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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The 95th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday next, the 28th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Lord BROOKE, Provincial Grand Master of Essex. His lordship will be supported by a Board of Stewards which already numbers some 520 ladies and brethren, and we may, therefore, very reasonably anticipate that a large total of donations and subscriptions will be the result. We do not permit ourselves, as a rule, to be over sanguine in these matters; but there is no doubt that exceptional efforts have been made by the Executive of the Institution to accumulate a large total. The success of the Jubilee Festival in 1892 of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was so amazing, that the friends of that Charity have realised that this year it was not their duty, having regard to the interests of the two Schools, to bestir themselves as actively as they are in the habit of doing. This comparative relaxation of the severe competition which ordinarily prevails among the three Institutions has already been turned to excellent account by the Girls' School, the Festival of which in May yielded upwards of £14,000, and it is by no means unlikely that even this large product may be exceeded next week. But, without entering into minute calculations, we may, as we have already said, regard the prospects as most encouraging. The Chairman has already done good service on a similar occasion a few years since, when he presided at one of the Girls' School Festivals, and as the Board of Stewards which supports him is more numerous than it then was, it is possible and by no means improbable that the Returns may figure up proportionately. At all events, it is certain that the brethren who have been exerting themselves with so much zeal and energy for some time past will give a very good account of their Stewardship, and we trust it will be our privilege to report next week a total which shall at least suffice for the requirements of the Institution, and leave a fair margin in hand for any contingencies which may arise during the current financial year.

We have on former occasions pointed out that the Boys' School is at a considerable disadvantage as compared with the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution in respect of its invested capital. The support it has received has sufficed for its yearly requirements, but has not allowed of any very great accumulation of invested property. In 1890, when its administration was thoroughly overhauled, it had some £17,500 of Government and other Stock, and its permanent income, including the small annual grants it receives from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, was not greatly in excess of £600. In 1891 a great effort was made under the auspices of Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, to reinstate the School in public favour, and the Festival yielded not far short of £30,000, the invested capital having since been increased to some £31,000, and the permanent income to upwards of £1000. But as the annual outlay for the 268 boys now on the establishment is between £12,000 and £13,000, it is still desirable that further investments should be made, and the present year is certainly a favourable one for a second effort in this direction to be made. The Benevolent Institution is still reaping the benefit of its successful Jubilee, while the Girls' School has recovered the ground which it had undoubtedly lost since the year of its Centenary Festival. It will, therefore, be a source of unfeigned satisfaction if the Institution which is now preparing for its annual demonstration is able to strengthen itself further by increasing its permanent resources. The Craft is so proud of the Charitable Institutions it has established, that so long as they are well administered the support they need will be readily and regularly forthcoming. But a day may come when, owing to some political or financial crisis, the country generally is less prosperous than it is now, and then the authorities of institutions of this character will find it difficult to obtain the necessary supplies. Thus the more that is done now to strengthen their position, the less severely will any future strain caused by one or more unsuccessful Festivals be felt.

There is yet another ground on which we rest our present appeal to the Craft for a generous measure of support on Wednesday next. The School under its amended constitution has been doing excellent work. There are more boys on the establishment than at any previous period of its career, and the manner in which they are being trained and educated is in the highest degree creditable, both to the authorities and the educational staff. The tone of the School has been improved and those who contribute on this and future occasions need have no fear as to their donations and subscriptions being well and worthily applied. We feel sure that an Institution, of which this can truthfully be said, will not look in vain for the means whereby to carry on its beneficent work.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF THE NEW INFIRMARY AT HALIFAX BY THE DEP. G. MASTER.

The old Infirmary at Halifax, which dates from 1836, has done good and useful work in its day, but, owing to the rapid increase in a population which now reaches 200,000, it has long been inadequate to supply the needs of so densely crowded a district. This being so, the Committee of the Institution wisely decided to go in for an entirely new building. A site embracing an area of 13 acres has been obtained, and plans have been prepared. The new Infirmary, which will be constructed on the most approved principles, will, when complete, comprise 16 pavilions, or detached wards, and contain 320 beds, together with a nurses' home and extensive kitchens, laundry, medical, and administrative departments. Admirably as they have been supported by all classes in Halifax and its neighbourhood, the Committee felt that they were not justified with the £52,000 that had been subscribed, in attempting more than partially to carry out the projected scheme, trusting to time and a generous public to enable them to add to it at no distant period, and gradually to complete an Institution which, on Saturday last, had so auspicious a commencement. Whilst giving due praise to the President of the Infirmary and Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. T. Henry Morris; to the Treasurer, Mr. John Whiteley, and to the zealous and active Secretaries, Mr. J. Whiteley Ward and Mr. John F. Hirst, it must be noted that the whole population has taken a lively interest in the undertaking, and that the pence of the masses have largely aided the generous gifts of the wealthy manufacturers and professional men of the old town of Halifax. The Freemasons have not been behindhand either, as upwards of £5000 has been subscribed by members of the nine prosperous lodges in the immediate vicinity.

It was thought that if some distinguished member of the Craft could be induced to visit Halifax and lay the foundation-stone of the new infirmary, it would give brilliance and *éclat* to the proceedings, and would still further excite the sympathies of the people. A Masonic Committee, of which Bro. Riley Patchett, W.M. 61, has been the Chairman, was formed, and with the aid of the retiring Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., the help of the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., who is nominated as his successor, and the exertions of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, communications were opened with London, and the services of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master, secured. Unhappily, Lord Lathom fell ill, but, ever ready to support the cause of Charity, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Mount Edgcumbe, graciously consented to take his place. The ceremony was witnessed by thousands, and, notwithstanding the heat which was intense and the pressure of the eager multitudes, the arrangements were so admirably organised and worked so easily that there was not the slightest hitch, nor anything which, in any sense, could be said to mar the complete success of the proceedings.

The officers of Grand Lodge who accompanied the Deputy Grand Master were Bros. the Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., G. Chap.; the very Rev. Dr. Purey Cust, Dean of York, P.G. Chap.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; the Hon. T. W. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W.; H. A. Hunt, P.G.S. of W.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; Capt. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; J. H. Mathews, P.D.G.D. of C.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Brittain, P.G.S.B.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B.; M. C. Peck, P.G.S.B.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The lodge room in St. John's-place, Halifax, handsome and commodious though it is, it was felt was not equal to the demands which a meeting of this character would make upon it, and it was decided to open Provincial Grand Lodge in a school room close by, which was available. When that body entered it was crammed to its utmost capacity by Masons from the 75 lodges in West Yorkshire, and a contingent of visitors from the neighbouring Provinces of East and West Lancashire and Cheshire, numbering in all nearly 600 brethren.

Bro. Henry Smith, D. Prov. G.M., was supported by Bros. Richard Wilson, P.M. 289, Prov. S.G.W.; R. Jessop, 61, P. Prov. G.W. (in the absence of the Mayor of Halifax, Bro. J. W. Davis, J.P., through illness) Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. Dunbar, 1783, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. F. E. Egerton, 910, Prov. G. Chap.; W. Fisher Tasker, 296, Prov. G. Treas.; Joseph Matthewman, 1019, acting Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. John Foster, 974, Prov. G.D.; Crosland Hirst, 2261, Prov. G.D.; Henry Cowborough, 1042, Prov. G.D.; W. B. Wall,

290, Prov. G.D.; T. C. Hope, 302, Prov. G.S. of W.; W. D. Quarmby, 208, Prov. G.D. of C.; Thos. Norfolk, 600, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; Thos. Uttley, 307, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; Caleb England, 910, Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Haigh, 1283, Prov. G. Std. Br.; John Constable, 2259, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Edwin Billington, 1462, Prov. G. Purst.; Jos. W. Barber, 1648, E. J. Massie, 1513, John Dawson, 521, Thos. Brayshaw, 2091, and W. E. Smithies, Prov. G. Stwds.; Thos. Leighton, 139, Prov. G. Tyler; and Thos. Chester, 904, Prov. A.G. Tyler.

