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ARTICLE 219 AND THE CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 656, SYDNEY, N.S.W.

We are not surprised that Grand Lodge should have adopted by a handsome majority the resolution submitted by Bro. EVE, Past G. Treas. Not only was the speech in which he urged its adoption an able and impressive one, and well calculated to elicit the sympathies of his audience, but the arguments he employed were in strict harmony with those which had been used on previous occasions in reference to the same or a similar question by such recognised expositors of our law as the late Pro Grand Master and the present Grand Registrar and President of the Board of General Purposes. Grand Lodge, indeed, fully realised that it could not well, without rendering itself ridiculous, set at naught the arguments which itself had adopted at the instigation of those very distinguished brethren, and if it felt any slight hesitation as to the course it should pursue on this occasion, it must have been in consequence of the difficulty of reconciling the Grand Registrar's utterances of to-day with his utterances on the occasions cited by Bro. EVE in his resolution.

The case is really a very simple one. The law which governs it was as follows in the 1873 edition of the Book of Constitutions—see Article 29, page 71: "Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance; but if all the members of a lodge withdraw, the warrant becomes extinct." It reads as follows in the present Book of Constitutions—see Article 219: "Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three, the warrant becomes extinct." The Grand Registrar was pleased to lay some stress on the importance of the omission from the law as it now stands of the words "who adhere to their allegiance;" but, with all deference to his opinion, we consider it is only a lawyer of exceptional ability who could have deduced any importance from the omission. When the majority of a lodge retire from it, "the rest of the members" are those who do not retire and who must, of necessity, be those "who adhere to their allegiance." Hence the definition laid down in the 1873 edition of "the rest of the members" as those "who adhere to their allegiance" being, as it clearly was, supererogatory, was omitted from the present edition. The material alteration that was made in the law by the framers of the present edition will be found in the latter of its two clauses. Under the law as it was before 1883 a minority of one or two members was sufficient to prevent the warrant from becoming extinct; now the minority must not "at any time be less than three."

But while the case is simple enough and must remain so if people will only allow plain English to speak for itself, the Grand Registrar has very adroitly succeeded in converting pure and unadulterated simplicity into a somewhat complex business, from which we readily admit it is difficult to elude the clear and absolute intention of the law. Thus, while on the one hand he admits that under Article 219, though the majority (say of 100) has retired from it, a minority of three is legally entitled to retain the warrant and with it the power of assembling as a lodge, he points out, on the other hand, that "the rule always had been that the majority of a lodge must regulate the minority." We shall not pause to consider whether this latter view is or is not directly at variance with the admission that Article 219 means what it was evidently intended to mean. Indeed, we are prepared to accept the position as set forth by the Grand Registrar—however complicated he may have succeeded in making it—up to this point. But we take the liberty of pointing out—as elsewhere in his speech the Grand Registrar was himself particularly careful in pointing out—that the question whether an English lodge should remain under the English Constitution and pass under another, is one that cannot be decided in open lodge. He is reported to have said: "If they chose to meet the brethren out of lodge they could do it; they could not do it in lodge—that was the New South Wales decision, that they could not meet and discuss in a lodge an act which would be really an act of repudiating the English authority." We are therefore landed in this extremely difficult position—that this Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, New South Wales, has been wiped out of its English existence by the irregular act of a majority of its members, who had met together and decided to adopt this course, not as the Lodge, No. 656—which the Grand Registrar is careful to tell us they were incompetent to do—but as a body of individual Masons, who would necessarily be incompetent to do outside the lodge what they could not do legally when duly constituted as the lodge. From all which it results that the warrant of this Cambrian Lodge has been

irregularly cancelled by the Grand Secretary of a body to which it was irregularly handed over for cancellation by a majority—or if Bro. EVE or any one prefers it, let us say, a minority—of its members irregularly assembled together to consider out of lodge a question which the Grand Registrar tells us they were legally incompetent to deal with in lodge. And we are told that for all this series of grave irregularities there is absolutely no remedy!

There are sundry other points to which attention may reasonably be directed. Firstly, as regards what the Grand Registrar described as "that human impediment"—the dissent from a reasonable proposition of an unreasoning minority—"from which Masons were not free," we are of opinion that the fears of that distinguished brother as to the difficulties which such a minority might create are very greatly exaggerated. When the Grand Lodge of Canada was recognised by our United Grand Lodge, there were sundry lodges which elected to remain in their old allegiance to the latter body. Of these only three, which meet in Montreal and are located within the territory occupied by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, retain that allegiance, namely, Nos. 374, 440, and 640. There is one such lodge—No. 398—within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. In the case of the newly-established Australasian Grand Lodges, all the English lodges in South Australia and Tasmania were in favour of the establishment of independent Grand Lodges; in Victoria only one held aloof—the Combermere, No. 752, Melbourne; while in New South Wales there is only this Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, which is desirous of remaining under the banner of our Grand Lodge. Speaking roughly, there were upwards of 200 English lodges distributed amongst these four Australasian Colonies, which are now, Masonically, independent of England; yet only two have thought it worth their while to hold aloof from the secession, and we dare say it will not be long before these, of their own motion, will disappear from the roll of our Grand Lodge, and join the local Grand Lodge. Why, then, should we disturb our existing laws and regulations—which in the main have worked so well—when the proportion of those who elect to remain to those who elect to secede is less than one per cent.? Above all, why should we seek to put an unnatural interpretation upon a law which is writ plain enough in all conscience. It would, doubtless, be exceedingly convenient if all Colonial movements in the direction of secession from our Grand Lodge were absolutely unanimous. Hitherto some of them have been absolutely, while the others have been only practically so; and if our Grand Lodge authorities are desirous of saving themselves trouble in the future their best course will be to get the existing law altered and a clause introduced into the warrant constituting a colonial lodge or lodge in foreign parts to the effect that, if the majority of the lodge resolve on seceding from our Constitutions and joining a local Grand Lodge, in that case the warrant must go with them, and in that case Article 219 will be void and of none effect. But as the law stands at present, it is our opinion—and we express it with all deference to the Grand Registrar—that so long as a lodge remains obedient to the prescriptions of the law, it is out of the power of any person or body to order its removal from our roll of lodges.

Then as to the relevancy of Bro. EVE's reference to the law as it was in 1779; here again we are under the necessity of differing from the Grand Registrar. We suppose that Bro. EVE had in his mind the case of the Lodge of Antiquity, in which PRESTON and quite a number of his brother members seceded from our "Modern" Grand Lodge because they were not permitted to set the laws of that body at defiance, and with the sanction and approval of the Grand Lodge of all England at York—an entirely separate and distinct body from that of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge—set up the Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent. On this secession becoming known, the "Modern" Grand Lodge at once recognised those members of the Lodge of Antiquity, who remained true to their allegiance as the lodge. Thus the case, though for other reasons it is not worth insisting upon, is relevant enough.

Lastly, we see no reason why the non-seceding members of this Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, should be deprived of the rights and privileges they are entitled to exercise under Article 219, or any other Article of our Book of Constitutions. It was not their fault that the appeal they addressed to the authorities of our Grand Lodge—or if Bro. PHILBRICK prefers the letter in which they asked for advice as to the course they ought to pursue in the circumstances in which they were placed—was not promptly answered. They are not to blame, because, as he puts it—"the Master, rightly or wrongly, and the Wardens, took the Warrant" to the Grand Secretary of the new Grand Lodge, who cancelled the said warrant, without the requisite authority so to do. Why, then, must these brethren be driven from the fold of our Grand Lodge, when it is not they but the authorities of the local Grand Lodge who have committed the wrong? We unhesitatingly concede that it would have been far better if these brethren had fallen in with the views of the majority of their brother members of the Cambrian Lodge, and resolved on joining the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. But this is beside the main question, which is, that these brethren, under Article 219, had the right to remain under our Grand Lodge, and, in the exercise of their discretion, they determined upon asserting that right. Are they to be punished for this assertion? Grand Registrar and those who think with him say "Yes;" but Grand Lodge emphatically said "No," at its communication on the 7th instant.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Northants and Hunts assembled at Peterborough, on Thursday, the 8th inst., under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442. There was a large attendance of the brethren. All necessary arrangements for the gathering were most efficiently made by Bro. Pank, W.M., and the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge. The Board of Benevolence and the Charity Organisation Committee met at 12 o'clock, at the Masonic Hall, when the usual business was transacted and grants were made. Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Deacon's School, the chief room of which had been converted into a lodge room with the greatest taste; the *coup d'œil*, when the room was filled with the brethren, wearing their insignia, being most impressive. The Prov. G.M., the Earl of Euston, presided, being assisted (in the deeply regretted absence of Bro. Butler Wilkins, the Deputy Prov. G.M., through ill-health) by Bro. J. Marston, as Deputy P.G.M.

The Provincial Grand Officers present were—

Bros. G. Butcher, P.P.S.G.W., acting S.W.; J. B. Vergette, P.M. 442, P.P.J.G.W.; P. Royston, P.G. Chap.; A. Cockerill, P.G. Treas.; R. F. Winch, P.G. Reg.; F. G. Buckle, P.G. Sec.; J. C. Royce, P.S.G.D.; F. B. Whitford, P.J.G.D.; T. A. Watford, P.G.S. of Wks.; G. Ellard, P.G.D.C.; J. J. Hart, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Hodges, P.G.S.B.; J. L. Lowett, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Abbott, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Solomon, P.G. Org.; H. W. Giles, P.G. Purst.; W. Dixey, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D., Sec.; H. Plowman, P.G. Tyler; G. Wilk, Davison, W. H. Pentney, M. Warwick, and P. Mitchell, P.G. Stwds.; and many others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand meeting were read by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. F. G. BUCKLE.

Bro. A. Cockerill, upon the proposition of the ACTING D.G.M., seconded by Bro. J. KELLET, was again re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then nominated and invested the following brethren as the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

Bro. G. C. Caster, P.M. 442	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. Paget, W.M. 455	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Peter Royston, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. S. Pratt, 1764	...	...
" A. Cockerill, P.M. 360	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. G. Buckle, P.M. 442	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Wood Ingram, P.M. 373	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Franks, W.M. 360	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. Manfield, S.W. 1764	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. T. Reid, W.M. 737	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. Ellard, P.M. 360	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. J. Hart, P.M. 360	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" M. Heslop, W.M. 445	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. A. Preece, I.P.M. 607	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" R. Moulton, W.M. 2283	...	...
" H. Carman, 442	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Bamber, 442	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" S. Frisby, 360	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. J. Gray, 442	...	...
" R. Knight, 607	...	...
" G. H. Hobbs, 1911	...	...
" W. Douglas, 2380	...	...
" J. H. Blunt, 2431	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. Plowman, 442	...	...

The balance-sheet of the Masonic Benevolent and Grand Lodge Fund was presented and adopted, and other business transacted, after which Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, the Earl of Euston, D.L., Prov. G.M., presiding. About 110 brethren were present. The tables were most tastefully decorated with plants and flowers, and the catering and general arrangements made by Miss Smith, the manageress, were admirable in every way, giving the greatest satisfaction.

"The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales;" and "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B.; the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe;" and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given from the chair and duly honoured, Bro. MATIER responding for the Grand Officers.

Bro. BUCKLE, Prov. G. Sec., gave "The Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L." Lord Euston had been at their head now for six or seven years, and under his lead they had attained the front rank. He had ventured three or four years ago to make a prophecy concerning the eminence which Lord Euston would attain in the ranks of Masonry, and he was proud to know that his prophecy had been fulfilled. His lordship's influence was not only felt in his own province, but extended far and wide. He was a brother who not only put his heart into his work but his shoulders too; and such hearty, energetic interest in the work must make itself felt.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and

Lord Euston, in reply, said that as the Provincial Grand Mastership of Norths and Hunts was the first important trust committed to him in Masonry, the province had first place in his thoughts, and as long as he had the support of the brethren it would be his pride to do his utmost to place the province in the position which he wished to see it occupy in the domain of Masonry. The brethren had done their best to help him, and he rejoiced to know that during the last three years the membership of the province had increased by well-nigh half as many again. Three new lodges had been started, and not only had old members found them enhancing their own Masonic spirit and energy, but there had been an influx of new members in consequence. The result was that the province was growing stronger and stronger, not only in numbers, but in charitable usefulness. Four years ago they owed three or four thousand votes to the Charities. They had now paid them off, and had got 900 votes towards another deserving case. The province had paid him a great compliment by the way in which it supported him at the Girls' Festival. He appreciated their grand efforts on that occasion most heartily, fraternally, and thankfully. He then passed to the next toast, "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins," the state of whose health, they regretted to know, had prevented his presence with them. For years Bro. Butler Wilkins had rendered great service to the province, at times when the circumstances had been exceptionally difficult, and he was glad that in recognition of those services he had been made a Grand Lodge Officer. He also asked them to drink the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." As he had thanked Past Officers for their services, so he hoped he should be able to thank the

officers he had appointed that day for their services during the coming year. Bro. A. Cockerill, their Treasurer, was most indefatigable, and had enabled them to relieve the cases which had been brought before them—help which was richly deserved. Bro. Cockerill was not only an excellent Treasurer, but a splendid collector. The Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Caster, was highly respected by every member of St. Peter's Lodge; and the Prov. J.G.W., Bro. T. Paget, had done excellent work for the Perseverance Lodge at Kettering. His lordship hoped that when Bro. Paget had gone through the Junior Wardenship, he would not forget he belonged to the Province of Northants and Hunts. He trusted the Provincial Grand Officers would enjoy the greatest prosperity, and live to be an honour to the Order to which they owed their fidelity.

Bro. COCKERILL, in the course of an effective speech, said he little thought when they resolved to support their Prov. Grand Master at the Girls' Festival that they would have been able to announce a contribution of 800 guineas. Notwithstanding that handsome amount, many enthusiastic brethren thought they ought to endeavour to raise that sum to 1000 guineas, and they were practically pledged to raise that sum on behalf of the province. With regard to the balance of 200 guineas, he thought he could say that the Northampton Masons would give 100 of that, another 10 guineas had already been secured, leaving 90 guineas for the rest of the province—10 guineas each from nine lodges. They would thus show their practical sympathy with the great object of Masonry—Charity.

Bro. PAGET, P.J.G.W., in his response, said the little he had been able to do for the Perseverance Lodge had been a real pleasure to him. He had done his best, and was always glad to do so for the noble cause of Masonry. In all good work they had to get the thin edge of the wedge in, they would easily drive home the thick end. As long as he lived he would never forget his own Province of Norths and Hunts, and should always be delighted to do what lay in his power to promote its welfare. With regard to Bro. Cockerill's challenge, on behalf of the Perseverance Lodge, he accepted it; and would pledge himself that the Perseverance share should be forthcoming, and more than the amount suggested if he could.

The CHAIRMAN, reminding the brethren that the watchword of Freemasonry was Charity, gave "The Benevolent Institutions," with which he coupled the name of Bro. HEDGES, Sec. R.M.I.G., who, in responding, thanked the province for the generous support they had given the Charity. Their Provincial Grand Master had not only presided, but also acted as Steward, and brought in a list of £179, to which he had himself contributed 50 guineas. Then the contribution of 800 guineas from the province they had guaranteed to raise to 1000 guineas.

Bro. G. C. W. FITZWILLIAM gave "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. PIKE, Prov. G.P. Berks and Bucks, and GRIFFIN (Mayor of Tamworth), P.M. 442, responded.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge and the Masters of the other Lodges of the Province," and, speaking of the spread of Masonry, said he had hoped they would ere this time have seen another lodge at Peterborough. He strongly urged the desirability of a new lodge on the brethren of St. Peter's, assuring them that it would be an advantage to the old lodge, and extend the usefulness and popularity of Masonry.

