Davies, E. Johnson, W. G. Kentish, Thos. Kingston, Dr. George Mickley, E. M. Money, H. F. Nash, Dr. H. W. Roberts, W. Vincent, and Col. J. Ward, C.B.

Bros. Col. Hugh M. Gordon, J. H. Matthews, E. M. Money, W. Morley, H. F. Nash, A. C. Spaul, Wm. Vincent, C. H. Webb, and F. Wright, were elected on the Petitions Committee.

Messrs. Schröder and Chappelow were elected accountants for the ensuing 12 months.

In consequence of the lengthened period of the holidays caused by the recent outbreak of fever at the Institution it was resolved that an allowance should be made to the parents and friends of the girls who asked for it as was made under similar circumstances by the R.M.I. for Boys, viz., after the rate of 10s. per week for the time in excess of the ordinary summer holidays.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL AND THE PRINCESS MAY.

In reply to a letter from the Girls of the Royal Masonic Institution, at Battersea Rise, in which, recalling the kind and gracious visit recently paid to them by the Princess May in company with H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck, the girls, by the hand of their Senior, the Gold Medallist of last year, offered their respectful and affectionate congratulations on the happy event that is approaching. Her Serene Highness has written in the following gracious terms:

"White Lodge,
"Richmond Park.
"17th May, 1893.

"To the Girls of the Royal Masonic Institution:
"I have received your letter with much pleasure, and I desire to thank you very sincerely for the kind good wishes which you have sent me.

"VICTORIA MARY OF TECK."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the Council was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 26th ult., the chair being taken by Bro. Major Le Feuvre, Vice-President. Amongst those present were Bros. John Barnett, A. B. Bennett, R. D. Cummings, G. S. Cummings, Geo. Corble, Fairchild, J. J. Thomas, W. Thomas, Jas. Terry, R. Glasspool, B. Kaufmann, F. W. Levander, W. J. Mason, A. Moore, P. A. Nairne, Chas. Shepherd, J. Stephens, W. H. Saunders, R. P. Stevens, W. A. Tinney, D. H. Jacobs, A. Howell, G. Greiner, R. T. Redfearn, J. M. McLeod, Sec., and others.

An extraordinary election for a London member of Board of Management, in place of Bro. Edward Terry (resigned in consequence of exigencies of business preventing his attendance) took place. The candidates were Bros. Robert Martin, a former member of the Board, nominated by Bro. PRITCHARD, and Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M. and Sec. 2168, W.M. elect 2427 (both being Life Governors), nominated by Bro. S. COCHRANE, G. Treas. Bro. Cummings was elected by a considerable majority, and will serve until April, 1895, being the unexpired time of his predecessor.

Four petitions were accepted and placed on the list for the October election, two being London and two provincial cases. Eleven cases were deferred for completion of various certificates.

Notice of motion by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY of Warwickshire was given for the Quarterly Court of

July, to take up a right for a Perpetual Presentation granted as far back as 1876.

Some discussion took place on the proposed new laws, and a verbal alteration made in Law 34, the word "removed" being substituted for "expelled" in the last line.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

In our last issue we gave a list of the successful candidates at the election on the 19th ult., and for the information of subscribers we append the names of the unsuccessful candidates, with the numbers standing to their credit for the next election:

MALES.

J. Shakell ...	2410	B. Robinson ...	190
Alfred Robbins ...	1650	Henry Winsor ...	53
Joseph Perry ...	1460	W. B. Graham ...	29
H. J. Smith ...	1456	Peter V. Hatton ...	18
A. Finch ...	1090	R. W. Hubbard ...	18
Jabez B. Sargeant ...	871	Robert Pitts ...	17
John Bagshaw ...	728	John Priest ...	17
G. T. Brown ...	664	Dennis Sullivan ...	12
Francis Long ...	657	W. W. Boniface ...	10
J. Eastbrook ...	562	Thos. S. Stockman ...	10
James P. W. Gillard ...	312	H. Adams ...	8
George Whitley ...	309	John Kilshaw ...	6
John Musham ...	304	Gilbert Henry Burton ...	4
George Robson ...	294	William Dodge ...	4
Robert Nichol ...	271	Edwin Pickering ...	2
Wm. John McLean ...	224	Thomas Stanford ...	2
George Fox ...	142	David Clark ...	1
Richard Glover ...	253	George Bailes ...	—
Henry Miller ...	217	E. Walshaw ...	—
John Moxon ...	212		

FEMALES.