Of the many Past Prov. Grand Officers present may be mentioned—

Bros. T. Bateman Fox, J.P., 208, P.P.G.W., Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee; W. C. Lupton, 974, P.P.G.D., Vice-Chairman; Wm. Stott, P.P.G.D.; John Barker, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Walker, P.P.G.R.; Mark Newsome, P.P.G.D.; R. H. Armitage, P.P.G.P.; T. Ruddock, P.P.G. Treas.; Wm. Fitton, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Williamson, P.P.G.D.; Jas. Lawton, P.P.G.S. of W.; John E. Craven, P.P.G. Reg.; J. C. Malcolm, P.P.G. Reg.; C. I. Mason, P.P.G.T.; D. R. Glover, P.P.G.D.; W. F. Tomlinson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Riley, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. Broughton, P.P.G.W.; C. Maurice Wilson, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Wroe, P.P.G.D.; and other brethren far too numerous to particularise.

The Halifax members mustered up very strongly as well as those in the immediate neighbourhood, amongst whom were:—

Bros. Riley Patchett, W.M. 61; R. Hodgson, W.M. 448; David Bradley, W.M. 307; Wm. Woodiwise, W.M. 408; J. Rhodes, W.M. 1231; A. Briggs, W.M. 1283; T. Fawcett, W.M. 1301; Wm. Bailey, W.M. 1302; and Greenwood Howard, W.M. 1736.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past, were saluted.

In a few preliminary remarks Bro. HENRY SMITH explained that however desirable it might be, it was found to be impracticable to entertain their distinguished visitors to dinner on a scale which would enable the brethren generally to join, and that the Halifax Committee had reluctantly abandoned a scheme with which they were in entire sympathy, out of consideration to representations which had reached them from various quarters.

The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lord Mount Edgcumbe, who is also Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, accompanied by the Grand Officers previously named, then entered, and was received with hearty applause. The Deputy and Officers of Grand Lodge were saluted. Apologies were received from Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W.; the Rev. W. C. Spencer-Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; J. Woodall Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; and George McKay and J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Brs.; also from the present Grand Treas., Bro. Samuel Cochrane, and a large number of Prov. Grand Officers and distinguished brethren.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. HENRY SMITH, then addressed the meeting. He said: Brethren, it is my gratifying duty to introduce to you the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, a worthy and distinguished nobleman, whom it has frequently been my privilege to see preside with dignity and efficiency in the assemblies of the Grand Lodge of England—a brother Mason, whose services to the Craft are more or less known to all of you. He, I may tell you, has come forward at a very brief notice to discharge the duty which our Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, had undertaken, and I, personally, cannot let this opportunity pass, without offering my heartfelt thanks to him, for the cheerful promptitude with which he has helped us out of what would otherwise have been a serious difficulty. Some of the Freemasons of West Yorkshire, R.W. Sir, have a most pleasing recollection of your hospitality and courtesy when the Associated Chambers of Commerce, of which many brethren are members, visited Plymouth; nor shall we, I assure you, any of us forget your kindness on this occasion. We shall look upon this as an auspicious day, a day upon which we have not merely made a Masonic acquaintance, but upon which we feel confident we have gained a true Masonic friend.

The following address was then presented to Lord Mount Edgcumbe by Bro. J. Matthewman, P.M., acting Prov. G. Sec., but the reading of it, owing to the time which would be needed for organising the procession, was postponed until after dinner:

To the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Right W. Deputy Grand Master of England, Right W. Prov. G. Master of Cornwall,
Greeting.

Rt. W. Sir,

We, the Freemasons of West Yorkshire in Prov. Grand Lodge assembled, most heartily welcome your presence amongst us, and gratefully acknowledge your kindness in coming here to-day.

We welcome you, first, as representing our Most W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales: next as one who, with true Masonic feeling, has stepped into the breach and cheerfully come forward to fulfil the engagement which the Most W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, had undertaken, but which an unfortunate illness has prevented him from carrying out; and, lastly, we welcome you in your capacity as Provincial Grand Master of distant Cornwall, and as an honoured guest, who, Masonically speaking, has ventured for the first time to visit this hilly and picturesque district of the West Riding of the County of York.

"Yorkshiresmen," we are told, "are stern of mood," but they do not fail to recognise and appreciate the spirit of Charity, in which you have undertaken the noble duty before you, and they trust and believe, that on the foundation you will shortly lay, a superstructure will arise, not only creditable to the builder, but which, inaugurated by the munificence and supported by the willing contributions of all classes of its inhabitants, will also be an honour to the old town of Halifax and a blessing to suffering humanity within and around its borders.

We would include in our Yorkshire welcome those other distinguished officers of Grand Lodge who have honoured us by accompanying you.

We yield to no province in our allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England and in our loyalty and devotion to the person of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, both as heir to the throne of these realms, and as head of the Craft over which he so beneficently rules.

We humbly pray that his life may long be spared to us; that our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master may speedily be raised from his bed of sickness, and that you, Right Worshipful Sir, may long live to grace the office, the duties of which you are so eminently qualified to fulfil.

Signed on behalf of the Freemasons of the Province of West Yorkshire this 17th day of June, A.L. 5893, A.D. 1893,

HENRY SMITH, Deputy in Charge.

The Right Hon. the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, on rising to reply was received with great applause. He said: W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, Provincial Grand Master designate, and brethren. (On Bro. Jackson's name being mentioned the cheering was tremendous, showing the popularity of the Right Hon. Member for Leeds amongst his brethren in West Yorkshire.) Owing to a break-down in the

train by which we travelled this morning, our journey was impeded, and our arrival here was consequently delayed. This I regret very much, as it will prevent me saying all I should have wished, in reply to your cordial greeting and to the address, a copy of which was courteously forwarded to me. I am here, brethren, to-day at the express request and desire of our M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was most anxious that you should not be disappointed, and that the success of the event of the day should not be spoiled by the unfortunate illness of Lord Lathom. I fear, however willing I may be, I shall be but a poor substitute for Lord Lathom. In the first place, he is Pro Grand Master, and directly represents our M.W. Grand Master, whilst I am simply Deputy; and, secondly, he is a North countryman, one much more thoroughly acquainted with the manners, character, and virtues of the brethren of the North than myself. I come from the South—from "distant Cornwall"—and this is only the second time I have visited even for an hour any of the busy towns of the West Riding. "Yorkshiresmen" may be, as the quotation in your address to me declares, "stern of mood;" but there is a firm, unmistakable grip in the hand of a Yorkshireman—a grip which I have many times experienced to-day, which tells me that, determined as he is, he is also steadfast and true, that he is full of energy and that no amount of opposition prevents his dogged perseverance from succeeding in the end. And therein he is not unlike the Cornishman; there is, in fact, a rather close analogy between the one and the other. I trust that should any of you, my Yorkshire brethren, be travelling through that remote county, you will not fail to make his closer acquaintance. It is true, Cornwall is perhaps of small repute, is on the way to nowhere, to Land's End in fact, yet it is sometimes deemed worthy of a visit, and should you be disposed to try it, I assure you my Cornish brethren will, with grip as strong and grasp as true, extend to you a hearty welcome. I must not omit to mention that I have to-day received a telegram from Lady Lathom, who tells me that her husband is almost convalescent, and that she is taking him down to the sea to recruit; that he sends a hearty greeting to his West Yorkshire brethren, and regrets that he was not able to fulfil his engagement. And now, brethren, let me thank you in my own name and in that of the Grand Officers present to-day, for your most hearty salutations, and your genuine Yorkshire welcome.

The Deputy Grand Master, on resuming his seat, was loudly cheered.

Bro. HENRY SMITH announced that he had received a letter from the R.W. Bro. Thos. Wm. Tew of a most sympathetic character, and in it was a cheque for £5, thus making the £100 which had been raised by the lodges of Halifax to place on the stone into that number of guineas.