Bro. PANK having replied,

Bro. BUTCHER, W.M. 2431—the youngest lodge in the province—pointed to the experience of Masonic extension in Northampton in proof of the truth of Lord Euston's remarks.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been very much brightened at intervals by some splendid songs from Bros. Carman, E. Howes, F. J. Hart, and others, Bro. Clarabut accompanying on the piano-forte.

CONSECRATION OF THE TELEGRAPH CABLE LODGE, No. 2470.

A very important addition to the roll of Grand Lodge was effected on Tuesday, the 30th ult., in the consecration of the above lodge at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. The founders and first officers of the lodge consist of the following: Bros. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Tweeddale, P.M. No. 1159, W.M.; Sir George Elliot, Bart., Prov. G.M. Eastern Division, South Wales, S.W.; Major Alexander Wood, 143, J.W.; F. Moll, P.M. 1107, I.P.M.; T. A. Bullock, P.M. 101, Treas.; W. T. Ansell, P.M. 1159, Sec.; W. Hibberdine, 1237, S.D.; F. Weniger, W.M. 1107, J.D.; Dr. Wholey, 2168, I.G.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec. 19, D.C.; and O. Moll, P.M. 1107, Stwd.

The special object these brethren had in view in petitioning the M.W. Grand Master to grant a warrant for this lodge was uniting in brotherly association members and friends of the several telegraph cable companies and others interested in the advancement of submarine telegraphy and electrical science from various parts of the world, and the result so far of their commendable efforts seem on a fair way to success.

The ceremony of consecration was most impressively performed by Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. T. Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., as S.W.; Joseph Parkinson, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Sir George Harris, P.G.D., as I.G.

The lodge having been duly constituted, was opened in the Second Degree, and the Grand Secretary proceeded to install the Most Hon. the Marquis of Tweeddale into the chair of K.S. as the first W.M. of the lodge. The ceremony being duly performed, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the year—the names of whom are given above.

A Committee to frame by-laws was duly elected. Some 12 gentlemen were nominated for initiation and several joining members.

The business being ended, the brethren repaired to the banqueting hall, where a most excellent menu was provided. The banquet was presided over by the W.M.

On the Noble MARQUIS rising to give the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," he emphasised on how the Queen had endeared herself to all her subjects, and especially so to loyal Freemasons, and said she deservedly occupied the proud position of being the greatest constitutional monarch the world had ever seen. While being unable herself to take part in Freemasonry, she afforded strength to the Institution by the numerous members of her family who had become members of the Craft.

The Noble MARQUIS, in proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," reminded his hearers that his Royal Highness had been a member of the Craft for 25 years, and, notwithstanding his innumerable public and private duties, was assiduous in his duties as a Freemason. He expressed his great pleasure and congratulations on the

approaching marriage of his son, the Duke of York—a sentiment which was heartily echoed by the brethren.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," whose names were so familiar to many of those present, the W.M. made especial reference to the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, whose absence they all regretted that night in consequence of illness confining him at home, and from which he wished him recovery with God-speed.

Bro. Lord CREMORNE, P.S.G.W., in responding, said that the Grand Officers were glad to witness the accession of so important a lodge, having all the elements of prosperity and influence Freemasonry obtains to be universal, and nothing was more universal than the telegraph cable. He was exceedingly delighted with the splendid entertainment that had been offered them that night, and was sure he only expressed the desire of every Grand Officer in wishing all possible success to the Telegraph Cable Lodge inaugurated that evening.

The Noble MARQUIS then proposed the toast of "The V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, and the Consecrating Officers," and in referring to the able work of the Grand Secretary, said he was sure all would support him in the wish that Bro. Letchworth might be long spared to fulfil that important position. The formation of the lodge was, he said, one of the most interesting incidents he had ever had to deal with. It was interesting to note that the members of the lodge were united by connections in all parts of the world, and that there was nothing more calculated to carry out the objects of Freemasonry than telegraphy. Circumstances had rendered it difficult for him to do much in Freemasonry, but he was much encouraged that evening in taking more part in its work. He referred to the able manner in which the ceremonies had been performed that evening, and thanked the Grand Secretary and the Assisting Grand Officers for their services in the inauguration of the lodge.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., G. Sec., in response, tendered the W.M. and brethren, on his own behalf, and that of the Grand Officers assisting him, their hearty thanks for the more than kind terms in which their toast had been given, remarking that during the comparative short period he had had the honour to fill the office of Grand Secretary it had been his duty to consecrate a number of lodges, but he had never undertaken the duty with more belief in the prospects of success than in the present instance. All the elements necessary for the development of a substantial lodge being in evidence on that occasion. Whether it be in regard to the W.M. and his officers, or in the large array of brethren coming to its support.

Bro. J. PARKINSON, P.G.D., then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," saying that he had no more easy or delightful a task. He knew that the noble Marquis had fulfilled many important positions in life with success, but he felt sure that no position was more likely to endear him to his many friends and brethren than the office of Worshipful Master of the Telegraph Cable Lodge. He was a nobleman who was universally liked, as a little incident he had experienced during his travels in Scotland would illustrate. Being seated at an hotel in Edinburgh last year he found himself surrounded by a number of Scotch ministers and laymen who seemed to look unusually happy and in high spirits. He could not help asking the reason of this, and was told it was all due to one circumstance, namely, that the Marquis of Tweeddale, their President, was to meet them that night. He ventured to endorse what had already been said so well in connection with Freemasonry and telegraphy. London as a centre was connected by telegraphy with the most distant parts of the earth. Freemasonry connected mankind in all parts of the earth. Precisely as the telegraph disseminated messages of peace and goodwill and spread civilisation over the earth, so the light of Freemasonry side by side spread morality and brotherly love throughout the world. He was pleased to congratulate the noble Marquis as the first ruler of a lodge which promises to be so fruitful.

The W.M., Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of TWEEDDALE, in response, expressed his warmest thanks to Bro. Parkinson and the brethren for the extremely kind manner his toast had been proposed, and assured them that it gave him the utmost satisfaction to take part in so important an institution. He was initiated into Freemasonry some 35 years ago in the exalted heights of the Himalayas where a lodge had been established. That evening's operations had revived his interest in Freemasonry and he felt a deep debt of gratitude to those who had honoured him and selected him as the W.M. of a lodge destined to become one of the most useful and interesting in England, whose members may become dotted all over the world and do a great deal towards spreading the good work of Masonry throughout the wide world.

Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., Prov. G.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said it afforded him considerable pleasure to meet his friends on so auspicious an occasion, he felt it of so much importance that he hastened from the Madeira to be present. Apart from any imagination he believed in the utility of Freemasonry, he had been in different parts of the world and in all the places he had been to he had found Freemasonry, with, as it were, its centre here, he was proud to be connected with this work of mercy to all mankind. He tendered the visitors a hearty welcome.

Bro. SAMUEL POPE, Q.C., P.S.G.D., in response, said it was an easy and pleasant duty to return thanks for the visitors to a lodge like that, and knowing so many of the brethren, he felt some freedom on the occasion. He knew the W.M. was a man of ability and of such kindness, as well as of such influence, as to render him well fitted to fulfil the chair to the advantage of the lodge and the Craft. He referred to Bro. Sir George Elliot's connection with cable telegraphy, and other brethren also interested in that great modern enterprise. He returned thanks as a brother, remarking that they were all brethren together, and that it was because they all associated on a plane of equality that they all enjoyed these Masonic gatherings so much, and seemed to acquire a renewal of energy.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., also responded, and in a most admirable address made some remarkable comparisons between the moral progress Freemasonry maintained and the progress made in electrical science.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were responded to by Bros. T. A. BULLOCK, Treas.; W. T. ANSELL, P.G.D., Sec.; Major ALEX. WOOD, J.W.; and Dr. WHOLEY, I.G.

The musical arrangements at the consecration and during the banquet were most ably conducted by Bro. Arthur Briscoe, the anthems and songs being rendered with great effect by Bros. Vernon Lee, Trefelyn David, Wills Page, and W. H. Webb.

In addition to the founders and the Consecrating Officers named above, the following visitors were present:

Bros. Lord Cremorne, P.S.G.W.; Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somerset; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; H. V. Clements, P.P.G. Treas.; Major Cotton, P.D.G.D.; R. G. Glover, P.G.D.C.; G. C. H. Jennings,

Prov. G. Reg.; Lieut.-Col. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; R. D. M. Littler, D.G.R.; C. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.S.G.D.; G. Puze, P.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Rock, I.; W. de Manby Sergison, G.O.; D. J. C. Smith, P.P.G.W.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; E. Ashby, 1489; W. Barnett, 2168; Capt. Birkett, Joseph Bruton, P.M. 2016; W. Barnett, 2168; Capt. Birkett, Joseph Bruton, P.M. 2016; F. E. W. Collard, P.M. 19; G. A. Corderoy, P.M. 19; R. Cato, 229; Trefelyn David, 1929; Lieut.-Col. Durrant, P.M. 569; G. W. Elliot, M.P., H. Glenn, P.M. 19; George Godfrey, A. D. Green, W.M. 19; F. Harris, A. C. Hide, P.M. 1237; C. T. Kingzett, P.M.; W. Lawrence, 2168; Vernon Lee, 1288; W. E. O'Brien, 498; Wills Page, 299; H. Poston, P.M. 19; H. Scott-Smith, 1264; Capt. Seymour, 19; Milton Smith, S.W. 19; G. W. Speth, P.M. 2076; J. W. Tacon, P.M. 1196; T. Tilley, W.M. 1579; A. Walker, 1107; W. H. Webb, 1151; G. J. Weekes, W.M. 3; J. H. W. Ladcoat, J.W. 19; J. H. White, W.M. 1076; Frank Williams, P.M. 101; and F. Wood, P.M. 1973.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The 19th convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when there were present—

Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.S.B., 2nd Provincial Grand Principal in charge; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G.J.; J. G. Garson, Prov. G.J.; W. H. Lee, G.S.E.; A. Toulmin, jun., Prov. 2nd A.G.S.; W. R. Shutt, Prov. G. Treas.; H. P. Hay, Prov. G. Reg.; W. H. Matthews, P.P.G.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B.; G. L. Wingate, P.P.G.S.; H. Higgins, P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Köhler, P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.P.S.; R. Bilby, P.P.G.R.; W. G. Kentish, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Sapsworth, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Richardson, P.Z.; C. R. Alder Wright, H. 1691; W. Hakim, J. 1503; Geo. R. Langley, P.Z. 1326; Wm. Fisher, 1423; C. Mordaunt Matthew, R. R. Monger, J. 946; A. R. Simmonds, 946; A. J. Oliver, P.S. 1549; J. T. Rushton, P.Z. 382; Chas. Fruen, P.Z.; F. H. Williams, M.E.Z. 1237; and H. Maunder Williams, P.Z. 1326. Visitors: Comps. Eugene Monteuis, P.D.G.D.C.; G. H. Hopkinson, P.D.G.D.C.; Howard H. Room, P.Z. 91; C. H. Phillips, P.Z. 186; S. Scott Young, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Lane, and W. W. Lee, S.N. 1524.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Comp. Dr. C. R. Alder Wright, 1691, was appointed and duly installed as Prov. G.J.

Comp. E. N. FRANCIS, 1293, in proposing Comp. Geo. R. Langley as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, said that companion was P.Z. of Chapter No. 1326; P.M. of Lodges No. 183 and 2381; had served three Stewardships, with an aggregate total amount of 500 guineas, was recently appointed Prov. S.G.D. Middx., and Special Secretary for elections on the Charity Committee, and had been elected for four consecutive years as a member of the Board of Benevolence.

Comp. R. BILBY, P.P.G. Reg., in seconding the proposition, which was afterwards carried unanimously, said he had known Comp. Langley for a considerable time, and was sure he would perform his duty well and satisfactorily.

Comp. GEO. R. LANGLEY thanked the companions very much for the honour conferred upon him. He should endeavour during his year to discharge his duty to the best of his ability, and trusted to merit that satisfaction which had always been accorded to Treasurers of the Province of Middlesex in the past.

The 2nd Prov. Grand Principal in charge then appointed the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Comp. W. H. Lee, 1423	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. H. Williams, 1237	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Geo. R. Langley, 1326	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. T. Rushton, 382	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Fisher, 1423	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. A. Francis, 1293	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" D. R. Soames, 1549	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. B. Clark, 1777	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. J. R. Simmonds, 946	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. M. Williams, 1326	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Covell, 1793	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. R. Monger, 946	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Gilbert...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The roll of chapters in the province was called.

Comps. Dr. Beresford Riley, Gordon Langton, and Shutt were nominated, and Comps. Forge, Maunder Williams, and Fruen were elected, as members of the Audit Committee.

On the motion of Comp. Rev. S. T. H. SAUNDERS, seconded by Comp. BILBY, a vote of thanks was accorded the Lebanon Chapter for use of furniture.

A vote of thanks was also given to Comp. Shutt for his services as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and was duly acknowledged.

Apologies were announced from several companions, and Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was followed by the usual toasts.

"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" was first honoured.

In giving "The Grand Officers," Comp. R. H. THRUPP said they owed a deep debt of gratitude to those Grand Officers, who worked so hard to increase the prosperity of the chapters, and gave up their time and talents for the good of the Order. The only recompense they had was being toasted at these banquets, for the companions were grateful for what they had done.

Comp. G. H. HOPKINSON, P.D.G.D.C., said it was a great privilege to have to return thanks for the Grand Officers in a distinguished Provincial Grand Chapter such as that. As an humble member he could say they appreciated the kind reception which their names always received in every assembly of Masons. He especially wished to return thanks for having been permitted the honour of responding to the toast.

Comp. E. MONTEUIS, P.D.G.D.C., said it was with very great pleasure he proposed the toast of "The three Provincial Grand Officers at the head of the table." Comp. Thrupp was a very old friend of his, and one of his first friends when he joined the London Rowing Club, and, in fact, their friendship dated back for more years than he would care to mention. He had met Comp. Thrupp in many branches of Masonry, and in each branch he had seen him at the top of the tree. The last time he visited this province he had the pleasure of seeing him preside as Deputy Prov. G. Master; and on this occasion he had the privilege of seeing him preside as the 2nd Prov. Grand Principal in charge. They would understand that being old friends it was a great pleasure to see the high position Comp. Thrupp had attained in Masonry, and the great esteem and regard he had obtained from all the companions. He was sorry to say his acquaintance with the

2nd and 3rd Provincial Grand Principals would not enable him to dilate upon them, but he had no doubt that having been elected, they were worthy Masons and had earned the great honour conferred upon them.

Comp. R. H. THURPP, 2nd Prov. G. Principal, in charge, in response, said his friend was always too good in expatiating on his merits. He was only one of those many companions of the Order—and he sincerely believed in that province—who had only one aim and desire, to promote the best interests not only of the Order but of the companions they met. He had been among them both in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry for some years and had done what he could to promote the welfare of the Order, and he must say that wherever he had been he had always received most uniform kindness, and had made many friendships among the companions, which he happily prized. When people outside asked him what Masonry was he told them that some of the best friendships he had were made in Masonry. He thanked them all for coming to support him, and was glad to say the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was, and ought to be, prosperous and flourishing.

"The Visitors" was next proposed by Comp. THURPP, who extended to them a kindly welcome. There were two Grand Officers present who had already spoken, and there was one companion whom he could hardly call a stranger in Middlesex—Comp. Room—who, unfortunately, did not belong to a Royal Arch chapter in the province.