Sarah Welsford ...	4178	Fliza A. Mannington ...	245
Mary White ...	4127	K. E. Wagner ...	245
Amelia Thomas ...	3861	Olivia Russell ...	228
Sarah Wills ...	3512	Mary Ann Foot ...	224
Catherine Morris ...	3347	Nancy Cowell ...	173
E. Ough ...	2105	Sarah Meader ...	145
E. Whitehouse ...	2022	Jane Salisbury ...	98
S. Barter ...	1465	Elizabeth Best ...	72
E. Pickett ...	1461	Elizabeth Olive ...	47
Hannah Rolfe ...	1047	Elizabeth Ionn ...	27
Maria Vile ...	980	Annie Cartledge ...	23
M. A. Parker ...	966	R. Scholfield ...	22
E. Mills ...	922	Elizabeth Clarke ...	19
M. J. Clifton ...	871	Sarah Mann ...	11
M. A. Reed ...	667	H. M. Nichols ...	10
Sarah Rigalsford ...	604	H. B. Yates ...	9
Ann Eves ...	527	E. A. Sutton ...	8
Ann Stanton ...	514	M. A. Snart ...	5
H. Neeve ...	481	A. Deller ...	2
Sarah Blight ...	327	M. Miller ...	1
M. J. Garry ...	294	Charlotte Lemon ...	—

Obituary.

BRO. ALFRED JAMES WOODWARD.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death of Bro. Alfred James Woodward, partner in the firm of Wheeler and Co., hosiers, &c., Poultry, E.C., who died on Tuesday, the 16th ult., and was buried at Norwood Cemetery on Saturday, the 20th ult. Bro. Woodward was a member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87. This being his mother lodge, the members sent a beautiful wreath, with inscription attached as follows: "In memoriam of our highly-esteemed and respected Bro. Alfred J. Woodward, from the brethren of the Vitruvian Lodge of Freemasons, No. 87." The United Mariners Lodge of Instruction also sent a handsome wreath. Bros. W. H. Dallimore, W.M., and W. H. Bale, P.M. and Treas., of the Vitruvian Lodge, also sent floral emblems, the former in the shape of a cross, the latter a wreath of white flowers, interspersed with pink roses, the favourite flower of the deceased. The employees of Wheeler and Co. sent a very large and handsome floral harp with the fourth string broken, in fact the coffin was completely enveloped with floral devices of all descriptions. The funeral was admirably carried out by and under the personal superintendence of Bro. E. Dunn, of Peckham, in his usual careful and efficient style. In the first carriage as chief mourners were the deceased's two sons and his two brothers-in-law. In the second carriage Mr. J. Pellatt, C.C., our late brother's partner, Bro. the Rev. H. Vyvian Tyrell, Chaplain to the Mozart and Guelph Lodges, Bro. G. Coppin, Bro. W. H. Dallimore, W.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge, and Bro. W. H. Bale, P.M. and Treas. of the same lodge, who introduced and by special desire initiated our late brother into Freemasonry. The burial service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. H. Vyvian Tyrell, a very old friend of the deceased. After the usual service and prayers in the church, which were rendered in a most effective and impressive manner, Bro. the Rev. H. Vyvian Tyrell gave a special and most telling exhortation to the brethren present, alluding to the emblems of mortality which lay before them, and earnestly appealing to them to lead the life of good Masons by adhering to and practising the principles taught them in their lodges, which would considerably enhance their comfort and pleasure on earth, and prepare them for the life hereafter. This was a grand effort on his part, and made such an impression on his hearers that brought tears to their eyes. At the graveside our reverend brother, after donning his Chaplain's collar, read the usual Masonic prayers, and at the proper time dropped the emblematic sprig on the coffin, which was duly responded to by all the brethren present, to the number of about 60.