The lodges then filed out, juniors first, followed by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the officers of the Grand Lodge of England bearing the richly chased gold vessels, and in full regalia came next, the Deputy G.M., Lord Mount Edgcumbe, preceded by his Grand Sword Bearer bringing up the rear. A very long procession was thus formed, which by a different route from that of the trades' societies and inhabitants generally, reached the site of the building after half an hour's walking.

When all had taken up their allotted positions, the President, Treasurer and Honorary Secretaries of the Infirmary Committee were introduced to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

Bro. RILEY PATCHETT, W.M. Probitry Lodge, next addressed the Deputy Grand Master. He said: In the absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, we tender our sincere thanks to your lordship, and all our brethren who may join in this ceremony, for the generous and unhesitating manner in which you accepted the invitation. It shows the great interest which your lordship and the Grand Lodge have in the welfare of your fellow-creatures, and in carrying out one of the grand principles on which our Order is founded. Towards the fund which has been subscribed by numbers of people in the parish, the Freemasons have subscribed £5000, and when the time comes to-day, we shall lay still another purse upon the stone to mark the honour of your lordship's presence. I have now the honour to request your lordship to lay the stone, and may the Most High prosper the undertaking, and may, upon the foundation now laid, be raised a structure perfect in its parts and an honour to the builder.

The stone was then raised from its bed and the Deputy Grand Master said: Ladies and brethren assembled here to witness this ceremony, be it known to you, that we be the lawful Masons, true and faithful to our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to assist in the erection of buildings for the service of the brethren and to the glory of God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from every eye, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They have been handed down in peace and honour to Masons in ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft had been good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted through so many centuries, nor should we have so many distinguished brethren in our Order to promote our laws and to further our interests. We are assembled now in the presence of you, and in the sight of the Most High, to erect a house provided by the munificence of your fellow citizens, and among them the members of our Fraternity, in which the poor, the sick, and the suffering may receive relief and comfort; a house which we pray that God may prosper as seemeth best to Him. And as it is the first duty of Masons in any undertaking to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon their work, I call upon you all now to rise and join with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace, and all uncover.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Canon BULLOCK, then offered prayer, after which

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER said: By command of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of our Order in England and the Dependencies of Great Britain, and also in the lamented absence of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, I desire now that this stone be laid.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, read the following inscription on a brass plate: "This stone was laid by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Deputy G.M. of England, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, assisted by Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and Prov. Grand Officers and Brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, June 17, A.D. 1893, as a Memorial of the liberality with which all classes of the community contributed to the cost of erecting this infirmary."

A bottle containing coins and newspapers having been deposited in a receptacle cut out of the lower stone, the Grand Secretary placed the plate face downwards over the top, cement was spread over the lower stone, and the Deputy Grand Master levelled the mortar with an ordinary trowel—a

presentation trowel having been mislaid in some way and not being forthcoming.

The stone was then lowered by the usual three stages, accompanied by Masonic songs. Under the conductorship of Bro. Tom Buckland, at stage one, the brethren sang "Prosper the Art;" at stage two, "Worthy Freemasons all;" and at stage three, "Join all in Harmony."

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER then proved the just position and form of the stone by plumb rule, level, and square, which implements were severally handed to him, and declared it to be upright, level, and square. He then sprinkled corn and said: I now scatter corn upon this stone, the emblem of plenty and abundance; may the blessings of virtue and loving kindness prosper in this building and bring forth fruit a hundredfold. He then poured the wine saying: I pour wine upon this stone, the emblem of joy and gladness; may the sorrows and sufferings of many in this infirmary be turned to joy; and, lastly, the oil, with the words: I sprinkle oil upon this stone, the symbol of healing and of harmony; may those who dispense as well as those who receive the benefits provided by this institution, find that prosperity, happiness, and goodwill prosper with them to the glory and honour of the Most High until time shall be no more.

Mr. Worthington, one of the architects, having been introduced to Lord Mount Edgcumbe, presented the plans. The latter, after inspecting them, gave them back to him, together with the working tools which had been employed in the ceremony, and desired him to proceed with the completion of the work in conformity with the plan and without loss of time.

The GRAND CHAPLAIN then pronounced the blessing.

A large number of Sunday School children who had collected about £600 laid their purses on the stone as they passed it in single file.

The Deputy Grand Master presented to the W.M. of the Probity Lodge the mallet which had been used on the occasion, and after one of the bands had played the National Anthem, of which the brethren and other spectators sang a verse, the proceedings terminated.

The brethren then re-formed in procession, the Deputy Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge leading, and returned to the place of meeting, where Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The Deputy Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge were afterwards entertained at dinner by the Committee, at which were present also the W.M.'s of the nine lodges in Halifax and the neighbourhood, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and some other Prov. Grand Officers of West Yorkshire, upwards of 50 in all.

The W.M. of Probity Lodge, Bro. Riley Patchett, presided, and after the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and most heartily received.

"The Health of the Guest of the Evening" was proposed by Bro. FREDK. WALKER, P. Prov. G. Reg., and Lord MOUNT EDGCUMBE replied.

HIS LORDSHIP then gave "Success to the Halifax Infirmary," to which Bro. WM. GAUKROGER, J.P., P. Prov. G.D., responded.

We regret that the length to which our report has already reached, precludes us from giving a more detailed account of the after-dinner proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT CAMBRIDGE.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire was held on the 15th inst. at the Guildhall, Cambridge, for the dispatch of Masonic business, and for the purpose of opening and consecrating the new "Isaac Newton University Masonic Hall," erected in Corn Exchange-street by the Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 859. The hall is built from designs furnished by Bro. W. M. Fawcett, and the foundation-stone was laid in May, 1892, with full Masonic honours by the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

The building comprises on the ground floor a lodge room 50 feet by 25 feet, with a furniture room and two preparation rooms, the largest of which is 25 feet by 22 feet. On the floor above is a banquet hall 37 feet by 22 feet, whilst the basement is occupied by a large kitchen, store-rooms, &c. The entrance is from the side of the building, the door opening into a hall of fine proportions. The structure is of red brick with terra-cotta mouldings over the windows. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Rattee and Kett, Cambridge.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge a large number of brethren sat down to luncheon at the Lion Hotel. When the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Guildhall the following officers and brethren were present:

Bros. Col. R. T. Caldwell, Prov. G.M.; A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M.; C. Geldard, P.S.G.W.; Bushell Anningson, P.J.G.W.; G. F. Rogers, acting P.J.G.W.; Rev. L. R. Tuttle, P.G.C.; Rev. J. H. Gray, P.G.C.; W. Bray, P.G. Treas.; O. Papworth, P.G. Sec.; T. Hunnybun, P.S.G.D.; G. W. Whitehead, P.J.G.D.; H. E. Greef, P.G.S. of W.; F. Dewberry, P.G.D.C.; J. L. Ruttér, P.D.G.D.C.; R. L. Thornton, P.G.S.B.; F. O. Carr, P.G.O.; G. Bull, T. E. Worledge, and G. I. Bland, P.G. Stewards; W. B. Redfern, W.M., W. P. Spalding, P.P.G.S. of W., A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G.S.B., W. I. Pashler, P.P.G.D., F. F. Mullett, P.M. 1556, F. W. Bird, T. W. Knights, W. James, G. Scales, F. A. Hazzledine, W. R. Bright, J. Brown, A. R. Hill, F. W. Phelps, J. M. Logan, and W. M. B. Vans, of 88; J. Vail, P.M., J. Fuller, P.P.S.G.D., J. Royston, P.P.A.G.D.C., P. H. Young, P.P.G.S.B., J. S. Youngman, P.P.J.G.W., G. Cole, P.P.S.G.D., J. Catling, J.W., F. W. Miller, D. Bland, F. W. Potts, L. Hosegood, G. Whitmore, G. T. Wooldridge, D. S. Wright, W. T. Bowman, W. H. Berridge, M. Browne, and R. Leach, of 441; W. R. Girling, W.M., J. Grover, I.P.M., W. L. Unwin, P.P.G.S. of W. Norfolk, A. J. Elworthy, P.P.G.P., B. Sullivan, I.G., A. Smith, W. Gilling, T. Gormet, J. S. Johnson, and W. Fooks, of 889; G. B. Courtney, P.P.A.G.D.C., A. Hill, P.P.G.P., R. P. F. W. Simpson, P.P.G.S., W. M. Fawcett, P.P.G.S. of W., C. E. Boughton-Lee, P.P.G.S., T. H. Boughton-Lee, P.P.G.C., Rev. D. Hall, P.P.G.C., Rev. W. Cunningham, P.P.G.C., G. Fawcett, P.P.G.O., H. T. T. Jones, P.M., W. F. Sheppard, P.M., W. H. Francis, P.M., E. M. Money, H. S. Cronin, and R. E. Alexander, of 859; and J. R. Green, P.P.S.G.D. Visitors: Bros. P. A. Nairne, 176, P.G.D.; P. Colville Smith, W.M. 357, P.S.G.W.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. L. Ackland, P.P.G.O. Oxford and Essex; W. M. Hartley, P.P.G.S.W. West Yorks; B. G. Boughton-Leigh, 502, P.P.G.C.; H. Brown, P.P.J.G.W. Northants and Hunts; J. M. Harvey, 936, P.P.G.S. of W. Suffolk E. J. Griffith, 1592, P.P.G.C.; J. S. Nichol, 4; G. H. Nichols, I.G. 4; J. G. Churchman, 107; D. Greenwood, J.W. 2038; F. Lemon, I.P.M. 2033; F. Beamish, 10; G. Cornish, S.W.; H. Penton, 309; and C. Kent, P.M. 699.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the P.G.M. explained the reason the brethren were called together. He thought it was very convenient that lodges should have buildings specially constructed for meetings when they could be conveniently arranged. He emphasised the fact that Bro. Dennis Hall had really been instrumental in causing the new buildings to be erected. For a lengthened period Bro. Hall had been working towards that end, and even at the time he (the P.G.M.) was Master of the lodge it was a subject of great interest with him. When Bro. Gray had the Master-ship subscriptions were obtained, and those were carefully invested until sufficient was obtained to justify the lodge in building the hall. Even now, however, there were opportunities for others to assist in the way of furniture, &c. The Treasurer of the fund was Bro. Dennis Hall, to whose exertions in the past, as he had said, the lodge was very largely indebted for the hall they were that day going to consecrate.

Procession was then formed, the brethren proceeding to the new hall in the following order: Etheldreda Lodge, No. 2107; Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859; United Good Fellowship Lodge, No. 809; Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441; Scientific Lodge, No. 88; W.M.'s and P.M.'s not Past Provincial Grand Officers in order of lodges; Past Provincial Grand Officers; Provincial Grand Officers; and the Provincial Grand Master.

On arriving at the hall the ceremony of consecration was at once proceeded with.

After prayer by the P.G. CHAPLAIN, the Architect, Bro. W. M. Fawcett, delivered up the tools entrusted to his care at the laying of the foundation-stone, together with the plans, which the PROV. GRAND MASTER acknowledged, complimenting Bro. Fawcett upon the manner in which he had carried out his work.

The Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. Geldard, Rogers, and C then dedicated the hall to "Masonry," "Virtue," and "Universal Benevolence," and the ceremony of consecration was completed in due form by Prov. Grand Chaplains.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the proceedings terminated.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF MORNINGTON CHAPTER, No. 2000.

There was a numerous attendance of Royal Arch Masons, including a large proportion of distinguished Grand Officers, at the consecration of the Earl of Mornington Chapter, No. 2000, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Monday, the 19th inst. Comp. Edward Letchworth, G. Scribe E., the Consecrating Officer, was assisted by Comps. Major-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B., P.A.G. Soj., as H.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; Fredk. Mead, P.D.G.D.C., as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj., G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders of the new chapter are Comps. W. E. Stewart, M.D., P.G.S.B., P.Z.; J. Pollard, H. R. Rose, J. H. Lavies, H. C. H. Houndle, W. Gripper, W. L. Barrett, D. Urquhart, and Sir Norman Pringle, Bart.

The visitors present included—

Comps. Rudolph G. Glover, P.G.S.B.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, Deputy G. Reg. 1 C. Belton, P.Z. 16, P.G.S.B.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; Clement Godson, G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, 2nd Grand Principal in charge Middx.; E. Houndle, J. 217; J. M. Small, 10; A. Cookson, P.Z. 540; Harold Halliday, H. 1305; J. Beeby, 217; J. E. Lane; S. Green, P.Z. 10; W. Puckle, 162; G. Cowell, P.Z. 1706; A. Ernest Sansom, P.Z. 58; F. H. Lyell, 5; P. A. Scratchley; C. M. Brander, M.E.Z. 1305; and W. W. Lee, J. 1524.

The chapter was opened, and a hymn was sung.

The CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL addressed the companions, and said he would not occupy the time of the companions more than necessary with preliminary observations. They had met for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Royal Arch chapter, to be attached to a lodge which had been in existence for nearly 10 years—the Earl of Mornington Lodge. He would only say it afforded him great pleasure to perform that ceremony, and he was sure he was expressing the feelings of all associated with him in saying they wished the chapter every possible prosperity.

An oration was delivered by Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, Grand Superintendent Bucks, acting J., and the chapter was formally dedicated and constituted.

The ceremonies of installation were then proceeded with by Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., and Comp. Major-General J. Crossland Hay, P.A.G. Soj., and the following were impressively installed into their respective chairs: Comps. Joseph Pollard, M.E.Z.; Henry R. Rose, H.; and J. H. Lavies, J. The following officers were elected: Comps. W. E. Stewart, P.G.S.B., S.E.; H. C. H. Houndle, S.N.; D. Urquhart, P.S.; W. Gripper, 1st A.S.; and W. L. Barrett, 2nd A.S.

On the proposition of the M.E.Z., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers.

The G.S.E., in acknowledgment, expressed the pleasure it had afforded the Consecrating Officers to attend, and assured the M.E.Z. that they would take a deep interest in the chapter.

The Consecrating Officers were then elected honorary members of the chapter, a compliment which was accepted by the G.S.E., on behalf of his colleagues, with great pleasure.

It was announced that Comp. W. E. Stewart, S.E., was absent through illness, and the chapter was closed.

An excellent banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z.," having been honoured,

The M.E.Z., in brief terms, proposed "The Grand Officers," expressing his pleasure at seeing so many present.

Comp. F. A. FITZBRICK, Grand Supt. Essex, in reply, said that if the

M.E.Z. could not possibly be wrong, he should ask the companions to look at him and say if it was possible that he could be the Senior Grand Officer present. In responding for the honoured names in the toast he would assure the companions how much they owed to them. Only in the past few days they had seen one of the Grand Principals taking a journey from the extreme South-West into the North in order to discharge a Masonic function which fell to his lot owing to the illness of the Earl of Lathom—an illness which they trusted would soon pass away. He was satisfied no Craft or body had ever been better served by those who held high rank than had been the Grand Chapter by the Grand Principals. On behalf of the other Grand Officers he begged to return sincere and hearty thanks for their kind appreciation of their position. The Grand Officers had a right to refer with pride to the circumstances of that day and the part several distinguished companions had taken in the consecration of this chapter, and they expressed sincere and hearty wishes for the success of that Institution which they had been privileged to be present at the inauguration that day. They hoped the Earl of Mornington Chapter might in due time earn for itself as well deserved a reputation for Masonic work and Masonic spirit as the Earl of Mornington Lodge.