Comp. HOWARD H. ROOM, P.Z., said he was very much obliged for having his name coupled. Although it was a compliment, he hardly deserved it, for Comp. Thrupp certainly conveyed a slight reproach in telling them he was not a member of the Royal Arch in the province. He had a reason for this, which was that his sole attention should be centred in the Craft in Middlesex. The work, as far as the Royal Arch was concerned, was so ably looked after by his esteemed friend and colleague, Comp. Lee, that he did not think it would be right to interfere. He (Comp. Room) belonged to three Royal Arch chapters, so that they would not think him neglectful. Speaking on behalf of the visitors, he was grateful for the opportunity of spending a most delightful evening, and for the hospitality extended to them. It was a source of gratification to know that the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in the province was still in charge of Comp. Thrupp, who had for many years looked after the welfare of the province. He was sure that Comp. Thrupp's services and valuable assistance in every matter connected with Masonry in Middlesex would be deeply cherished as long as the members lived.

"The Provincial Grand Officers" was submitted by Comp. THURPP. He said they had always had good officers, and that evening really good men had been appointed to assist him in ruling the province. The companions had chosen a very good Provincial Grand Treasurer—Comp. Langley—who was one of the most zealous and earnest Masons in the province. In the Prov. G.P.S. they had a man who in another sphere had shown how he could rule and manage men. He referred to Comp. Fisher, who was an excellent companion, and would assist them in the province.

Comp. W. FISHER, Prov. G.P.S., in response, said he had been a Mason for over 25 years, and a Royal Arch Mason for 20 years. He had had an ambition to wear the rainbow collar, and that ambition had been fulfilled. He prized it exceedingly, and hoped to advance the prosperity of the province for many years. The rewards he had received would stimulate him to further exertions for the good of the Order.

The proceedings then terminated.

CONSECRATION OF THE RYE CHAPTER, No. 2272.

The consecration of the Rye Chapter, No. 2272, took place at the Peckham Public Hall on Monday, the 12th inst. The interesting ceremony was performed by Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., assisted by Comps. R. Gooding, P.A.G.S., as H.; Thomas Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., as J.; P. A. Nairne, P.G.S.B., as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders of the new chapter, all of whom were present, are Comps. Dr. W. Cock, P.Z. 1297, 2005, P.P.G.S.N. Essex; J. W. Dewsnap, P.Z. 188, 1839; P. G. Philips, M.E.Z. 1297; F. Dunn, P.Z. 72; F. Swinford Smith; W. J. Warner, H. 2005; T. Piper, S.N. 2005; T. M. Wright, A.S. 1839; W. H. Mackley, A.S. 2005; C. Thomson, H. 1297; and R. Lyon.

The following visitors were also present: Comps. W. Davies, M.E.Z. 1901; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; S. Scott Young, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; W. Clifford, P.Z. 2182; J. Newton, P.Z. 174; A. Weston, 1572; W. Dunn; H. F. Bing, 1524; R. F. Macdonald, 1216; E. J. Bell, 1524; R. H. Broom; R. Brown; A. Bentley; I. Dunn; F. Wint, 101; C. G. Clarke; and W. W. Lee, J. elect 1524.

The chapter was opened, and an opening hymn sung.

The CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL, addressing the companions, said: It is unnecessary on the present occasion that I should occupy your time for many moments with any preliminary remarks on the object of our meeting. We are here, as you know, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Royal Arch chapter. The chapter will hereafter be known as the Rye Chapter, attached to a lodge which, I believe, was consecrated some four or five years ago—the Rye Lodge. That lodge has had a career of very considerable prosperity and it is gratifying to know they feel they are sufficiently strong to have a Royal Arch chapter attached. I most heartily congratulate the founders on the fact that the Supreme Grand Chapter at once granted a charter and I further congratulate the founders on having as their Principals, three companions who have already served in all the chairs and are therefore qualified to rule over the chapter in this the first, and therefore the most critical period of its existence. It only remains for me, on behalf of myself and those associated with me, to wish every possible prosperity to this chapter.

The founders signified their approval of the officers designated in the petition, and an interesting oration was delivered by Comp. Thos. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., acting J.

The chapter was then dedicated and constituted with the usual formalities.

The Grand S.I. inducted the following companions into their respective chairs. Comps. Dr. W. Cock, M.E.Z.; J. W. Dewsnap, H.; and P. G. Philips, J.; and the following officers were invested: Comps. F. Dunn, Treas.; F. Swinford Smith, S.E.; W. J. Warner, S.N.; T. Piper, P.S.; T. M. Wright and W. H. Mackley, Asst. Stwds.; C. Thomas and R. Lyon, Stwds.; and Bowler, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. said he had an exceedingly pleasing duty to perform in proposing a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to those Grand Officers who had

attended to consecrate the chapter, and also to ask them to do the founders the honour of accepting the honorary membership. He hoped they would not consider this simply formal, but regard it as a heartfelt expression of gratitude for the trouble and inconvenience of attending.

The GRAND SCRIBE E. acknowledged the compliment, and said the position of honorary member was one they accepted with great pleasure, and as they would all take the deepest interest in the welfare of the chapter.

A notice of motion, expressing sincere thanks to the M.E.Z. for his liberal gift of the furniture, having been given, the chapter was closed.

After banquet, the customary toasts were honoured.

"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" was given, after which the M.E.Z. asked the companions to drink heartily to "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," not only as the first subject of the realm, and as the Heir to their mighty Empire, but also as the Grand Z. of the Order.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said the Pro Grand Z. was a Mason amongst Masons, who devoted a great deal of his time and experience and his many distinguished abilities to the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry. The Grand H. was also a very distinguished Mason, whose whole heart and soul was in Masonry, who had endeared himself to all, especially in the Province of Cornwall. As regards the other Grand Officers, they were selected simply because they had qualified themselves. Of the Grand Officers present, Comp. Letchworth, the G.S.E., was one of whom they were proud, who had taken a prominent position in Masonry, and who was already held in respect and esteem as was the late Colonel Clerke. Wherever Masonry was known Comp. Fenn's name was a household word, and was associated with everything respecting the value of Freemasonry, more especially in connection with the ritual. Comp. Richardson was always attending consecrations as D.C., than whom they had not a better in connection with Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. In Comp. Gooding he had a neighbour and confrere who was a thorough Master of all the ceremonies, and Comp. Nairne was also a close neighbour. They were proud to have two of their South London brethren assisting in the consecration that day, and regarded it as a compliment.

Comp. THOMAS FENN, P.P. Com. G.P., returned thanks. Of the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe it was unnecessary to say much, because they were frequently with them. The business of Grand Chapter was generally routine work, as the recommendations of the Committee were usually adopted. With respect to the other Grand Officers, he must apologise for having presumed to give what was ostentatiously called an oration, but thanked them for their attention. He thanked them all for the compliment paid the Grand Officers, and assured them they were always ready to discharge any duties, either in the consecration of chapters or assisting the chapters in their work.

The M.E.Z. submitted "The Consecrating Officers," and said he need not say much about the admirable way in which the ceremony was carried out, but if he might be allowed to be a judge, he should say it was as near perfection as it was possible for anything to be. The G.S.E. had not had the experience of the late G.S.E., but they would agree with him that no ceremony of consecration had been performed in a more perfect, splendid, or Masonic manner than the work they had witnessed that evening. Wherever the G.S.E. presented himself, either as a Consecrating Officer or a visitor, he always received a hearty and truly Masonic reception. Although Comp. Fenn had apologised for appearing in another man's clothing, his oration was attentively listened to and highly appreciated. Without an excellent D.C., such as Comp. Richardson, everything must necessarily become chaotic.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., expressed his warmest thanks for the more than kind terms in which the M.E.Z. had proposed the toast. It had afforded him the greatest pleasure to render the very small services that day, but was most fortunate on the present occasion in being assisted by an array of Grand Officers whose work, they would agree, had been most admirable. They would all join in regretting that the work of H. was so small, but what could he say of Comp. Fenn who had thought it necessary to apologise for having undertaken the duty of J.? He had had some little experience in consecrations, but he might say, without fear of contradiction, the work was never done better and he had never listened to a better oration. With regard to his dear friend, Comp. Richardson, no consecration could go off with success unless he was present. He relied implicitly upon him, for he knew that if he was present everything would be in order. He could not do otherwise than refer to Comp. Sadler who on all occasions was present, and as they were aware, they had in him one of the most accomplished Masons of the present day. With these few remarks he thanked the companions for the compliment paid the Consecrating Officers. He then had the privilege of proposing "The Health of the Three Principals of the Chapter." He had had great pleasure in installing Comp. Cock in the chair as First Principal. In the presence of the founders and members of neighbouring chapters it was needless to dilate upon his many excellencies. He was well known to them all for his Masonic worth, and they also knew what a generous Mason he was. They heard in chapter what a generous and liberal patron of the Order he was, for the chapter was indebted to him for the beautiful furniture which adorned it. He (the G.S.E.) was convinced that under the M.E.Z.'s rule, assisted as he would be by the two other Principals, the Rye Chapter would in a very short time occupy a position second to none on that side of the Metropolis.

Comp. Dr. W. Cock, M.E.Z., in response, said it was no easy matter for him to express himself adequately in returning thanks for the very able, and to use a hackneyed term, the very flattering terms in which the Grand Scribe E. had proposed the health of the Principals. That was a red-letter day in his Masonic diary. He little thought a few months ago when he was asked by a P.M. of the Rye Lodge to propose him as an exalte in a chapter with which he was connected that that Rye Chapter would be in existence. It occurred to him that the Rye Lodge had been successful, and that Royal Arch Masonry was about now the most popular Order of the day, and he thought why not have a Rye Chapter associated with the Rye Lodge. He mentioned his ideas to one or two members, and they quickly promised to support him in the application for a charter, and they knew with what result. Reference had been made to his liberality, but he did not for one moment want them to think he had bought his position in the Rye Chapter. That was the last of his thoughts. He had had a little experience in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and knew the expense necessarily entailed, and, therefore, said that if the companions would support him he would willingly present the furniture. It was not the first thing he had done for Masonry, and hoped it would not be the last. He was speaking for his co-Principals, and his H., Comp. Dewsnap, was a tried Mason, and had been of great assistance and support in carrying out the work. The J., Comp. Philips, was an old friend and neighbour, but he was sorry to say he had been obliged to

leave on account of ill-health, and had, in fact, attended at considerable risk. Comp. Warner, who had been acting as J., was an exalte of his some three years ago. He hoped that when the chapter was in working order the Grand Officers would come down and see them at work, and he hoped they would be able to say the kind things they had been kind enough to say that night.

"The Visitors" was next given, and cordially responded to by Comps. J. NEWTON, P.Z.; W. DAVIES, M.E.Z. 1901; T. GRUMMANT, P.Z. 1275; and W. DUNN.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and said the companions had selected the right man for Treasurer, for Comp. Dunn would look after their disbursements and his ledger would be open to any chartered accountant. The Scribe E., Comp. Swinford Smith, was somewhat of a novice in his duties, but would speedily make himself competent.

Comps. F. DUNN, Treas., and F. SWINFORD SMITH, S.E., replied, and "The Officers" having been honoured, the Janitor's toast closed a successful gathering.

The musical arrangements throughout the proceedings were in the hands of Comp. Frank Swinford, who provided an excellent selection of music. He was ably assisted by Comps. Arthur Weston, Arthur Bentley, E. J. Bell, and G. F. Smith. Comp. Brown contributed two humorous recitations that were much appreciated.

GRAND FESTIVAL OF THE MARK DEGREE.

At the conclusion of the business of the Quarterly Communication of Mark Master Masons, on the 6th inst., Grand Festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern, where a most beautiful and choice banquet was provided by Spiers and Pond, Limited, whose manager, Bro. L. Mantell, was Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, presided, and he was supported by Bros. the Marquess of Hertford, Past Pro G.M.; Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy G.M.; Lord Amptill, S.G.W.; Sir M. White Ridley, J.G.W.; and most of the other Grand Officers.

The usual toasts followed the dinner, and these toasts were interspersed with some fine singing by the Dilettante Vocal Quartette, consisting of Bros. James A. Brown, Frederick Bevan, Edward Dalzell, and Robert Hilton, who performed together for the first time. The programme was under the direction of Bro. F. Osmond Carr, Mus. Doc. Oxon, P.G. Org.

"The Queen and Mark Masonry" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." having been duly honoured,

The Earl of Euston proposed "The Past Pro Grand Masters," and he said that those brethren had done good and sturdy work for the Mark Degree. There were many of them, including Lord Lathom and Lord Heniker. Not the least on the roll was his very good friend and brother, the Marquess of Hertford. All the brethren congratulated Lord Hertford on his attaining the rank of Past Pro Grand Master. They also wished and hoped that he would not, and they did not think he would, let his face not be known in the gatherings of Grand Mark Lodge now that he had passed the chair, but that he would always come and help them by his work, counsel, and advice. Having acted as his Deputy for three years, he (Lord Euston) could say there was not a chief he would more readily serve.

The Marquess of HERTFORD, in acknowledging the toast, said, after thanking Lord Euston for his kind words, that he felt it a very high honour to have passed through the chair of Pro Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and he wished he could feel he went out of the chair having thoroughly done his duty in it. When a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well, and he would have wished not to have missed a single meeting. Unfortunately, he had, but, as he had told the brethren in lodge, it was not from want of will to attend. He was certain that in his successor they had a brother who would attend unless prevented by unforeseen circumstances. The brethren knew how completely Lord Euston had Mark Masonry at heart. Referring to his (the Marquess of Hertford's) year of office, he did not think there had been anything very special or particular happening in the Order, but he was very glad and proud to be able to say that during those three years it had prospered very much. There were many more Mark lodges now all over the country and in the Colonies than there were when he first became Pro Grand Master, and it was still making giant strides everywhere. One fact he should always look back to with pleasure—that during his Pro Grand Mastership Grand Lodge was for the first time held in a fine hall of its own. That fact alone showed the strides Mark Masonry had made during the last few years. The possession of that hall was a great incentive to Mark Masonry, for Mark Masons felt they had a home of their own, and saw no reason why Mark lodges should not increase in the same ratio as Craft lodges. He thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and for the cordial support they had invariably given him during his term of office. He then proposed "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Euston." After what was said in Grand Lodge that evening—after what the Pro Grand Master himself had said a few minutes ago—there was very little left to say of him. He would simply ask the brethren to drink his health.

The Earl of EUSTON, in reply, said after the kind words addressed to him by the members of the Grafton Lodge, named after his father, in Grand Lodge he responded with great pleasure, and he should have much pleasure in telling his father about it the next morning. From the kind way in which he had been received on this and on every occasion, he hoped that when his three years had run the Degree would be found to have increased, not only as much as in his predecessor's terms, but even more. He would raise the Degree if he could, and having their support he thought he should. He asked them to co-operate with him in the effort, and to attend as often as they could the functions of Mark Masonry. If they would help the Grand Officers, the Grand Officers would help them. He trusted that the kindly feeling there had been in the past between the Pro Grand Master and those under him would be continued during his period of office. If anything was wanted and he was allowed to be told of it, if they could not get it, he would meet them more than half way. His lordship next proposed "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers, Present and Past." He thought every brother present would agree with him that they had gone from north to south, had searched from high and low in Mark Masonry, that they had got England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown most amply represented by the officers appointed that evening. It was a very difficult thing to satisfy everybody, and many hoped for honours and went on for years hoping; but then they had not done the work in the former Degrees always that would entitle them to the distinction. Work in Masonry was what ought to be looked to as a stepping-stone to honours, and the Prince of Wales had looked to that, as would be seen in the names of the

present Grand Officers. Lord Dungarvan entered into Masonry with him and was a personal friend, and whatever his hand had found to do for the good and benefit of the Craft he had done it with his might. The S.G.W. had lately been made G.M. of Bedfordshire, and when he was installed last month he spoke of Freemasonry in such a way of commendation that it was plain they had the right man in the right place. Sir M. White Ridley was well known in Northumberland and Durham, and he was another proper man. His lordship having mentioned each of the Grand Officers and their qualifications, addressing them, said he trusted that as they had been chosen for the north, south, east, and west of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, they would, as he felt certain they would, do their utmost in their year of office, and when they had past rank to encourage, increase and strengthen the Mark Degree. He hoped they would have health and strength to carry out all the duties that might be imposed upon them.

Viscount DUNGARVAN, D.G.M., said that after the flattering terms in which Lord Euston had proposed that toast, he was afraid he could hardly answer for his own blushes, much less could he answer for the blushes of others. When they met in Red Lion-square Mark Masons were in much smaller numbers. Now they met in a hall of their own and in large numbers, and dined at Freemasons' Tavern. The more the merrier; the more the keener. Let them hope that before Lord Euston's term was over the number would be doubled. He felt a large amount of gratitude in his breast, as had also other Mark Masons, to the Board of Stewards, who had provided such an excellent dinner.

Lord AMPHILL also responded, and said he was not conscious of being deserving of the honour conferred on him, but he thanked Lord Euston and the brethren for welcoming him so cordially. It was not so long that he had been initiated in Freemasonry, but he felt there was work to be done. He was extremely grateful for the honour conferred on him. When a man found himself in a position of greatness, suddenly and unexpectedly thrust upon him, it was his chief feeling that he would do his utmost to deserve that position. That was his feeling, and would be his feeling, so long as he was able to be associated with Freemasonry.

The Earl of EUSTON proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," and said that the annual Festival of the Fund had gone on increasing. He was happy to say that no applicant for relief from the Fund was refused, and it was a great thing that there were no expenses. The claims on the Fund were to a certain extent small; but as the Order increased the probability was that they would be more. The Fund was admirably managed by Bro. Matier. It was divided into three parts—educational, benevolent, and annuity. While no just claim had been refused, there had been no necessity for an election to the educational branch.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., responded. Speaking in the presence of three distinguished brethren who had most nobly filled the chair of President of the Benevolent Fund, and in the presence of brethren who were past, and present, and future Stewards, he could say but little to ask the brethren still further to devote their energies on behalf of that great and laudable enterprise. He would tell them one or two little facts—first, that the records of the highest amount ever subscribed at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival was, when the Pro Grand Master presided; and, secondly, that the next Festival would be held on July 26th, not July 19th, and Col. Gerard Noel Money, Prov. G.M. for Surrey, would preside. His (Bro. Matier's) great object of ambition was that the province of Surrey would support him, as other provinces in days gone by had supported their Grand Master. Thanking the Pro Grand Master for his kind personal allusion, he assured the brethren that he should in the future, as he had in the past, devote his best energies to promote the prosperity and success of that Institution which he himself thought most honourably worthy of support.

The Earl of EUSTON next proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Dalrymple Duncan, Deputy G.Z. of Scotland. He gave him and the other visitors a hearty welcome, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves. The brethren wished Freemasonry in Scotland, in every Degree, all the success it could possibly wish for itself.

Bro. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, Deputy Grand Z. of Scotland, in reply, said that was not the first time he had had the honour of sitting at that hospitable board; eight or nine years ago he sat down with the Grand Master, his friend and countryman, Lord Kintore; again, five years ago, when the Marquess of Hertford was Deputy Grand Master and filled the chair; and he rejoiced to say that each time he returned to the Festival of Grand Mark Lodge of England he found the Mark Degree had made marked progress, and that its prosperity had greatly increased. From what he had seen that night and the account they had had from Bro. Matier of the position of the Benevolent Fund, he augured well for it in the future, and felt that strong as the Mark Degree was at the present time, under the eminent and distinguished brother who now filled the position of Pro Grand Master, Grand Mark Lodge would go on prospering and would prosper to the great usefulness of the Craft. He wished he could say the same for the position of the Mark Degree in Scotland; but, as he explained when he was here before, the position was somewhat anomalous; it was worked under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, but curiously enough it had always worked under the Grand Lodge, and the result was that neither body held itself responsible for the efficiency of the Degree, so that it fell between two stools. It was unfortunate that there was no constitution recognising Grand Mark Lodge of Scotland. That was a possibility past praying for; but what he would like to see in Scotland was that the Mark Degree should be handed over to the Craft. Nothing could be more anomalous than to open a Mark lodge first, and then to open a Royal Arch chapter without difference. He was glad to say that in a lodge he was especially interested in, a lodge which he thought his distinguished brothers, Colonel Noel Money and Colonel Burney, would say did very good work, he had succeeded in introducing the Mark, and they had had very excellent Mark lodges. He hoped the day would come when the Mark Degree in Scotland would be handed over to the Craft, and that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would recognise, be responsible for, and would cherish the Degree, and would raise it to the level which it held in England.

Bro. EUGENE MONTEUUIS, as one of the respondents to the toast of "The Stewards," mentioned the fact that there was a lodge in London in which Frenchmen might hear the work in their own language. The lodge was very successful. On behalf of the Grand Stewards he said they had tried their best to bring the Grand Festival to a happy issue. They could not get on without engineers, and in this case the engineers were Bro. Matier, and Bro. Louis Mantell, Secretary. If the Grand Stewards had satisfied the Grand Officers and brethren they were very happy indeed, but they remembered to whom the greatest thanks were due—Bro. Matier and Bro. Mantell. The proceedings then terminated.

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Masonic Notes.

Exception has been taken to sundry of the criticisms
contained in our article of the 3rd instant on the
"Revised Code of Laws for the Royal Masonic Insti-
tution for Boys." Thus as regards our remarks *re* the
assignment of the rank of *ex-officio* Patron instead of
Vice-President to the Pro Grand Master and Deputy
Grand Master, Bro. Secretary McLeod informs us that
these cases never have carried, and it is not intended to
carry, with it votes. There is nothing in the existing
or proposed laws to show this, and perhaps it would be
as well to insert the necessary words to make this
clear, but it is satisfactory to know that in the
matter of votes the Grand Master, as President of
the Institution, will not be at a disadvantage, as we
suggested.

As regards the provision made in proposed Law XXIX,
that "in default of any direction, the Secretary for the
time being shall be entitled to vote," it has been
pointed out to us that the addition has been made
advisedly. Many votes are now lost because they are
addressed to the lodge quarters, but the Secretary's
private address is known, or can easily be ascertained,
and it is expected that by adopting this provision, the
number of votes hitherto lost, strayed, or miscarried,
will be appreciably diminished. This places quite a
different complexion on the proposed law, indeed, we
had an illustration of the desirability of such a change
being made as recently as Friday of last week.

Between 30 and 40 votes for the Royal Masonic
Benevolent Institution, which had been addressed, as
usual, to the headquarters of a lodge meeting not 100
miles from Freemasons' Hall, notwithstanding that
every inquiry was made for them, were not forthcom-
ing. A fortnight after the election these votes turned
up among other votes sent to a lodge meeting at the
same quarters. This is, of course, very discreditable to
the management of the house and fully justifies the
proposed addition.

It is satisfactory to know that the Board of Stewards
for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic
Institution for Boys already numbers upwards of 500
brethren. This is, indeed, good news, and if only the
Returns correspond in value with the strength of the
Board, the total obtained this year will be a large one.
We trust this may turn out to be the case.

"Our Boys" visited the "Zoo" on Thursday last,
being invited to spend a "happy day" by Bro. George
E. Fairchild, member of the Board of Management.

Just upon going to press we hear that the Cheshire
brethren on Thursday last held the first festival of the
Masonic Benevolent Institution recently formed in that
Province. The meeting was largely attended, and was
presided over by Lord Egerton of Tatton. The result
of the festival has not transpired, but we believe about
£3000 was subscribed.

One of the most imposing ceremonies ever witnessed at Tredegar took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall and general post office combined. In the new building not only will accommodation be found for Masonic purposes, but the building will also embrace what has long been a desideratum in the town, viz., a post office affording sufficient accommodation for the growing postal business. The new premises will cost about £1500, and are to be of Gothic design, from plans prepared by Messrs. Morgan and James, of Cardiff.

The ceremony was most interesting. The brethren, augmented by the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and numerous visiting brethren from a distance assembled at the Town Hall, where a procession, numbering about 140, in full regalia was formed, the various officers bearing the ensignia of their office and emblems of the Craft. The procession was headed by a contingent of youths, whose fathers are connected with the local lodge—St. George's Lodge, No. 1098. The usual ceremonial was carried out by R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Col. Charles Lyons, who was supported by the Deputy G. Master, Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray.

The foundation-stone laying of the New Halifax Infirmary to-morrow (Saturday) will be an important Masonic function. An especial Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, in the afternoon, at which the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, and other officers of the Grand Lodge of England, will be present. The brethren will go in procession to the Infirmary site, where the foundation stone will be laid by the Earl of Mount Edgumbe.

We beg to remind our readers that the annual athletic sports of "Our Boys" will take place to-morrow (Saturday), at the Institution, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The Guardians of the Strand Union, of whom Bro. James Willing, jun., of the Board of Management of the R.M.I.B., is an active member, have kindly allowed their school band to play a selection of music, conducted by Bro. M. Binnie. Tickets for admission have been freely issued, and all friends of the Institution will be welcomed.

Correspondence.

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

THE MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with considerable interest the article upon the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in the *Freemason* of the 31st ult., in which you urged the desirability of increasing the invested capital so as to have a larger permanent income for the Institution in order that the Committee of Management would not have to rely almost entirely, as at the present time, upon the result of each year's Festival to provide the funds necessary to meet the current year's expenses. Some two or three years since I remember a Past Master of my lodge recommending to the Provincial Charity Committee a proposal that it should be made a rule of the Committee that any lodge in the province proposing or recommending a candidate for election at either of the Institutions should be expected annually to contribute from the lodge funds or otherwise the sum of £10 10s. in respect of such candidate so long as he or she was being supported or educated from the funds of the Institution. If this arrangement were generally adopted a sum of £2500 or more would annually flow into the coffers of each of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions from the lodges recommending the 260 girls and 260 boys now in the Institutions, and the Aged Freemasons' Institution would, in like manner, be benefited. Now, it seems to me that the proposition referred to has much to recommend it. In the first place there are but few (if any) lodges in the country who could not afford to contribute from their funds a sum of £10 10s. a year towards the support of a candidate from such lodge, and in the next place if such a rule or custom existed it is probable that greater care would be exercised in admitting only suitable persons as members of a lodge. Surely where any lodge has a girl or boy at the Schools, or an annuitant on the Fund of the Benevolent Institution, it is not too much to expect such lodge to contribute a sum of £10 10s. a year towards the maintenance of its candidate; indeed, any lodge so circumstanced ought to feel it a duty so to contribute even without the existence of any such rule. There are many lodges who contribute annually considerable amounts towards the funds of the several Masonic Benevolent Institutions, but on the other hand

there are lodges who rarely, if ever, contribute anything whatever, and it will often be found that it is the latter class of lodge which furnish most of the candidates at the elections. If you think the subject to be worthy of discussion perhaps you will find room for this in the next issue of the *Freemason*.—Yours fraternally,

J. T. LAST, Treas. 2321.

THE APPROACHING R.M.I.B. FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is very disappointing to several of the Yorkshire brethren who this year had undertaken to serve as Stewards at the approaching Festival of the "Boys" School to receive notice from Bro. McLeod that the Festival is to be held at Brighton instead of in London, where the Festivals of the Institutions are usually celebrated. Now it is no doubt very convenient and agreeable for Stewards from London and the South to go down to Brighton for the event, but the decision of the authorities to hold the Festival at Brighton, and practically prohibit many Stewards and others from the Midland and Northern Counties from attending, who might and would have gone to London, but who cannot afford the additional time, to say nothing of the extra expense of going to Brighton, and who, consequently, in addition to the disappointment, will derive no advantage from the Stewards' fees already paid towards the expenses of the Festival, in addition to which a further fee of 25s. is now demanded, as I understand it, for the dinner ticket. I venture to doubt whether this is a policy which will benefit the "Boys" Institution in the end, as future Stewards from a distance will, doubtless, consider whether it would not prefer either of the other Institutions which hold their Festivals in London, which is certainly more accessible than Brighton to many provincial brethren. If it is occasionally desirable—as it may be—to hold the Festivals of the Institutions elsewhere than in London, permit me to suggest that some central and accessible town—such as Birmingham or Nottingham—should be selected which would be convenient for Stewards and supporters of the Masonic Institutions from all parts of the country.—Yours fraternally,

June 14th.

[We insert this letter as a specimen of how mistakes may be made. If "West Yorkshire" is a Steward he must know that no extra expense is incurred by the fact of the Festival being held at Brighton, the railway fare from London to Brighton and back and the dinner ticket being included in the usual fee; also that the "authorities" for fixing the locality for the Festival are the "Stewards" themselves, and that at the first meeting Brighton was selected by a large majority. The Brighton Festivals have always been popular, especially with the brethren from West Yorkshire and other Northern provinces, as is evidenced by the large attendance in 1886 and 1891. We do not think the "black country," though central, would "catch on."—Ed. F.M.]

WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE ROYAL MARRIAGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was never more surprised than last Wednesday at the Grand Lodge that no mention whatsoever of that auspicious event was made. There is no society in this country who are not showing in some way or the other their joy and loyalty.

I have heard of a brother inquiring of every brother he met and at every lodge he visited their opinion as to a motion he intended to move, but I have heard nothing since, although in everybody's opinion it was a grand and a proper proposition.

It now remains to inquire will the Craft rest and be satisfied?—I am dear sir, yours fraternally,

S. WILKINS,

69, Norfolk-lane, Dalston-lane.

June 12th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1032] ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

Again it is my pleasure and satisfaction to announce the discovery of another MS. of the "Old Charges," which was quietly placed in my hands by Bro. James S. Haddon, P.M. 1966, Prov. S.G.W. Somerset, on the 12th inst., for examination, when I was at Wellington to attend the installation of my old friend, Bro. W. H. Westlake as W.M. of 1966 by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., the esteemed D.P.G.M. Bro. Haddon had it presented to him recently, but its earlier history is obscure. The roll is written on the finest vellum, 13½ inches in width and nearly 5 feet 3 inches long, being in two equal strips of parchment united to form one continuous scroll. There is a magnificent illumination at the head of the roll, and artistically arranged on this is the year of transcription, viz., 1723. It is one of the finest, cleanest, and most perfect rolls I have ever seen, and I must warmly congratulate the owner on his valuable and interesting gift, which, with his permission, I have decided to call "THE HADDON MS." As time permits it will be duly copied, and its character and text carefully noted.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Temperance-in-the-East Lodge (No. 808).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar, on Wednesday, the 31st ult., Bro. A. G. Duck, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Geo. Graveley, P.M.; Geo. Shearman, P.M.; H. Cooper, P.M.; J. G. Armstrong, P.M.; G. Sidders, P.M.; H. Rogers, P.M.; C. Chapman, P.M.; J. Byford, jun., P.M.; W. Bigg, S.W., W.M. elect; E. F. Williams, J.W.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; T. S. Craze, S.D.; T. Ringrose, J.D.; W. T. Legg, I.G.; W. E. Puttick, Org.; W. Bussey, Stwd.; H. Baker, Tyler; E. Thompson, C. J. Cecil, T. H. Day, H. Horton, J. D. Murray, F. J. Dickson, E. Horsey, G. Mason, G. T. Gardiner, W. F. Day, W. W. Lodge, E. E. Kincaid, H. H. Baxter, R. F. Harris, T. Byford, C. H. Hendy, A. Aves, J. J. Lowman, C. G. Randall, W. H. Graveley, H. Hiswell, H. Butler, W. J. Mullion, and many others. The goodly array of visitors, about 60 in number (among whom were 23 Past Masters and W.M.'s), comprised the following: Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, P.M. 554, Asst. G. Purst; H. J. Day, P.M. 1457; B. C. Curtis, 1472; G. H. Canning, P.M. 2182; F. H. Gooch, P.M. 781; F. Chandler; C. Brassfield, 38; C. Handley, 2291; C. Pilke, 1384; W. Boyse, 1679; W. G. Bennett, 1716; W. Horseman, 2012; M. Bleick, 2374; W. Andrews, 1716; G. H. Dove, P.M. 45; H. Richards, 1151; R. Uniake, 2012; W. Fitzgerald, 2168; J. Waterson, 1716; J. Moore Smith, 2291; A. T. Ives, 1472; J. W. Bull, 781; G. H. Fennell, 1805; J. Boulton, 2445; J. Lightfoot, I.P.M. 1901; M. Bright, 2398; J. J. Fleming, P.M. 1287; R. Sandland, 2398; J. M. Mosey, 1716; Geo. Gardiner, 2309; W. A. Freestone, 1326; W. Forty, P.M. 1713 and W.M. 1365; H. Webster, 1733; G. Bowdon, 24, 32, and 1107; J. Grout, 1716; J. Walker, 1805; J. Dussey, 1805; D. R. Duncan, 2319; E. Jones, 1716; T. Gay, 1901; J. S. Painton, 1901; D. Channon, P.M. 1475; W. F. Bell, 2012; Geo. Parrett, P.M. 1259; A. Calvert, 212; J. Sparling, 199; C. J. Ozanne, W.M., and J. Mills, 1765; and others.