"The Consecrating and Installing Officer" was next submitted by the M.E.Z., who, on behalf of the founders and of the two lodges of which he was a Past Master, returned thanks to the companions included in the toast for their kindness. He thanked Comp. Letchworth for installing him into the chair—a ceremony which some did not witness—but which was a very impressive one. He also thanked Comps. Major-General Crossland Hay and the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg for their Masonic work. He believed the latter companion was associated with the foundation of the Earl of Mornington Lodge. Comp. Mead acted as S.W., a task not an easy one, for it was constantly sustained, and without Comp. Richardson acting as D.C. none of the companions would have found their places.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., in returning thanks for the compliment paid the Consecrating Officers, tendered their warmest thanks for the kind reception given the toast proposed in very kindly terms by the M.E.Z. It had afforded them the greatest pleasure to be present and assist in launching into existence this new chapter. He was most happy in being associated with companions who had rendered him the greatest possible assistance, and one Principal had rendered two of the installation ceremonies. It had afforded them as much pleasure to assist as it had afforded him to attend, and one and all wished the chapter every possible success—a success worthy of the lodge to which it was attached, and of which his particular old friend, Bro. Lavies, was a founder. It was a great pleasure to feel that that name was revered in that chapter, and that they had a representative in his eldest son. He would propose the next toast—"The Health of the Three Principals," whom they had installed into the chairs that night. He most heartily congratulated the members on having as their Principals three companions so well able to guide the work through the first and most critical year of the chapter's existence. Comp. Pollard was well-known to them all, and was not only a Past Master of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, but also Past Master of the Parthenon Lodge; from which they had hopes of being recruited. Comp. Rose was also well-known, and he had already referred to the fact that Comp. Lavies was a son of a founder of the Earl of Mornington Lodge.

Comp. J. POLLARD, M.E.Z., in response, assured them that the Three Principals would try to do their duty to the chapter and make it a strong one. He was sure he expressed the regret of all that Comp. Stewart was not able to be present through illness. They felt his absence, and hoped he would soon be restored to health and act as their Scribe E., he having kindly consented to do so as the number of founders was small. They hoped to extend Royal Arch Masonry in the lodges to which they belonged, and would do their best for that object. He would next propose the toast of hospitality. When he looked at the list of guests he was delighted to see they had given them such a splendid start off. He would ask Comp. Lyell to respond, as he had already called upon the Grand Officers. They hoped to see the guests many times more in the future meetings of the chapter, and hoped to see the number equalled on every occasion.

Comp. F. H. LYELL, 5, said he was unexpectedly called upon to reply, and felt the honour conferred upon on the part of the chapter he represented. He thanked them for the kind way the toast had been proposed.

Comp. D. URQUHART, P.S., replied for "The Officers," and said they were actuated with a sincere desire to do everything to promote the welfare and interest of the chapter in which they had such great pleasure in being allowed to assist in the foundation. He trusted the work would be equal to any work done in London under the aegis of the Grand Chapter.

The Janitor's toast then terminated the proceedings.

Comps. H. R. Rose, H., and W. I. Barrett rendered excellent service in connection with the musical arrangements.

FREEMASONRY IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN HERTFORDSHIRE. By G. BLAZARD ABBOTT, W.M. No. 1385, Barnet. London: George Kenning, 1893. [Octavo, 468 pages].

This is a remarkable volume, and one of the most industrious compilations I have ever read in connection with the Craft; for although there is almost literally nothing to say about the lodges in the Province of "Little Herts" prior to 1829, the gifted author, Bro. Abbott, has contrived to write a book of over 400 pages, exclusively devoted to the county, masonically, and has obtained an extraordinary number of particulars, many of a most interesting character, which render the attractive volume indispensable to all Hertfordshire brethren who desire to know the history of their own Province.

The illustrations are a gratifying feature not often met with, for all the Provincial Grand Masters are duly "portrayed" from 1797 to the present time, and full details are afforded of their Masonic career, many, I venture

to state, being wholly unknown to the brethren now belonging to the lodges; and, therefore, all the more welcome and valuable. So thoroughly has the author done his part, that it is not, it seems to me, possible for anyone else to add a page to its contents, the history being exhaustive, reliable, and thoroughly well done.

The first Prov. G.M. was Bro. William Forssteen, who was appointed in 1797, and continued to 1803. He had "no work to do," however, as respects lodges in the province, for there were none, but his career, as sketched by Bro. Abbott, proves he was a very zealous and most useful Craftsman, and resigned his high position in 1803, that he might be invested as J.G.W. of the Grand Lodge. He was a very active supporter of the "Girls' School" (now the R.M.I.G.), Treasurer for some years, Trustee, and the Chairman of the ninth Festival, 24th April, 1797, in the place of Lord Moira, who was unable to attend.

The second Prov. G.M. was Bro. George Daniel Harvey, whose patent was dated 11th May, 1803, and, like his predecessor, was connected with the "Shakespear Lodge," now No. 99, but it was not until 1829 that any of the existing lodges were started. In that year No. 403, Hertford, and No. 404, Watford, were formed. On his resignation he was succeeded by the third Prov. G.M., the second Marquis of Salisbury, which was in 1831; who was an initiate of No. 403, 6th October, 1839, and as the historian states, was the brother needed to ensure the success of Masonry in the province. This distinguished nobleman was installed as Grand Superintendent in 1835, and was appointed Deputy Grand Master of England in 1840, becoming thereby the Grand H. of the Grand Chapter; but four years later his resignation was announced, much to the regret of all the brethren.

Bro. William Stuart, M.P., succeeded as the fourth Prov. G.M. in 1841, and likewise as Grand Superintendent, being also an initiate of No. 404, Watford. In 1833 he was invested as S.G.W. of England, and from 1860 was a conspicuous Masonic ruler as Grand Master of the Knights Templars, in succession to Colonel Kemeys-Tynte. He was the eldest son of William Stuart, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of Ireland, and his eldest son, P.S.G.W. of England, is still one of the subscribing members of the Hertford Lodge.

The present esteemed Prov. G.M., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., is the fifth who has held that proud position, and much to the satisfaction of the Brotherhood, is still their trusted Chief. He joined the Watford Lodge from No. 357, Oxford, in 1835; in 1875 becoming the Grand Superintendent.

There are now 21 lodges in the province, so that Freemasonry has been exceedingly prosperous in Herts of late, testifying to the popularity of the Prov. Grand Master, and to the hold the principles of the Craft has on its members. Each of these lodges have their histories fully given by Bro. Abbott, from the senior, the Hertford, No. 403, to the lively junior, the James Terry, No. 2372. Then again, Royal Arch Masonry, with seven chapters, the oldest and youngest with titles as the two lodges, will be found fully represented, as well as Mark Masonry and the Knights Templars.

There were three lodges domiciled in the county during the last century, viz., one of the year 1739, another of the year 1767, and the third of A.D. 1776; but they all ceased to work before the expiration of that century. Bro. Abbott has managed to get hold of a few particulars of these extinct lodges, but much cannot be said about them, as the records are missing.

The appendix is a valuable compilation, and cannot fail to be much appreciated by the local Craft. The volume is dedicated to the Provincial Grand Master by the author, a compliment, I feel assured, that esteemed brother will value, and his many friends will be pleased to see his portrait has been selected as the frontispiece to the history.

Although the volume is so bulky and attractively got up, it is published at only half-a-guinea per copy, and the limited edition should soon be exhausted.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., the Prov. G.M., Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, presiding. The officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were appointed as follows:

Bro. O. Shellard, P.M. 243	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" T. G. Chance, P.M. 243	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" S. Moss, W.M. 10	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" S. W. Hadingham, P.M. 340	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Merrick, P.M. 218	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" T. R. Oakley, W.M. 340	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" C. E. L. Austin, 10	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Balcomb, P.M., P.P.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" L. W. Henley, Sec. 439	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Norman, P.M. 10, P.G.D.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Margrett, W.M. 243	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" S. J. King, 218	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Parly, 243	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" R. W. Felton, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Stwd.	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. Renwick, 439	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. H. Rea, S.D. 10	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Caldicott, P.M. 247	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" W. B. Wood, 439	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.

On the proposal of Bro. SHELLARD, seconded by Bro. the BARON DE FERRIERES, it was resolved to submit the name of Bro. VASSAR-SMITH as the nomination of the province to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, for a second term of office as Prov. G.M.

CHESHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At the Chester Town Hall on the afternoon and evening of the 15th inst. the inauguration festival of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was founded some time ago for purposes associated with Masonry in the county, was held. In the absence of Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M., through indisposition, and Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Salmon, P.M., P.S.G.W., presided, and was supported by a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers.

After the repast, the CHAIRMAN gave the loyal toasts from the chair, and these having been duly honoured, he next proposed "Success to the Cheshire Benevolent Institution," giving an interesting account of the inception of the movement, stating that their Provincial Grand Master started the fund with a subscription of 100 guineas, and from that moment it quickly increased until it reached its present gratifying dimensions.

In acknowledging the toast, Bro. NEWHOUSE, Prov. G. Sec., read a statement as to the amounts promised and subscribed to the fund by the various lodges in the county. The grand total promised had been £3180, and there was in the bank now to the credit of the fund no less a sum than £2500. Some of the lodges were contributing one guinea a year for five years to the fund, and that would account for the difference between the amount promised and the amount paid. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the manner in which they had assisted him in forming that institution, in which their Provincial Grand Master had evinced the very greatest interest. He concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Jas. Terry," who, he said, was doing more for the comfort of the whole people of England than any other man in the country.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, Bro. TERRY, P.G.S.B. of England, Sec. R.M.B.I., in acknowledging the toast of his health, said he welcomed this new Benevolent Institution in the Province of Cheshire with an enormous amount of confidence. It might be said that the institution of branch associations would, perhaps, affect the position of the parent Institution, but they had not yet found that so. Wherever branch institutions had been established there had been a keener interest exhibited for the prosperity of the London Institution. They had at the present moment in the London Institution no less than 450 annuitants, and they paid £16,400 to annuitants. He was proud to think that Cheshire had this auxiliary institution, because it would be a grand thing for a person to have half a loaf from the county benevolent fund while waiting for the whole loaf from the London Institution. He trusted their example would be followed by many other provinces.

The proceedings then terminated.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HORATIO WARD.

A meeting unique in the history of the Craft took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, there being held a united lodge meeting, convened by the W.M.'s of the three Canterbury lodges, viz., the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31; the St. Augustine's Lodge, No. 972; and the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, for the purpose of presenting an address, clothing, and jewels, subscribed for by several of his Masonic friends, to Bro. H. Ward, on his receiving an appointment in the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

The W.M.'s of Lodges 31, 972, and 1449 occupied respectively the chairs of W.M., S.W., and J.W., whilst the rest of the offices were filled by representatives of the whole of the different lodges or chapters meeting in Canterbury. In the absence of Bro. Longhurst, Bro. J. Plant, P.P.G. Org., presided at the harmonium. The presentation was made by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D. England.

The following is a copy of the illuminated address which had been beautifully executed by the artist, Mr. S. Beall, the bordering being made to represent the collars of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, whilst at the top corners were emblems of the jewels of office, and the bottom corners were those of a P.G.D. of Mark Master Masons and P.G. Councillor of the Secret Monitor. At the sides were emblems of all the lodges meeting at the Masonic Temple:

"To W. Bro. Horatio Ward, P.G.J.W. (Wilts and Kent), P.Z., P.G.S.N. (Dorset), P.G.J. (Kent), P.G.H. Wilts.—Deputy Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Lodge.—Grand Standard Bearer in Supreme Grand Chapter.

"Dear Sir and Bro.—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master and First Grand Principal of Royal Arch Masons of England, having appointed you Deputy Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Lodge and also a Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, whose names are here annexed being members of the Craft, hereby express our gratification at the honours conferred on you, and as a mark of our esteem and of our appreciation of the many great and valuable services so freely rendered by you to Masonry. We beg your acceptance of this address and of the clothing and jewels appertaining to the above offices as a token of our regard, and we trust that the Great Architect of the Universe may be pleased to bless you with health and strength so that you may enjoy for many years the high position you have so worthily attained."

The names of the subscribers followed, numbering 160, amongst whom were the Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D. England; the Prov. G. Treas., Bro. W. Russell, P.P.S.G.W.; and the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. A. Spencer, P.G. Std. Br. England.

After the ceremony was over, the brethren retired to the Fountain Hotel, where a very sumptuous supper was provided. The D.P.G.M. presided, and the brethren, to the number of 70, spent a most enjoyable evening.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, the chief one being "The Health of the Honoured Guest, Bro. Ward." It was given by the worthy CHAIRMAN, who spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Ward's Masonic career, and the general pleasure and satisfaction the Craft has experienced at the high and dignified honour conferred upon him.

This was received in the heartiest and most enthusiastic manner the brethren were capable of exhibiting, ending with the musical honours so well led off by our esteemed Bro. J. Plant, P.P.G. Org.

The evening was a most enjoyable and harmonious one, greatly enhanced by some excellent glees and songs, contributed by the musical brethren, Bros. Plant, Pearson, Halward, Higgins, and Rhodes. The brethren separated, having enjoyed a most delightful evening, which will long linger as a "red-letter" day in Masonry.

Amongst those present were Bros. E. B. Goulden, W.M., E. L. Gardener, S.W., H. H. Mount, J.W., F. Baker, S.D., T. S. Sutton, J.D., J. Plant, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. Ashenden, P.M., P.G.D.C.; H. M. Maugham, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., H. T. Sankey, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., J. Wiltshier, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., F. Horner, P.M. R. M. Mercer, P.M. H. M. Biggles-ton, W. Elcombe, J. Parmiter, R. Rhodes, and R. T. Wheeler, of 31; A. H. Marks, W.M., G. E. Tourney, S.W., C. Richardson, J.W., T. Easton, P.M., E. Beer, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., S. Newman, P.M., P.G. Steward, A. H. Pilcher, P.M., W. Plant, P.M., S. F. Pringuer, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., P. J. Syree, P.M., P.P.G.C., E. Lukey, P.M. 199, P.P.S.G.D., G. Moor-croft, P.M. 25, F. Puttick and J. Rennie, Stewards, A. W. Anderson, J. Charman, G. M. Carter, H. B. Collis, F. Fags, G. F. Francis, W. Halward, W. Milchard, and A. K. Sutton, of 972; W. B. Pring, W.M., J. W. Farmery, J.W., T. H. Blamiers, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., E. Cockersell, P.M., W. T. Claydon, P.M., D. Laing, P.M., H. Andrews, J. Pearson, W. Nichols, and R. T. Wheeler, of 1449. Visitors: Bros. James S. Eastes, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; R. Joyes Emerson, P.M. 1206, P.G. Std. Br. England; J. Pollen, P.M. 767, D.J.G.W. Bombay; Sibert Saunders, P.M. 1915, P.G.R.; S. H. White, P.M. 125, P.G.S.B.; G. Barton, P.M. 1915, P.P.G.D.C.; J. T. Reeves, P.M. 1915, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Herbert Black, P.M. 1273, P.P.A.G. D. of C.; S. Varren, P.M. 185, P.P.A.G.P.; A. Bassington, P.M. 205; T. H. Vennicombe, 158; A. J. Crane, P.M., and A. Bromley, 558; C. T. Bradley, P.M., Geo. Goble, P.M., H. Morris, R. Gardiner, J.W., Hy. Hooker, S.D., and C. B. Harris, J.D., all of 1273; F. T. Browning, W.M., Edward G. Walthew, P.M., John Wood, P.M., A. W. Southwell, J.W., F. Gibbs, and Charles Gurr, all of 1915; and James S. White, P.M. 2099.