The lodge being duly opened, and preliminary business having been transacted, Bro. H. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., D.C., then presented Bro. Wm. Bigg, W.M. elect, to the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and inducted him into the chair of K.S. Bro. Wm. Bigg, W.M., was then saluted. The W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. A. G. Duck, I.P.M.; E. F. Williams, S.W.; T. S. Craze, J.W.; J. Byford, jun., P.M., Treas.; Dr. C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; T. Ringrose, S.D.; W. Legg, J.D.; W. Bussey, I.G.; Hy Rogers, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; F. Burdett, J. T. Baker, and J. J. Olley, Stwds; W. G. Puttick, Org.; and H. Baker, Tyler. Bro. Duck, I.P.M., who acted as Installing Officer, then delivered the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren generally on their respective duties. In his way of working the installation ceremony, Bro. Duck even went beyond the expectations of those who are well aware of his Masonic knowledge. He was aided in a most efficient manner by Bro. H. Rogers, who, as D.C., conducted the formal parts of the ceremony.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the City of London Tavern, where an admirably served banquet was provided. The company was over 150 in number.

After paying due attention to the good things at the table, the loyal toasts were proposed and honoured.

To the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Tijou, A.G.P., responded, and said that he was proud of the honour recently conferred on him by the Grand Master, and, through him, on the East-end lodges. It was the first time for many years that a Grand Lodge collar had been seen in connection with an East-end lodge. In the Board of Benevolence the East-end was represented by one in 12 members. Considering the large support they had given to the Charities, they should have a more adequate share in governing them.

The I.P.M., Bro. Duck, in apt terms proposed "The W.M.," who briefly expressed his pride in attaining that honourable position, and his resolve to work hard in the cause of benevolence and his duties of the lodge.

In responding to the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," Bro. Duck said his reward was in the appreciation always awarded to his efforts by the brethren, and the continued success of the lodge during his year of office.

For "The Visitors" several brethren replied, expressing their satisfaction with the work in the lodge, and the hospitality displayed at the banquet table.

Responding for "The Past Masters," Bro. Graveley said he was fifth Master in the chair of their lodge. The present W.M. was one of his boys as a joining member, and the next in the list, the present S.W., was also one of them.

Bro. Rogers, as the oldest P.M. in the lodge, referred to his 25 years' connection with it, and pointed out that with a steady increase in the members of the lodge there had been a proportionate growth in their subscriptions to the Charities; £95 more would make them double patrons of the three Institutions. Although thankful for all they had received they would like to top the list.

Bro. Armstrong said he would like them to add a fourth institution. He alluded to the work he had at heart, and that was to form a nucleus fund for distressed brethren of their own lodge, so that they might afford help in no niggardly way, but in a substantial form.

For "The Officers" Bros. Williams, S.W.; Craze, J.W.; T. Ringrose, S.D.; W. Legg, J.D.; and Burdett, Stwd.; briefly replied.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Hy. Tipper, P.P.C. Reg. Herts, P.M. 185, 2054, 2090, P.Z. 141, &c., assisted by Miss Millie Mallenior, Miss F. E. Tipper, Bros. Alpephi and Britten, and the Royal Criterion Handbell-ringers and Glee Singers. An excellent programme was well carried out.

Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Saturday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, W.M., in the chair; J. Roberts, I.P.M.; C. Rawle, J.W.; W. Lake, Treas.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; J. L. Barrett, S.D.; R. Bullen, I.G.; J. O. Widger and Redman, Stwds.; E. Richards, Dale, Lory, Williams, T. H. Richards, R. Harvey, Mably, Hamlyn, Symons, Hawken, Johnson, Jas. Thomas, Trevenen, Rogers, Smith, Tyrrel, Hockin, H. Bullen, Stephens, James, Hill, Moody, and Rosewarne. Visitors: Bros. Mann, P.M. 1452; Dexter, 2033; Rev. F. Evelyn Gardiner, 331; Clucas, 1075; Patten, 2255; Perrin, 1441; and Kipps, 1531.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes Bro. Clucas was raised to the Degree of M.M. and Bro. J. T. Rosewarne passed to the Second Degree. The former ceremony was very ably performed by the W.M. and the latter by the I.P.M., Bro. John Roberts. A ballot was then taken for the W.M., and Bro. Burgess, S.W., was unanimously elected; Bro. W. Lake was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. An Audit Committee was appointed and two "Cornwall" members balloted for and elected. Other routine business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner at the Freemasons' Tavern, the W.M. presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Worshipful Master in commendably brief terms; after which the I.P.M., Bro. John Roberts, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," whose occupancy of the chair during the year he said had given such satisfaction to the lodge and credit to himself.

Bro. St. Aubyn, in reply, remarked that although he was an old Mason in years, he was very young in practice, and had consequently approached his work as W.M. with much misgiving, but he had made every effort to carry out his duties faithfully and to the best of his ability, and hoped he had succeeded.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Dexter, Clucas, and Kipps.

The Worshipful Master then submitted a toast which, he said, was not quite according to the usual programme, but which he was quite sure would be cordially received. It was that of one of the founders of the lodge who had not before that evening had an opportunity of being present, he referred to Bro. Robert Harvey, whose many business avocations and public duties left him little time to spare. They were all glad to see him amongst them as a representative Cornishman, they were proud of him, and hoped now that he had put in an appearance he would lend his powerful aid in securing the success and well-being of the Cornish Lodge.

Bro. Harvey, in reply, expressed his unfeigned pleasure at being able to come amongst his brethren of the lodge. He assured them that on each occasion of its meetings other engagements had kept him away, which was not to be wondered at in the case of one who had so much on his hands of a private and public nature, including a parliamentary candidature. He wished the lodge every success, and hoped in future to do his part towards its securing that end.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given, and was duly responded to by Bros. Lake and Greenwood.

"The Officers of the Lodge" followed, to which the J.W., Bro. Rawle, and other officers replied.

Songs and recitations were given by Bros. Bullen, Ernest Dale, Hawken, and others, Bro. Mann, as on several previous occasions, acting as accompanist.

Columbia Lodge (No. 2397).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 8th inst., when Bro. Col. J. T. North was installed as W.M. in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. Owing to illness, Bro. Alderman A. Cooke, J.P., W.M., was unable to be present, but the following members were in attendance: Bros. Col. J. T. North, W.M. elect; J. B. Cumming, P.M.; Treas.; W. J. Spratling, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; H. S. Wellcome, I.P.M. 3; Elias Jessurun, B. Crumplen, J. M. Richards, F. C. Van Duzer, C. Hubbard, P.M.; Lieut.-Col. F. W. Frigout, P.M.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M.; A. W. Chapman, P.M.; W. T. Linton, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Gretson, W.M. 108; G. Pritchard, 9; Dr. I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; J. T. Tanqueray, P.J.G.D. Kent; H. Bateman, P.M. 95; Cooper, S.D. 3; T. D. Hill, P.M. 1347; J. Von Joel, P.M. 577; E. Edwards, 1891; Tivadar Nachez, 1635; W. H. Brown, 99; Chevalier L. Emil Bach, 1969; H. Johnson, 2190; W. Forster, 231; N. G. Pennington, 1853; W. Nicholl, 2190; W. E. Hayman, 59; R. W. Miller, R. Grice, 1366; H. B. Phillips, 1608; J. T. Bolding, P.G.S.; W. Lee, W.M. 2381; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; C. Godson, J.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Bristow, P.G.S.B.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. H. Kirby, P.M. 1965; E. J. Green, 865; Geo. C. Seale, Organist 193; Richard Pye, P.M. 820; J. A. Threshorpe, I.G. 1947; W. T. Charter, P.M. 1042; H. B. Carrick, P.P.G.D. Sussex; H. Van der Weyde, 2190; J. Pollard, P.G.S.W. Bombay; W. J. Ebbetts, P.G. Stwd.; B. Maples, P.M. 57; R. Coombs, 12; J. McLeary, S. W. Shaw, P.P.J.G.W. Kent; W. C. Bell, 860; W. J. Fisher, W.M. 2190; C. A. W. Lott, 2190; W. Bradford, and R. Dudley, 42, U.S.A.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. J. R. Brough was raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. G. G. Leader was initiated, the ceremonies being rendered by Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B., with his accustomed care and impressiveness. Bro. H. S. Wellcome, I.P.M. 3, then installed Bro. Col. J. T. North as W.M. in a very masterly manner, and the following officers were invested: Bros. H. S. Wellcome, S.W.; E. Jessurun, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, P.M.; Treas.; W. J. Spratling, P.M.; Sec.; B. Crumplen, S.D.; J. M. Richards, J.D.; F. C. Van Duzer, I.G.; G. C. Searle, Org.; Lieut.-Col. F. W. Frigout, P.M., D.C.; and A. W. Chapman, I.P.M., C. Hubbard, P.M., Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M., and W. T. Linton, Stewards. On the motion of the S.W., a sincere vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. Alderman Alf. Cooke, I.P.M., in his severe illness. Several letters expressing regret for non-attendance were received, and the lodge was closed.

After a choice banquet, the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, replied for "The Grand Officers," and said the programme of music was so large and so inviting, that he would not waste their

time with post-prandial speeches. They were all thankful for the kind reception accorded them, and for the generous hospitality at the festive board. He had one feeling of regret that he did not attend a little earlier in lodge, for the working was so exceedingly good, both in the initiation and installation ceremonies, that he felt he lost a great treat by being late. He hoped they would not think him impertinent if he congratulated them on their selection of a Master for the coming year. He thought they had secured the services of one who would prove himself a genial companion. He again thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers for the kind manner in which they had been received and for the opportunity of spending a pleasant and interesting evening.

Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., also replied. He said that in the position he had occupied for some 16 months, he had been brought very intimately in connection with not only the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, but all the Grand Officers, and he could assure them there were no two brethren who took a keener interest in the Craft than the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgcombe. He was happy to say the doctors pronounced the Earl of Lathom out of danger, and hoped he would in a short time be restored to good health. There was a general consensus of opinion that the late additions to Grand Officers had met with approval. It had been a great pleasure to him to meet so many brethren hailing from a country, the lodges of which the Grand Lodge of England was in perfect accord with, and he trusted the happy relations would long continue.

Bro. Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M., said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in proposing "The Health of their W.M."—a man who had travelled all over the world, a man of deep penetration and large efforts. He asked the brethren to cordially drink the toast, for as the representative of the Columbia Lodge, Bro. Col. North would do justice to the position he occupied, and they would never regret having placed such a Master in the chair.

Bro. Col. J. T. North, W.M., thanked them for the kind way in which they responded to the toast of their newly-installed W.M. He was quite a novice in Masonry as regards their working in England, but he was satisfied he should make himself a very apt scholar. In his travelling abroad, whenever a Mason came to them in distress, that man was at once looked after. He could go back to his own dining room, where a seafaring man came to him, and finding him to be a Mason, he at once asked him to sit down and dine with them, much to the surprise of the ladies and gentlemen present. That man, who was then a chief officer, had now been a captain of a sailing vessel for many years. His was the first time he had had the honour and pleasure of being elected to office by the brethren of the Columbia Lodge, and he thanked them all for it. He did not know what he could do for the members in return. Those who could help others in distress should do so, and, as some years ago he subscribed £50 to the Girls' School, and that was the first occasion in his life he had been Master of a lodge, he should like to give £50 to the Boys' School. He had also to thank the worthy brethren who had honoured him with their company that night.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Installing Master." He said they all knew what an effect and what impression the ceremony made upon them, and especially the younger brethren. He himself felt it very acutely. He had never heard during his existence as a Mason such grand remarks emanate from a brother. How or why he could not say, but he never felt anything so effective as the installation ceremony that evening. He would therefore ask them to heartily drink Bro. Wellcome's health.

Bro. H. S. Wellcome, P.M., S.W., expressed his thanks for the kind reference made to his efforts. He was deeply gratified if that ceremony had impressed itself upon their hearts. It was such a beautiful ceremony that they ought all to take it to heart, for a better code no man could have in his daily life. He had particular difficulty in performing the ceremony after the masterly work of Bro. Sudlow, which was such a wonderful study for them. In a few days the W.M. was returning to his homeland, America, and in representing that lodge he was sure Colonel North would find a very hearty hand of fellowship extended, and would doubtless make the Columbia Lodge felt and known.

"The Initiate" having been honoured, The Worshipful Master said he was sure the brethren would excuse his leaving them, as he had a worthy representative in Bro. Wedgwood. He thanked them all for their assistance, and assured them that now he was W.M. of a Masonic lodge for the first time, it would be his duty and pleasure to do what he possibly could for all the brethren.

"The Visitors" was next given, coupled with the names of Bros. Pollard, P.D.S.G.W. Bombay; Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; and Dr. Zacharie, P.G.M. California.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the pleasant proceedings.

The following artistes assisted in an exceptionally good selection of music: Bros. Chevalier Emil Bach (piano), Tivadar Nachez (violin), Robert Grice, E. Wareham and Geo. Pritchard.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—A meeting of emergency was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 9th inst., Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Lewis, P.M., as S.W.; Frank Mason, as J.W.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. E. Cussans, P.M., P.P.G.W.; R. W. Oldfield, S.D.; R. Cranston, as J.D.; W. Anneveld, I.G.; Goddard, Tyler; Inglis, Grimwade, Baddeley, George Phillips, Billson, Harry Dade, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Poole, W.M. 2020; Anneveld, Dr. Haskins, Larnier, Catford, Greening, and Donovan, from Montreal.

Bro. Harry Dade having been raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together.

In the course of the evening Bro. McLeod made an earnest appeal to the brethren to support the Stewardship which the W.M. had undertaken to serve in connection with the approaching Boys' School Festival, the result was that between 20 and 30 guineas were subscribed before the meeting separated.

BRISLINGTON.

Vale of Brislington Lodge (No. 1296).—

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., there was a large assembly of brethren at the White Hart Inn to witness the installation as W.M. of Bro. C. J. Hill, S.W. Bro. Hill is a very popular Mason, and being well known in the Province of Bristol in connection with the Craft, Arch, and Mark Degrees, it was not, therefore, surprising that he was supported by a large number of local brethren. Among those present were Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. Grand Master; W. F. Lewis, W.M.; J. R. Storrow, I.P.M.; H. Hetling, P.M.; W. Kater Cripps, P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Parry, P.M.; C. J. Hill, S.W.; J. Northam, J.W.; F. L. Byrde, Chap.; W. A. Fedden, Sec.; A. P. Chilcott, J.D.; Pierrepont Harris, D.C.; A. Petter, J. C. Gillman, H. H. Townsend, W. R. Chandler, P. S. Allison, W. K. Abbott, D. J. Falconer, J. T. Hallam, J. Edwards, and W. L. Meredith. Visitors: Bros. H. Benham, 187; E. T. Collins, 686; J. M. Chute, 686; E. E. Hobbs, 326; J. Fountaine, 187; W. Church, 103; W. Hobkirk, 1833; R. Cockle, 1388; D. Rose, 187; S. Hughes, 2257; W. Collett, 1833; G. D. Williams, 1833; V. Russell, 1833; A. Barratt, 326; H. J. Gough, 326; E. J. Sellick, 326; H. Lewis, 686; C. S. Dooty, 1833; A. Stephens, 610; B. Read, 1833; A. W. Fenn, 2257; A. Lamb, 1036; F. W. Davies, 68; P. Gibbs, 2257; J. S. Gover, 610; W. Warton, 103; F. W. Milton, 1833; H. Fielding, 326; R. Y. D. Ellis, 103; E. A. Barnett, 187; and others.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Pierrepont Harris, D.C., the charges being impressively given by the Prov. G.M. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. F. Lewis, I.P.M.; J. Northam, S.W.; W. A. Fedden, J.W.; L. Ashcroft, Treas.; M. V. Brazier, Sec.; A. P. Chilcott, S.D.; D. J. Falconer, J.D.; Pierrepont Harris, D.C.; T. West, I.G.; and W. Miller, Tyler.

After the ceremony about 60 of the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Hill, among the company being Lord Dungarvan, and many leading brethren of the Somerset and Bristol Provinces.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. R. N. Brunyee, W.M.; M. R. Behrendt, I.P.M.; J. Constable, Chap.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; T. Staniforth, Charity Steward; J. F. Faulkner, S.W.; H. L. Burtonshaw, S.D. and Org.; W. S. Scholey, I.G.; J. Franks and T. Oates, Stwds.; J. Turner, Std. Br.; J. W. Ashmell, H. Hoe, J. Batty, R. Meadley, and G. Naylor, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. H. Hoe was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. being materially assisted in the work by Bros. Behrendt and Constable. Bro. Wood announced that provincial honours had been conferred on Bros. Staniforth and Constable, the former for his successful work as Prov. Charity Steward had been promoted from P.P.G.D. to P.S.G.W.—a high honour upon which he was heartily congratulated. The lodge was then closed.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—This lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at St. George's Hall. Present: Bros. E. Newsum, W.M.; F. Webb, I.P.M.; C. Woodhouse, S.W.; T. Anelay, J.W.; F. J. Forth, P.M., Sec.; F. H. Buckland, S.D.; F. W. Turner, I.G.; H. C. White, Org.; J. F. Hanson and J. Denison, Stwds.; J. Fretwell, P.M.; G. Brooke, P.P.S.G.W.; F. D. Walker, P.P.G.D.; J. Fitzgerald, P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; F. Hand, P.P.G.D.; J. Hirst and W. Mason, Tylers; F. Baron, H. Gunby, F. Duff, J. Gibson, C. Hopkinson, H. Foster, H. Lovnds, W. M. Blade, and Rev. G. H. Stock, Chap. Visitors: Bros. W. P. Wood, 1164; W. Middleton, 139; H. A. Brook, 226; and J. Constable, 1482 and 2259, P.G.S.B.

The lodge having been opened, Dr. McCall was initiated by the W.M. A vote of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late Bro. Athron was proposed by Bro. Rand, and seconded by the W.M. This resolution was unanimously carried in mournful silence. The W.M. after this painful duty said he had next a very pleasing duty to perform. After a very neat, complimentary, and appropriate address, he had the greatest pleasure in presenting to the worthy and esteemed Secretary, Bro. F. J. Forth, on behalf of the whole lodge, a rich sterling silver inkstand, as a token of fraternal regard, with every good wish for the worthy Secretary, on the eve of his marriage. Bro. F. J. Forth, who spoke with much emotion, sincerely thanked the brethren for their kindness and good wishes.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where supper was served, and a very pleasant hour spent.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when, in the presence of over 20 Past Masters, Bro. Wm. Shaw was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec., assisted by Bro. Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and the following were invested as officers: Bros. W. Robinson, I.P.M.; J. Armstrong, S.W.; H. Brown, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Hartley, Chap.; G. Dalrymple, Treas.; E. Jackson, Sec.; J. H. Watson, Asst. Sec.; R. Wilkinson, S.D.; W. S. Jenkinson, J.D.; Jas. Joyce, D.C.; J. Webb, Org.; J. Roche, I.G.; Jas. Bewick and B. T. Kowe, Stwds.; and J. Gordon, Tyler. Apart from the Masters and Past Masters present, there were over 40 members and visitors. Two guineas was voted for the R.M.I. for Boys. Bro. J. Wakefield, P.M., P.G. Purs., presented Bro. W. Robinson, I.P.M., with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, with a suitable inscription engraved upon it, from the lodge, for the able way he had attended and discharged the duties of his year of office, and Bro. Robinson presented Bro. Dalrymple with a Provincial Grand Officer's collar, to wear at the monthly meetings of the lodge. Both brethren returned thanks for the unexpected gifts.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined at the Anchor Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and a long toast list gone through.

The jewel and collar were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 19th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. Grant, W.M.; H. J. Bond, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Spooner, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd., P.P.G.W., Sec.; W. T. Peat, P.P.G. Org., S.D.; Rice, J.D.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Dare, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Sapsworth, I.P.M.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. G. Bond and F. Alexander were raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Edwin Cheel, and it being unanimous, he was impressively initiated by the W.M. The accounts of the Treasurer having been audited, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. J. A. Macnab, W.M.; W. Davey, S.W.; A. B. Booty, J.W.; Geo. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; W. P. Bell, Sec.; A. J. Spinks, S.D.; T. Linskill, I.D.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; E. Seaborne, Org.; W. Child, Tyler; H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler. T. A. Marsh, P.M.; A. J. Bodman, P.M.; R. H. Waters, I.P.M.; T. Lawrence, P.M.; F. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; M. Blume, P.P.G.O., P.J.W.; and A. W. Lowe. Visitors Bros. A. A. Honey, J. Akans, S.W. 1034; D. Scoby, 236; B. Boulton, P.M. 111, P.P.G. Treas., &c.; C. C. Trim, 50; M. W. Dunscombe, I.G. 103; and B. W. Richardson, 2069.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Lowe was then passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Macnab. Bro. Thompson, P.M., Treas., then gave very impressively a definition of the following Masonic attributes, viz.: brotherly love, relief, and truth, faith, hope, and charity, temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, and virtue, honour, and mercy, all present being very much pleased.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall.

LIVERPOOL.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The annual installation in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, when Bro. John Tunstall, P.M., P.P.G.P., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. John Newell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., in the presence of a large number of brethren. The following were appointed officers of the lodge: Bros. W. Peters, I.P.M.; Z. Davies, S.W.; John Jones, J.W.; C. Burchall, P.M., Treas.; James Edwards, Sec.; H. B. Hankin, S.D.; J. R. M. Walker, J.D.; John Davies, P.M., D.C.; W. Hudson, Org.; E. H. Coslett, I.G.; S. Gorfunkle, F. B. Duncan, Thos. Hurst, and George Roberts, Stwds.; and Edward Watson, Tyler.

Among the brethren representing other lodges were Bros. R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; J. Whalley, P.P.G.D.C.; J. N. Patterson, P.P.G.D.C.; R. G. Bradley, P.G.S.; Robt. Shacklady, P.M. 249; D. Lloyd, P.M. 667; J. Bowyer, P.M. 667; W. H. Tyerman, P.M. 786; W. Sutherland, I.P.M. 1094; J. Procter, I.P.M. 607; John Milne, W.M. 1756; P. Armstrong, W.M. 724; and J. P. Day, W.M. 1094.

Bro. John Tunstall, W.M., P.P.G.P., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. Wm. Peters, I.P.M., with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his valuable services during the year.

RAINHAM.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2134).—The first meeting of the above excellent lodge took place at the Phoenix Hotel, on Thursday, the 25th ultimo, and was both a remarkable and enjoyable one. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Ringrose, who, in a peculiar ritual restricted to but one English lodge that we have ever seen it worked in—the Temperance-in-the-East—initiated Mr. Edward Cook. Bro. C. T. Tijou, Asst. Purst. of the Grand Lodge of England, was present, and was accorded Grand honours, for which he returned thanks. The lodge was magnificently furnished, every article being presented by the brethren of the lodge, as follows: Bro. F. J. Edele, P.M., J.W., the three pedestals, the fronts being beautifully carved with the arms of the lodge; Bro. Joyce, the three candlesticks, wrought in the shape of the three principal architectural pillars, with handsome electro-plated holders; Bro. C. Jolly, P.M., Sec., presented velvet cushion and sword; Bro. C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., the Bible; Bro. S. Carlton, set of ivory gavels and blocks; Bro. Dale, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., skull and crossbones; Bro. Ringrose, tripod and pulley, and rough and smooth ashlar; Bro. C. Canning, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., the Third Degree sheet; Bro. Catt, square and compasses; Bro. Reynolds, Deacons' wands and kneeling stools; Bro. Campbell, ballot box; Bro. Barnes, working tools; and Bro. Penny, charity box, in shape of heavy maul. The tracing boards are promised, while the lodge carpet and officers' gauntlets are already in the possession of the lodge.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Tijou congratulated the lodge on its handsome quarters, and also upon the real Masonic spirit that must have influenced the brethren to furnish the lodge so admirably. In a large lodge, in a large town he should not have been surprised, but in a small lodge like that, and in a small town like Rainham, it not only surprised but delighted him, and he felt sure that at its new home the lodge would soon become one of the most influential in the Province of Essex. No less than five nominations of candidates were made for the next meeting, and then the lodge was closed.

A really superb banquet was provided by Bro. Joyce, and splendidly served, which was much appreciated. Bro. Joyce also provided several professional brethren to aid the harmony, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Among the brethren present were Bros. T. Ringrose, W.M.; C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., acting S.W.; F. J. Edele, P.M., J.W.; C. Canning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; J. Barnes, S.D.; S. Carlton, J.D.; W. Reynolds, I.G.; F. D. Campbell, D.C.; G. F. Penny, A.D.C.; W. Barrett, Org.; J. W. Joyce, J.

McHugo, J. Ives, Tyler; C. Tijou, A.G.P. England; R. Smith, P.M. 27; H. Pamment, I.G. 700; A. Baldock, 1343; G. Jennings, 1100; J. Berther; and W. Garvey, 1743.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—This lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., at Peace Hall. Present: Bros. J. Constable, P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, I.P.M.; J. H. Bletcher, Almoner; G. Kenyon, S.W.; W. Martin, J.W.; A. Goodhind, S.D.; T. Barber, J.D.; F. T. Turner, I.G.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; B. Maskill, Stwd.; G. Eland, E. Hirst, and F. Pine, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. E. Hirst was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Ashlin giving the charge. The W.M., in the name of the P.G.M., invited the brethren to a meeting of Prov. Grand Officers and brethren to the laying of a foundation-stone by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Dep. G.M., at Halifax, on the 17th inst. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. T. Chambers, which the W.M. announced as unanimous. The lodge was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).—This lodge held its last meeting for the season on the 25th ult. at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were Bros. Huish, W.M.; Monson, S.W.; Wadham, J.W.; Larter, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Beard, S.D.; S. H. Parkhouse, I.P.M.; R. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Skinner, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Rickwood, P.M.; and Ellis, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the pleasing duty of presenting Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel devolved upon the W.M. The recipient was too unwell to attend the previous meeting to install his successor. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M.; Dr. Pocock, P.M.; D. P. Cama, P.M.; Dr. Kialmark, M.O.; G. Gardner, S.O.; and others.

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

The long list of toasts received full justice, and a most pleasurable evening was spent.

Hibernia Lodge (No. 431).—We can imagine no greater pleasure or satisfaction than for a father to be a witness of and to assist at the installation into the chair of W.M. of his own son, but when that installation is attended with surroundings rendering the ceremony doubly impressive, and that the proceedings were honoured with the presence of the highest and most distinguished of the leaders of the Order then, indeed, the cup of satisfaction must be full to the brim, and parental pride, and parental pleasure be feelings worthy of honest envy and fraternal admiration. Such may well have filled the heart of that excellent and popular brother Richard Clowes, on Friday, the 9th inst., when his son, Bro. Percy Clowes, was installed by special dispensation into the chair of the lodge by Bro. Gerald Noel Money, Prov. G.M. of Surrey, in the presence of Bro. Lord Euston and several Grand Officers. Amongst those present on the occasion we noticed Bros. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., Freeman, Wright, Jabez Church, Balfour Cockburn, A. R. Carter, Major Carrell, C. H. Driver, Lamette, R. Clowes, Money, and many others. We wish Bro. Percy Clowes a most successful year of office.

CHESTER.

Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 196).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Woolley, assisted by Bros. John Morris, P.M., P.J.G.W.; J. S. Warren, S.W.; Capt. Cooper, R.A., J.W.; G. P. Poole, M.O.; J. Clarke, S.O.; G. Forester, J.O.; Herbert Ellis, P.M.; P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Dr. Burges, P.M., I.G.; M. Grant, T. Edwards, R. G. Hawkins, R. C. Davis, Robert Carris, and T. Watson. Visitors: Bros. T. Fox, East Indies, and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 65, P.P.G.D.C. Lancashire.

The ballot was taken for seven brethren, who were declared duly elected. They were then advanced by the W.M., ably assisted by Past Masters Bros. Morris and Ellis.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Ollive, W.M.; Stutfield, S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, P.M., Sec.; Benson, J.D.; and Morrish, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tucker acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Morrish, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Stutfield was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, 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 7th inst. Present: Bros. Osborne, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Paul, Preceptor; Wilby, Hon. Sec.; Bennett, S.D.; Walker, J.D.; Bray, I.G.; Thom, and Hemming.

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 the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mason being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Joseph Bennett, 94, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Sir Sidney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington-road, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Horton, W.M.; Moss, S.W.; Dickenson, J.W.; Wise, P.M., Preceptor; Wood, P.M.; S.D.; Beecroft, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Woolf, Sec.; Green, Whitney, Austin, P.M.; and Whiting, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Green personating the candidate. Bro. Whitney worked the 1st Section of the lecture, and the 2nd was worked by Bro. Wise, P.M. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wise, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, dues were collected and Bro. Taylor was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Moss was unanimously elected W.M., for the next meeting, and officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary announced that the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed at the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Barr, W.M.; Reilly, S.W.; Telling, J.W.; J. Hooper, P.M., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Lord, S.D.; Cornford, J.D.; Pack, I.G.; King, Rice, Asst. Sec.; Orton, Christmas, Pike, Clarke, C. W. Stone, Sparks, Cooke, and Niblett.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cass having offered himself as a candidate, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cass passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Barr vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Telling, J.W., who repeated the ceremony, Bro. Pike as candidate. Bro. J. Hooper, P.M., W.M. elect 1320, invested his officers, after which Bro. Reilly was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Cass having given notice of motion—"That the lodge adjourn from June 26th to the first Monday in September," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Bradley, W.M.; Hambly, S.W.; Shipton, J.W.; Foan, Preceptor; Hoggins, Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Reynolds, Treas. and acting Sec.; Jarvis, S.D.; Morrell, J.D.; Watson, I.G.; Sear, Org.; May, Walker, Harris, Kirk, Dukas, Snow, Downes, Smart, Forrester, Ham, Warwick, Norrington, Goivanni, Shipton, and Avergini.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Jones worked the 1st Section, and the Assistant Preceptor the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Jarvis, S.D. Bro. Jones having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the first time, the dues were collected. On rising for the second time, Bro. Hambly was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. F. A. Barth, W.M.; Willison, S.W.; Shackell, P.M., J.W.; Weedon, P.M., Preceptor; E. Dimes, Sec.; Dr. J. H. Frye, S.D.; F. G. Scheib, J.D.; and J. D. Spires, I.G.