The following is a brief record of Bro. Horatio Ward's Masonic career. He was initiated into Freemasonry in St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Wimborne, Dorset, in the year 1859. After filling the various offices he was installed W.M. in 1865. In the same year he joined the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, of which lodge he was elected W.M. in 1870 and again in 1871. In 1866 he was a founder and first W.M. of the Vale of Avon Lodge, No. 1112 (now the Shirley Lodge, Southampton). In 1872, was appointed to the chair of Prov. J.G.W. of Wilts; and at the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, in 1875, acted as one of the special Stewards for the province, and was presented in Provincial Grand Lodge by the P.G.M., with the jewel, which all the special Stewards on that occasion were authorised to wear. In 1876 he removed to Canterbury, and received a very cordial reception from the brethren in that city. In 1878 he took a prominent part in removing the lodges to private premises, which resulted in the erection, in 1880, of the Masonic Temple, which is justly allowed to be one of the most perfect edifices in the United Kingdom; in 1881 Bro. Ward assisted in founding the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Whitstable, acting as the I.P.M. for the first two years. In 1884 he was elected W.M. of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, and was appointed Prov. J.G.W. of Kent in 1885. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Ward has taken a very high position, he was exalted in the Amity Chapter, Poole, in 1863; was one of the founders of the St. Cuthberga Chapter, No. 622, Wimborne, and in 1886 was elected and installed M.E.Z.; he is also a founder and P.Z. of the Elias de Derham Chapter, No. 586, Salisbury, and also a founder of the Harmony Chapter, No. 622, Devizes (but formerly of Trowbridge.) He took an active part in promoting the formation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire. In the Province of Kent he is the principal founder of the Bertha Chapter, No. 31, Canterbury; also a founder of the Harmony Chapter, Faversham, No. 133; also the Gundulph Chapter, Rochester, No. 1050; also the St. George's Chapter, No. 2099, Herne Bay, of which he was the first M.E.Z.; he also filled the chair of First Principal of St. Michael's Chapter, Sittingbourne, No. 1273, two years in succession; he is a P.P.G. Scribe N. Dorset; P.P.G.J. Kent; and P.P.G.H. Wilts. Bro. Ward is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having

been perfected a member of the Rose Croix Chapter, St. Peter and St. Paul, Bath, in 1869; was one of the founders of the Ethelbert Chapter, Rose Croix, Canterbury, in 1878, took the 30° in 1879, and in 1887 the Supreme Council conferred upon him the 31°; he is also P.M.W.S. of the Chapter; he is also one of the founders of the Cœur de Lion Chapter, Rose Croix, of which he is an honorary member; he is also a Knight Templar and Past Prior of Malta; was the founder and first Eminent Preceptor of the Black Prince Preceptory, Canterbury; is a Past Grand Sword Bearer of Great Priory and Sub-Prior of the united Provinces of Kent and Surrey. In Mark Masonry Bro. Ward was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Lodge of Economy, No. 52, Winchester, in the year 1871; is a founder of the St. Martin's Mark Lodge, No. 262, Canterbury, and a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden Kent, and was invested by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with the collar of Junior Grand Mark Deacon of England; he is also a Royal Ark Mariner; in 1887 he took the Degrees of Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master, and in 1888 became one of the founders and first T.I.M. of the Invicta Council of Cryptic Degrees in Canterbury, and is a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Council of England; he is likewise a member of Allied Masonic Degrees, St. Lawrence the Martyr, Knight of Constantinople, Knight of the Red Cross of Babylon and Great High Priest, and Past Junior Grand Warden in the Grand Council of England; he is also a member of the Order of the Secret Monitor and a Past Grand Councillor of the Order; is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and a Past Grand Officer of the Province of London and Metropolitan District. Bro. Ward is an Hon. Member of Lodges No. 586, 622, 1112, 1449, 1915, 1965, 2099, 2147, 2148, 2195, and 2200; has also been honoured with many tokens of respect and esteem from many lodges and chapters with which he has been associated, having been called upon to act as Director of Ceremonies at the consecration of many lodges and chapters in Wiltshire and Kent during the past 30 years. He is a Life Governor of all three Institutions; has served the office of Steward for the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, and three Stewardships for the Benevolent Institution; is also a Vice-President of the Mark Benevolent Institution, for which he has served three times as Steward.

"OUR BOYS" AT THE ZOO.

It cannot be doubted that the most useful aid to the youthful memory is an agreeable holiday, and of all the places in London most likely to amuse children and to set their little minds thinking about the world's wonders, the Zoo is the right place to successfully accomplish this object.

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I discovered afterwards Bro. Fairchild, who is a Fellow of the Society, had made arrangements to invite the whole of the boys—250 in number—from Wood Green to visit the Zoo, which struck me at once as a very kindly act, and a most practical suggestion to carry out, and if one could judge from happy faces and joyous ringing laughter, a right royal time the boys seemed to be having.

At half-past five the refreshment department was stormed, and so strong was the forces under the generalship of Bro. the Rev. H. A. Hebb, M.A., Messrs. Spiers and Pond had to cut the Head Master's army into two parts, and marshal them into a capital tea served *ad lib*, which to the youthful mind is the proper way to do things—or rather to serve a tea. No time at this juncture had to be lost, and the few members of the Board on the spot, viz., Bros. G. E. Fairchild, R. D. Cummings, and J. P. Fitzgerald, also the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. J. McLeod, had to work hard for an hour doing the necessary for the boys in providing them with all they wanted, except appetites, which the staff of Messrs. Spiers and Pond found had not been left behind at Wood Green. However, great praise is certainly due to the manager here, Mr. Blanchette and his staff, for the completeness and liberality with which the whole refreshment arrangements were carried out.

Previous to the departure, the elder boy of the School called "Three cheers for Mr. Fairchild," and the same for Mr. Blanchette, which was responded to with a ring not to be forgotten for a day or two.

Bro. Hebb then issued arrangements for the return home; then to bed to dream of the wonders of the Zoo, and the kindness of Bro. Fairchild.

"Not a bad thing by any means to be a Masonic boy," was the last observation heard from a visitor who had been much interested with the proceedings of the day.

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To Correspondents.

M.S.—We fail to understand the meaning of your letter and we think it would not be understood by our readers.—[Ed. F.M.]

The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES.—Royal Brunswick, No. 527; Blackheath, No. 1320; Lebanon, No. 1326; and Robinson, No. 2046.
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia.
Annual Supper Star Chapter of Instruction.
Laying Foundation-stone of Church at Stockport.



SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, on Friday, the 7th prox., under the banner of the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Master, will, it is expected, preside, and there will doubtless be a full attendance of Provincial Officers and brethren on the occasion.

It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere that the annual sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which were held on Saturday last, proved very successful, and that athletics are wisely regarded by "the powers that be" as an essential part of the curriculum at our Boys' School. The distribution of prizes will be held on Tuesday next in the large hall, the central figures in this important function being Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, who will preside at the Festival on the following day, and Lady Brooke, by whom the prizes will be presented to the fortunate winners. We trust that this branch of the annual festivity in connection with this School will be as successful as was Saturday's meeting.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire in place of Bro. T. W. Tew, who, as we previously stated, has resigned owing to ill-health. The appointment has, we understand, given much satisfaction to the brethren of West Yorkshire, and will be accepted by the Craft generally as one of the best that could have been made. Bro. Jackson was initiated so long ago as 1865 in the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 289, Leeds, and was W.M. in 1885, as well as S.G.W. of West Yorkshire in the same year. He was exalted in Chapter No. 289. Bro. Jackson brings to the office all the experience of public affairs and influence attaching to the position held by him as a member of Lord Salisbury's late Cabinet.

It must be exceedingly gratifying to the brethren in the Bengal Presidency, and especially to Bro. the Hon. H. T. Prinsep, who is District Grand Master of Bengal, to find that Freemasonry in that district is in such a flourishing condition. Among the reports presented at the Quarterly Communcation of the District Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on the 21st March last, and published in the appendix to the account of its Proceedings will be found a tabular statement, showing the several and collective strength of the lodges on the roll of the district. From this it appears that the number of brethren remaining on the list on the 31st December, 1892, was 915 as compared with 764 on the corresponding day of 1891. The number of lodges to which the return relates is 35, but there are 10 other lodges whose returns had not been received at the time when the table was completed.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has talked so loudly about its superiority to everything else that is Masonic in that Colony, that it must not be surprised to find those who do not accept its own estimate of its merits as decisive, the reverse of disconcerted at an event which recently happened, and which cannot well fail to exercise a depressing influence on the members of that Constitution. A short time since, Lodge Eden joined the newly organised, but unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand. It has now resumed its status as an English lodge, having been re-consecrated in March last. Comment is needless.