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. Robinson acting as candidate. Bro. Robinson answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Scheib answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and Bro. Willison was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. H. R. Elkin, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Iwhaites, S.D.; J. J. Rumbal, J.D.; R. Nicholson, I.G.; A. Williams, W.M. 834; L. Beale, and J. H. Neville.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Hillier. Bro. Beale offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been proved in the usual manner, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. A. Williams, Preceptor, W.M.; McDermott, S.W.; Whitley, J.W.; F. Craggs, P.M., acting as Preceptor; M. Spiegel, Sec.; Hide, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; Cumming, P.M., I.G.; Baxter, Powell, and Reid. Visitors: Bros. Hattan and Arnfield.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Reid 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. Hattan being a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Hattan and Arnfield were duly elected joining members. Bro. McDermott was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge congratulated Bro. A. Williams, S.W., the Preceptor, on his election to the Board of General Purposes. The lodge was then closed.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORY OF
DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above priory was held recently at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, under the banner of the Loyal Brunswick Preceptory. V.E. Sir Knight Rev. Dr. Lemon, Prov. Prior, presided. The fratres present included Sir Knights E. Aitken-Davies, C. Guard, Great Priory, P.P.G. Const.; and W. Taylor, C. Guard. Provincial Great Officers: Sir Knights J. Du Pre, Sub-Prior; H. Stocker, Chancellor; W. Trevena, Const.; W. Bennett-Mayne, Marshal; and J. R. Lord, Treas. Provincial Officers: Sir Knights A. Trout, P. St. B.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T., P.C.G.; Major Grey Skipwith, C.S.B.; J. Gidley, Guard; J. R. Wilson, P.P.G. Treas.; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.M.; F. Crouch, P.P.G. St. B.; G. Dunsterville, P.M.; F. Adams Davson, E.P.; T. J. Crossman, P.M.; J. Wallis, P.E.C.; Sholto H. Hare, P. St. B.; and F. E. Renfry, Oxford Priory.

The Provincial Chancellor reported that all the preceptories in the priory had made their returns and paid their dues. All the great officers appointed had assumed their ranks and paid their fees. There had not been a large increase of fratres during the year. Five guineas were voted to the Devon Educational Fund, and one guinea to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital.

The E. PRIOR announced that the V.H. and E.G. Prior of Ireland, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, had accepted the office of Provincial Prior of Sussex, vacated by the death of the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. The installation of the Duke would take place shortly at Brighton, and be a brilliant affair.

The following officers were invested for the ensuing year:

Sir Knight John Brewer	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
Rev. J. F. Chanter,	...	
" M.A.	...	Prov. Prelate.
" H. Stocker	...	Prov. Chancellor.
" John Du Pre	...	Prov. Constable.
" W. Roberts	...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
" Dr. F. A. Davson	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" Rev. T. C. Lewis	...	Prov. Capt. of Lines.
" E. H. Shorto	...	Prov. W. of R.
" E. Aslat	...	Prov. Std. Br. Beau.
" S. H. Hare	...	Prov. Std. Br. V.B.
" W. H. Dillon	...	Prov. Banner Br.
" J. B. Gover	...	Prov. Capt. of G.
" T. J. Cressman	...	Prov. Swd. Br.
" J. Gidley	...	Prov. Guard.

Red Cross of Rome and
Constantine.

Premier or Original Grand Conclave of England.—A meeting of this old and distinguished conclave was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 5th inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights C. E. Keyser, J.P., G.C., M.P.S.; J. Purrott, V.E., P.S. elect; T. G. Robinson, S.G., V.E. elect; J. J. Pakes, J.G.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., G.C., P.M.P.S., Treas. elect; G. Graveley, Prelate; W. A. Scurrah, Prefect; L. Steele, Std. Br.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, Orator; G. Phillips, Herald; G. Powell, P.G.S.G., P.M.P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; Dr. Mickley, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S.; and Nelson Prower, G.S., P.M.P.S.

The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. E. Sir Knight C. E. Keyser enthroned E. Sir Knight J. Purrott, as M.P.S., and E. Sir Knight H. H. Shirley installed Sir Knight T. G. Robinson, V.E., the ceremonies being admirably performed. The following appointments and investitures were made: Sir Knights J. J. Pakes, S. General; G. Graveley, J.G.; W. A. Scurrah, H.P.; L. Steele, Prefect; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, Std. Br.; G. Phillips, Orator; and Frater Reinardt, Sentinel. In consequence of the absence, through indisposition, of Sir Knight John Mason, P.G. General, the appointment and investiture of Recorder was postponed. The by-laws as amended were unanimously approved. The report of the Audit Committee not being fully prepared was adjourned till the next meeting. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to E. Sir Knight C. E. Keyser, by the M.P.S., who in the course of his speech made some very flattering remarks upon the grand Charitable and Masonic qualities of the recipient. Sir Knight Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., sent an apology for non-attendance. An important resolution was passed as to members in arrear.

The conclave was then closed. The banquet was held at Freemasons' Tavern under the efficient and genial superintendence of Bro. Mantel.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the long list of toasts was duly honoured.

E. Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, M.A., responded on behalf of "The Grand Council," and E. Sir Knight Nelson Prower, M.A., for "The Grand Senate."

"The Health of the M.P.S." was proposed by E. Sir Knight Shirley in eloquent and eulogistic terms.

The M.P.S. having replied, gave "The Past Sovereigns," coupled with the names of Sir Knights Dr. Mickley and Hare, who duly acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The V.E." was warmly proposed by the M.P.S., and, having been cordially received, Sir Knight T. G. Robinson briefly replied.

A high compliment was paid to E. Sir Knight H. H. Shirley by the M.P.S. in giving the important toast of "The Treasurer."

This pledge was drunk with enthusiasm. Sir Knight Shirley made an effective speech in responding to this toast.

The names of Sir Knights J. J. Pakes and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., were coupled with "The Health of the Officers." The proceedings then terminated.

Royal and Select Masters.

BRIGHTON.

Brighthelmstone Council (No. 15).—A most interesting meeting of this council was held at the Royal Pavilion on Saturday, the 10th inst. The proceedings commenced with the reception into the various Degrees of Comp. W. E. Hughes, 1947. At the special request of Comp. Richard Clowes, G.P.C.W., T.I.M., Comp. Vincent conducted the ceremony and explained the various Degrees in the able and lucid manner so peculiarly characteristic of this very learned ritualist. Comp. W. E. Hughes having been duly received, the council entered upon the duty of election of T.I.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Comps. Freeman and Lamette were respectively and unanimously elected to these offices.

The following members of the council were present on this occasion: Comps. Richard Clowes, Whittaker, Histed, Wright, Lamette, Balfour Cockburn, Frederick Bevan, Freeman, Percy Clowes, Carrell, Stewart Brown, Gill, Wilson, and Tebbs.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; Charles Sheppard, W. J. Murlis, H. Mason, S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; A. Mullord, J. L. Anderson, C. J. R. Tijou, A.G.P.; T. Whitmarsh, W. Fisher, F. Wood, C. H. Webb, T. B. Hamill, A. H. Hickman, C. Kimpton, S. Cochrane, G. Treas.; Geo. E. Fairchild, T. I. Bird, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Lovegrove, J. P. Fitzgerald, R. D. Cummings, J. Boulton, W. Belchamber, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; A. C. Spaul, G. Std. Br.; Hugh Cotter, W. Webber, A. Morris, E. M. Money, R. Gowan, J. Harrison, H. M. Hobbs, W. Vincent, Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D.; A. R. Trew, Charles Lacey, Walter Potter, Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of four male annuitants, and it was agreed that as three of these were elected in May last, the three deferred should be elected as annuitants, and the three next highest on the poll be deemed elected as deferred. The Warden's report was read, and also the list of the candidates elected at the annual general meeting in May, a slight mistake in the poll being rectified as far as possible.

Cheques in respect of the Hervey Memorial Fund and from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement were stated to have been received for apportionment among the highest unsuccessful candidates, and thanks were voted to Bros. Sir John B. Monckton and Thos. Fenn respectively, for transmitting them.

Bros. Murlis, Hogard, Brooks, Lacey, and Kimpton were unanimously re-elected members of the Finance Committee, and Bros. Farnfield, Perceval, Newton, Fairchild, and Keyser of the House Committee. The application of a widow for half of her late husband's annuity was granted, and the petition of six candidates (two men and four widows) were considered and accepted and the names ordered to be entered on the lists for the election in May, 1894.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE MORRIS TAYLOR.

We regret to announce the death, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., after a short illness, from pneumonia, of Bro. George Morris Taylor, of Little Britain. Bro. Taylor was a P.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, and was well known and respected in the Ward of Aldersgate, with which he had been connected over 40 years.

The Craft Abroad.

BOMBAY.

Perseverance Lodge (No. 351, S.C.).—Thursday, the 6th ult., was a notable day in the history of this flourishing lodge. A meeting was held on that date for the reception of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, who was on tour in India, and was desirous of seeing the working of the Craft there. The officers and members of the lodge present on the occasion were Bros. W. L. Harvey, R.W.M.; Dr. C. H. F. Underwood, I.P.M.; J. W. Smith, P.M., G.M. (S.C.); Dr. E. F. Underwood, P.M. and Treas.; N. D. Patel, D.M.; E. B. Sahior, Sub. M.; G. P. Millett, S.W.; J. E. Kees, J.W.; C. A. Cuttriss, Sec.; W. Jeffries, S.D.; F. Hogan, Archt.; J. Thomas, Org.; J. Cummings, I.G.; W. W. Saunders, Steward; J. W. Watson, Tyler; C. D. Furdoonjee, P. Hon. G.M.D.; C. D. Wise, P.S.G.W., G. Sec.; F. de Lair, H. Holmes, H. Kennard, A. W. S. Wise, R. C. Doyle, E. Holland, W. Marsh, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, Substitute G.M. of Scotland; H. W. Barrow, D.D.G.M. Bombay, in charge of District Grand Lodge; W. H. Hussey, P.D.D.G.M.; N. Roberts, P.D.G. Reg. Bombay; J. H. Furneaux, P.M. 944 (E.C.);

D. R. Chichgur, G.M.D. (S.C.); R. V. Reid, P. Hon. G.M.D.; A. W. Seabrooke, Substitute G.M.; C. Anderson, S.G.W.; N. J. Guddar, J. E. Dover, J. W. Hepworth, and H. M. Chichgur, P.S.G.W.'s; F. D. Petit, J.G.W.; D. D. Curranee, G. Treas.; J. D. B. Gribble, R.W.M. 569, S.G.D.; Moiza Hoosein Khan, S.G.D.; A. F. Solon, P.S.G.D.; J. Hindle, P.A.G. Archt.; Pallonjee Nusserwanjee, P.A.G. Jeweller; K. N. Kabrajee, P.A.G. Jeweller; J. D. Fraser and Capt. C. E. Wilson, A.G.D. of Cs.; J. Parker, J.W. 490, P.G.P.; H. G. Gordon, S.W. 490, G. Stwd.; H. Dhunjeebhoy, W.M. 1738 (E.C.); R. K. R. Cama, R.W.M. 342 (S.C.); J. B. Nariman, P.M. 342 (S.C.); D. C. Furdoonjee, R.W.M. 506 (S.C.); B. S. Kapadier, P.M. 506 (S.C.); R. W. Harris, S.W. 594 (S.C.); A. Mellor, J.W. 594 (S.C.); and many others.

The lodge having been opened, the Grand Master and the Sub. G.M. of Scotland were saluted. In acknowledging the salute, Bro. Lord Saltoun said he would not detain the brethren with a long speech, as there would be time for that at the banquet, but he thanked the R.W.M. and brethren for the kind reception accorded him, and was quite certain from what he had seen of the lodge that the work would be carried out in a creditable manner. Bro. H. W. Barrow, D.D.G.M., having been saluted, the ordinary business was proceeded with, and Bro. A. W. S. Wise was passed to the Second Degree. The whole ceremony, including the lecture on the tracing board, was performed by the R.W.M., Bro. Harvey, in a manner which elicited the applause of the brethren.

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

CONSECRATION OF THE CHARLES BLAKEWAY
LODGE, No. 2451, ENGEBOBO, TEMBULAND.

This interesting function was performed by Bro. C. H. Bate, P.M., P.D.G.W. (acting on behalf of the D.G.M. of the Eastern Division, who was unable to attend personally), on Friday, the 12th May, having specially come from Barkley East for that purpose. The brethren and visitors assembled at the New Temple, and after being formed into a group and photographed, were ranged into procession, and marched, wearing their regalia, to church, to attend Divine Service at St. Cyprian's, where a very striking and able sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Waters, of All Saint's Mission. Quite a large crowd turned out to see the Masons and their regalia, and there is not the slightest doubt, that after listening to the excellent discourse of the reverend preacher, many who previously (through ignorance, of course) condemned the Order, were pleased to see us in quite a different light.

Divine service over, the brethren reformed procession and returned to the Temple, and adjourned from labour to refreshment for 10 minutes, during which time the building and its appurtenances was inspected by the ladies and others.

At the expiration of the 10 minutes, labour was resumed, when the ceremony of consecrating the Temple and forming the brethren into a regular lodge was most ably performed by the Consecrating Officer.

Bro. BATE, during the ceremony, delivered an oration on the subject of "Freemasonry," tracing its early history with marked ability, and for a period of about half an hour, was listened to with silent attention, pleasure and profit being the result.

Bro. Bate very ably represented the D.G.M., who is to be congratulated on having secured the services of so efficient and painstaking a Deputy, and it is felt that his visit to Engeobobo will not be speedily forgotten.

The consecration and dedication ceremony over, Bro. J. W. Heathcote, P.M., was installed in the chair of K.S., and immediately proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. A. H. Stanford, S.W.; W. J. Clarke, J.W.; O. P. Webb, Treas.; E. H. Cockson, Sec.; John Phillips, S.D.; James Phillips, J.D.; Jas. F. M. Clarke, I.G.; Joseph Phillips and W. King, Stwds.; and A. T. W. Phillips, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Heath's Hotel for the purpose of refreshment.

The few visiting brethren present were heartily welcomed by the brethren of the new lodge, and they carry back with them to their homes bright and present recollections both of the interesting ceremony they were privileged to witness as well as the brotherly love and harmony which prevailed throughout.

Many other brethren and lodges in different parts sent apologies regretting their inability to attend, which, owing to the difficulty of access, and bad roads in particular to Engeobobo, is not to be wondered at.

At the banquet the usual toasts were given and responded to with many brilliant speeches, and several members added to the conviviality of the evening by rendering music and song, especially among these might be mentioned Bro. Holmes, of Barkley East, who with his numerous comic songs brought down the house, also Bro. J. W. Johnston, of Umtata, who added much to the success of the singing by his able accompaniments on the piano.

The banquet reflected great credit on Mrs. Heath, who, in the absence of her husband, undertook the arduous duty of catering for so many.

Considerable prosperity is prophesied for the new lodge, situated as it is in the centre of the native territories, and on the day of installation five applications for initiation were received. The formation of this lodge is another event marking the march of civilisation in these territories.

In Memoriam.

In fond and loving memory of ELLEN CONSTANCE (Connie) GOTTLIEB, who fell asleep on Saturday, the 16th June, 1888.



THE SHRIEVALTY.—A very enthusiastic meeting was held at 17, Lawrence-lane, on Friday last, in support of the candidature of Bro. George Hand. Mr. J. Mowlem Burt, the master of the Lorniers' Company, occupied the chair, and there was a large and representative attendance of the members of the Committee who are promoting Bro. Hand's interests. The meeting was reminded at the outset that Bro. Hand was the first of the candidates to announce his intentions, the date on which his declaration was made being as far back as Jan. 11th. That being so, Bro. Hand had undoubtedly a prior claim to the three other gentlemen now before the livery.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Albany Lodge of Instruction, No. 1963, are adjourned until the first Wednesday in September.

Bro. J. Galt Fisher, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. Middx., will be installed W.M. of the Wilson Hles Lodge, No. 2054, at the Swan Hotel, Rickmansworth, on Saturday, the 1st July.

The Princess Margaret of Connaught, who was accompanied by her father, opened a bazaar at Southsea on Tuesday in aid of the building fund of the St. Luke's Day School, Portsmouth.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire is to be held at the Town Hall, Chester, at 2.30 p.m., on the 24th inst., when the popular Cheshire Mason, Bro. Jas. Salmon, will be invested Deputy Prov. G. Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire will be held at the Town Hall, Maidenhead, on Thursday, the 29th inst., under the presidency of W. Bro. John Thornhill Morland, M.A., Deputy Prov. Grand Master (in charge). The banquet will take place at the Town Hall.

The annual dinner of the Old Rugbeians will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday, the 3rd prox. Sir Horace Davey, Q.C., will preside as Chairman, and among the principal guests who are expected to support him will be the Deans of Westminster and Wells, Bro. Lord Brassey, Viscount Cross, Lord Sandhurst, Sir A. J. Arbuthnot, and Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P.

This year's conversazione of the Society of Arts is announced to take place on Friday evening, the 30th inst., at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington. The bands of the Scots Guards and the Royal Artillery will perform a selection of music in the gardens which will be specially illuminated, and the galleries of the Institute, containing the Colonial and Indian collections, will be open for inspection.

At the regular meeting of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven, on the 5th inst., Bro. Rev. James Anderson, W.M., Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth, was elected W.M. This is an exceptional case in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, for a brother to be elected W.M. of one lodge, while Master of another, but the choice is a wise one, and we have no doubt it will further the interests of the lodge.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—This year a pleasant feature in the re-unions which take place from time to time at the Girls' School will be missing—we refer to the ex-pupils' day, which usually takes place on the last Saturday in June—seeing that this year the holidays commenced early in June. We trust that the untoward circumstances that have prevented the gathering on this occasion will not occur in future years.

The members of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley, numbering about 50, with their wives, sisters, &c., had a very pleasant picnic on the 6th inst., to Masham, Swinton, and Hack Fall. By the kind permission of Lord Masham the party were allowed through the grounds, &c., of Swinton Hall and Park, whence they were conveyed to Hack Fall in traps supplied by the landlord of the King's Head Hotel, where a substantial breakfast was served at 10 a.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. The weather was everything that could be desired. The W.M., Bro. H. Telford, and his officers were most assiduous for the comfort of the party, and were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their untiring efforts. The party left Masham at 7 p.m., and after a pleasant run duly reached Shipley about 10 p.m.

The Prince of Wales, as Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, of which the Queen is head and patron, has fixed Saturday, the 24th inst., at 12.30, for unveiling the memorial at St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, first Sub-Prior of the Order since its incorporation under Royal Charter. The ancient gateway once formed the entrance to the famous Priory of Clerkenwell, founded in 1100. It was the headquarters of the Order in England up to the time of the Reformation, and is one of the few relics of old London. It has for some years past been again the headquarters of the Order to whom it belongs. On the north front of the gate facing the Clerkenwell-road the date of the former restoration by Sir Thomas Vicars, Prior of the Order in 1504, is still to be seen. The original gateway was destroyed by Wat Tyler. Of late, from age and its many vicissitudes—it has been in turn a storehouse, a printing office, a lodging-house, and a tavern—the building had gradually fallen into disrepair. Under the direction of Mr. J. Oldred Scott, F.S.A., as architect, the restoration has been most carefully carried out by Mr. John Thompson, of Peterborough. As far as possible the old work has remained undisturbed, new material being only used where absolutely necessary. The Prince of Wales will be accompanied by the Duke of York and other members of the Royal Family, all of whom belong to the Order, and as the day is St. John Baptist's Day—the annual festival of the Order—it is believed that there will be a large gathering of members, for whom special accommodation is being provided.

CRICKETING EXTRAORDINARY.—WONDERFUL ENDURANCE.—THE HIGHEST SCORE EVER RECORDED in the annals of cricket EXCELLED this season if members of clubs will regularly use Holloway's Ointment, which cures stiffness of the joints and makes the muscles strong and elastic. Holloway's Pills, taken in conjunction with the Ointment, impart lightness and vitality to the system.

We are requested to state that the meetings of the Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, held at the Fox and Hounds, Putney, are adjourned for the season.

The announcement in the *Gazette* that the Prince of Wales has again accepted the position of Colonel and Captain-General of the Honourable Artillery Company has caused the liveliest satisfaction among the members of that ancient corps.

It is considered by no means improbable that the King and Queen of Denmark will attend the marriage of the Duke of York and Princess May. The Czarewitch and the Grand Duke of Hesse—the latter as best man—are also expected.

At the dinner party given by Sir Francis and Lady Jeune, on Wednesday evening, the guests included the Duchess of Cleveland, Bro. Lord and Lady Roberts, Sir Henry and Lady Ponsonby, Miss Balfour, Mr. A. Chamberlain, Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, and the Right Hon. H. Matthews, M.P.

A three days' bazaar at the Hampstead Conservatoire, Eton-avenue, was opened by the Duchess of Wellington, on Wednesday, in aid of the Orphan Working School Haverstock Hill, and its junior branch, the Alexandra Orphanage for Infants, Hornsey Rise, in which 600 children are maintained, clothed, and educated.

At the meeting of the Earl of Leicester Lodge, No. 2237, on Monday evening, at the new Hall, Wells-next-the-Sea, there were two initiations—Bros. Smith and Christmas, and a raising—Bro. Mallett. Bro. Alfred Wm. Whitlock, the W.M., was in the chair, supported by Bros. Rev. J. E. Player, P.M., P.P.G.C., and Goddard, P.M.

Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., presided at the 30th annual meeting on Wednesday of the St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission. The report presented was very satisfactory, and the Bishops of St. Albans, Colchester, and Gibraltar, and others who addressed the meeting, congratulated the Society on the improvement which had taken place in the character and conduct of English seamen.

Owing to the death of his brother, the Archbishop of Canterbury was not able to be present at the dinner given on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Lambeth, to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs and the Stewards of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy. Many engagements have to be cancelled, and the annual garden parties at Lambeth will be postponed to the end of July.

Display, drill, and competitions made up an interesting programme on Thursday at the Fire Brigades Tournament in the Agricultural Hall. The Portuguese Pompiers Corps again showed their wonderful proficiency in scaling a burning building. It may be said that with the Americans they share the honours of being the quickest at turning out and tackling the work of rescuing people from houses in flames. At manual drill the palm for speed was gained by Wimbledon and Chester.

The match between M.C.C. and Ground and the Australians, terminated on Wednesday in a very substantial victory for the former by seven wickets. For the Australians Lyons made 83 and 45; Trott, 56 and 0; Bruce 2 and not out 46; and M'Leod not out 19 and 38. Of the victors Dr. W. G. Grace made 75 and 45; Stoddart 5 and 74; Gunn, 36; A. Hearne, 19 and not out 18; and Flowers 17 and not out 15. For the Colonials Turner and Trumble and for the M.C.C. Kortright were successful in bowling.

Bros. the Rev. F. W. Macdonald, vicar of Stapleford, G. Chap. England; the Rev. John A. Lloyd, vicar of Mere, P.G. Chap. England; B. H. Watts, Clerk of the Peace; and Surgeon-General Ringer, M.D., were entertained on Monday, the 12th inst., by the W.M. and members of the Lodge of Honour, No. 379, at a banquet, held after a meeting of the lodge, at which there were two initiations, in the dining room of the Masonic Hall. A very cordial vote of thanks to the above brethren was passed for their past services in the lodge, on the motion of the W.M., who congratulated them on the several honours conferred upon them by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, and the Grand Mark Lodge. At the same time Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins, also a P.M. of the lodge, and Secretary, was voted a P.P.S.G. Warden's jewel, as a token of esteem and regard. Bro. Hopkins at the banquet gave a very interesting account of the history of the lodge in proposing the toast of the evening, to which the four brethren suitably replied, Bro. Lloyd saying that he had the pleasure of initiating the W.M., Bro. Major Charles H. Simpson, during his year of office in 1886. We hear Bro. Lloyd has accepted an invitation to be present at the session of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to be held at Ottawa, July 19th, and sails from Liverpool by the Allan liner Numidian, on the 22nd inst.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE.—The annual excursion of the lodge will this year take place on Saturday, the 24th inst. The brethren will meet at the Holborn Viaduct Terminus, and leave by the 9.55 train for Canterbury, arriving there at 11.30 a.m. A saloon carriage will be provided. Carriages will meet the brethren at the Canterbury Station, and drive them through the city, past the old Keep, to the Fountain Hotel (where wraps can be left), and from there to the Cathedral. A couple of hours will be devoted to the inspection of the venerable pile under competent guidance, probably one of the Cathedral clergy, the brethren then walking to the Fountain Hotel close by, where they are cordially invited to partake of lunch by Bro. Horatio Ward, D.G.S.B. After lunch the carriages will take the brethren to St. Martin's Church, a Saxon foundation, in which Christian service was conducted prior to, and at the time of, the landing of St. Augustine. Visits will then be made to St. Augustine's Monastery, the ruins of St. Pancras, the West Gate, the Masonic Temple, or such of them as time will permit; and the brethren will be re-conveyed to the Fountain Hotel by 6 p.m., to partake of a substantial "High Tea." After rest and refreshment, it will be optional with the brethren either to walk to the station through Dane John, the lovely little park within the old city walls, which at this spot are well preserved and form a raised walk round the park, or to drive there outside these walls. The return train will leave at 7.45 p.m., arriving in London at 10 o'clock. The charge to each brother is fixed at £1 sterling: a sum only rendered possible through the kindness of Bro. Ward in asking the brethren to lunch. It will be an assistance to the Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, if brethren will at once intimate to him by postcard their intention of joining the excursion.

The Grand Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to present a statuette of herself, in silver, to the Marquis Torrigiani, Syndic of Florence, as a memento of the visits she paid to that city in 1888 and 1893.

The annual summer dinner of the Aldersgate Past Officers' Club has been arranged to take place on the 28th inst. at the King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent. Bro. T. Murray Jones, of 101, Aldersgate-street, is the Hon. Secretary.

Bro. the Earl of Meath, the Earl of Wemyss, Bros. Viscount Powerscourt and Lord Plunket and Lord Monleigh have been added to the Standing Committee of the House of Lords for the purpose of considering the Sale of Liquor (Ireland) Bill.

The Cunard liner the *Servia*, which arrived at Queens-town at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, reports having come into collision, in a dense fog, with the American barque *Alexander M'Cullum*. The latter almost immediately sank, but its crew, with one exception, were saved.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—In our report of the election of members of the above Board in our last week's issue we omitted the name of Bro. J. J. Thomas from the list of successful candidates. Bro. Thomas was one of the successful Past Masters, and polled 313 votes.

The Prince of Wales's new yacht, the *Britannia*, which sustained severe damage in the race of the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club, has arrived at Cowes and it is hoped that the repairs will be completed in time to allow of its taking part in the race of the Royal Southern Yacht Club at Calshot on Saturday.

Silence, secrecy, and calmness of temper are the unmistakable marks of a true Mason. He who incessantly boasts of his knowledge may be set down as an empty chatter. Noise is not wisdom. Those who ostentatiously proclaim their own merits, may, for a time, enjoy the satisfaction of deceit; yet, in the end, their pretensions are sure to be exposed.—*Oliver*.

At a meeting of the Stamford Mark Lodge, No. 148, held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., seven brethren were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. W. Cartwright, P.M., P.P.G.W., the W.M., Bro. Ramsden, P.G. Reg., acting as S.D. There was a large attendance of brethren.

The regular meeting of the St. Andrews Mark Lodge, No. 34, was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, when there were present Bros. G. Smith, W.M.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G. Insp. of Wks., D.C.; G. A. Myers, S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; J. Laurisch, S.D.; W. Nicholl, P.G.D. Eng., Sec.; John Hardwicke Marsh, Chap.; J. Ormrod, I.G.; and Chas. Shaw, Org. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and all the business attended to, previous to closing the lodge.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York dined with Viscount Bury, M.P., on Wednesday evening, at Willis's Restaurant, to commemorate the 84th birthday of his lordship's great-uncle, Admiral of the Fleet, the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel. There were also present Viscount Coke, Lord Colville of Culross, Admiral Lord Alcester, Admiral the Hon. Victor Montagu, Col. the Hon. W. Coke, the Hon. Derek Keppel, the Hon. G. Keppel, Sir Augustus Stephenson, and Lieutenant Colin Keppel, R.N. After dinner those present inscribed their names on one of the menus as a memento to him of the occasion.

The *Irish Times* reports the annual meeting and distribution of prizes in connection with the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, held on the 29th ult., at some considerable length. The occasion was one of particular interest, and was largely attended both by Masons and non-Masons and lady friends. The report refers to the institution as a veritable monument of the large-hearted charity and true philanthropic sentiment of brotherhood which forms the cardinal principles of the Order. For years and years these institutions—the Boys' Orphanage and the Girls' Orphanage—have fulfilled a noble mission. Within the last 12 months no less than 105 orphan girls have been benefited.

The summer festival of the Lodge of Instruction of Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The company, numbering some 50 of the brethren, left the Chatham Station, South-Eastern Railway at 9.30, and proceeded to Gravesend, when they embarked on board the Victoria Company's splendid steamer *Koh-i-noor*. After a delightful journey down the Thames they arrived at Clacton-on-Sea soon after mid-day, at which place the party landed and enjoyed some two or three hours ashore. The return journey was accomplished under the most pleasant circumstances, the party arriving home at 8 p.m. The company were loud in their appreciation of the excellent catering on board the *Koh-i-noor*.

As the day for the marriage of the Duke of York and the Princess May of Teck approaches, the din of preparation is heard more generally, and the determination of the country to make the most of the joyous occasion becomes more apparent. It has already been settled that the bridal party shall leave for Sandringham by the Liverpool-street Terminus instead of the St. Pancras, and the citizens will thus have the opportunity of bidding God-speed to the newly-wedded couple. As for the presents and addresses which will be presented to the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion their number is increasing rapidly, among the latest additions to the latter being addresses from the Windsor Town Council. The wedding ring has been manufactured from a nugget of pure gold taken from the Merionethshire Gold Mines, and has been accepted by the Duke of York as a gift from the Welsh National Presentation Committee, of which Bro. Alderman Sir David Evans, K.C.M.G., is Chairman. It only needs a general holiday, or one that is as nearly general as circumstances will admit of, in order to gratify the wish of the whole English nation to do honour to the festivity.

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