Correspondence.

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

MASONRY IN BARBADOS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Being a member and a Past Master of the Old Albion Lodge, No. 196, Barbados, I have read with very much pleasure the address of W. Past Master Locke at the consecration of the new Masonic building—the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2252—at Barbados, and I must congratulate that worthy brother on the great pains he must have taken in collecting the necessary information with which to compile so able an address, but, at the same time, I must ask your permission to point out that I am afraid that brother's advisers have made some slight mistakes with regard to the Albion and Victoria Lodges.

What W. Bro. Locke is pleased to refer to the "depressed condition" of the Old Albion Lodge, and when our distinguished Bro. Col. J. Elliott, C.B., arrived in the island and joined the lodge it revived. Certainly, the fact of W. Bro. Col. J. Elliott joining the Albion Lodge gave it a great impetus; but let me point out that when I joined that lodge in 1875 it was in a very satisfactory state (thanks to the late worthy Bro. T. Marshall and others), both financially and as to the correct working, and continues so, under some very able Worshipful Masters. I also took the greatest interest in Masonry, and in this lodge in particular, and I think, without being vain, that it can be proved even by W. Bro. Col. Elliott that I worked hard for the prosperity of this good old lodge.

Again, with reference to the opening of the Victoria Lodge, W. Bro. Locke gives all the credit to W. Bro. Col. Elliott for the opening of this lodge. I may here remark that I was the *sole* instigator of the opening. I need hardly refer to names; but it is well known by the members of the Albion Lodge that in 1887, when I was P.M. and Secretary, a worthy brother and a Past Master of an English lodge in the Island of St. Thomas came to Barbados and sought affiliation, was duly proposed and strongly recommended by me on two occasions, and, I regret to say, was each time rejected, solely on account of a question of colour, but only by three members of the Albion Lodge. I considered this a great sham that such a question should be raised against a worthy brother and a P.M. I, therefore, with the assistance of other brethren of the same free minds as myself convened a meeting to discuss the advisability of having a second lodge, and prepared a petition accordingly, but the W.M. and Wardens of the Albion refused to recommend the petition for an English lodge, but ultimately agreed to recommend for a Scotch lodge. I readily accepted their offer, prepared a second petition for a Scotch lodge but sent it to the Grand Secretary, the late W. Bro. Col. S. H. Clerke, and explained fully. He took the correct view of matters, and replied to me privately, that as the W.M. and Wardens of the Albion actually admitted by their recommendation that a second lodge was necessary, he had been pleased to recommend to the M.W.G.M. for an English lodge, and an English lodge, the Victoria, was born. The records of the lodge can prove this.

W. Bro. Col. J. Elliott, C.B., being of the same opinion as myself with regard to the question I allude to, very kindly consecrated the Victoria Lodge, and, in conclusion, I have no cause to regret the step I took in the matter for the W. Bro. J. J. Warner, who we nominated the first W.M., has been an ornament to Freemasonry.—Yours faithfully,

MARK WILSON, P.M. 196 and 2196,
P.G.S.B. Grand Lodge of M.M.M.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Rose Lodge (No. 1622).—The last meeting of the session of this ever-growing and well-known South London lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, and was well attended by members and visitors. There were present Bros. J. H. Pullen, W.M.; S. J. Derham, S.W.; T. Pickett, J.W.; J. N. Kirby, Treas.; J. Loader, P.M.; Sec.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; H. E. Webb, S.D.; S. W. Ballard, J.D.; W. Dawson, I.G.; J. E. Parr, Steward; Thos. Bowler, Tyler; G. W. Niblett, W. T. Nelthropp, W. Shaw, R. Reichenheim, J. H. Reap, G. Thompson, D. C. Preston, J. Hight, R. Brambleby, Joseph Hay, Frank Williams, G. Clarke, R. Poor, W. Jeffery, P.M.; H. G. Martin, I.P.M.; F. Hilton, P.M.; Isaac Dunn, P.M.; W. Hamlyn, P.M.; and H. Vickery, P.M. Visitors: Bros. G. H. Arnold, 12; J. Wilson; W. S. Cook, 30; S. Wilkinson, W.M. 1269; C. Gooding, W.M. 788; E. Ballantine; A. Saunders, W.M. 142; C. F. Luckhurst, P.M. 1604; J. C. Barns, 27; T. H. Salmon, 1475; R. Lyon, 2272; G. Brown, 704; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, Mr. R. Poor was initiated, and must have been impressed with the manner in which the ceremony was performed. Bro. S. J. Derham, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. N. Kirby re-elected as Treasurer; and Bro. Thos. Bowler again elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was

voted to Bro. J. H. Pullen, W.M., for his able and efficient services in the chair, and the Secretary was directed to send a letter of condolence to Bro. W. E. Jeffery in the loss of his daughter. Other business being disposed of, "Hearty good wishes" were offered, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Mrs. Venables in her best style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured.

Bro. H. G. Martin, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that he had carried out his duties in an exemplary manner. He was a good worker—second to none in the lodge—and they had never had a better W.M., and he congratulated him on his happy and successful year of office.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Pullen, who was well received, stated in reply that he had come to the end of his tether as W.M., and if he had given satisfaction and had been worthy of the lodge he was more than pleased. Their lodge was the "Rose" of South London, and it was looked up to with respect all over the metropolis. What was done there was done well, and if he had kept up the great prestige of the lodge he was delighted. He had had the honour of initiating several members, and in conclusion he thanked the Past Masters, the officers and brethren for their great kindness to him at all times.

In appropriate terms the W.M. gave "The Initiate," and in responding Bro. Poor said he was unable to find words sufficiently strong to thank them for having received him into Masonry. He trusted to become a good Mason, and felt like a traveller on foreign ground, but he hoped in time to know his way thoroughly, and that the brethren would never regret having accepted such a poor member.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," giving them a hearty welcome, coupled with the names of the following: Bros. Lyon, Wilkinson, Gooding, Ballantine, Saunders, and Wilson.

Bro. Lyon, in reply, said that that was not his first visit, but he renewed his connection with the lodge with pleasure, the visitors being always well received.

Bros. Gooding, Saunders, Ballantine, Luckhurst, Salmon, Brown, Arnold, and Wilson also suitably replied, testifying to the excellent working of the lodge, the last-named observing that he was that evening the representative of the Craft in Scotland, and it was his second visit to an English lodge. The hospitality was gracious and ample, and from his reception he felt quite at home.

In eloquent terms, the Worshipful Master gave the next toast—"The Health of the Past Masters." They had, he said, made the lodge the great reputation it had, and the brethren were proud of them. He coupled the names of Bros. Vickery and W. Jeffery, who both responded to the effect that the Past Masters would be only too pleased at any time to render any assistance if ever needed.

In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master stated that he and the members appreciated their able services to the lodge, to which they suitably replied.

"The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought to a close a highly satisfactory meeting.

During the evening Bros. Frank Williams, Geo. Thompson, Derham, Jefferys, Hilton, Parr, and J. Hay, vocally and otherwise, entertained the brethren, the last-named deserving special mention for two songs, which he gave with marked effect.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which has played an important part in cementing the Masonic tie between this country and America, was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on the 20th inst., and, as usual, attracted a large number of members and visitors. The former included Bros. W. Hancock, W.M.; G. Herbert Reynolds, S.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Chap.; J. B. Cumming, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; J. Coltart; J. J. Woolley, P.M.; F. Kedge, P.M.; F. Jackson, S.D.; C. O. Burgess, D.C.; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; Frank Herold, P.M. 1056; L. J. Belloni, P.M. 246, New York, Representative of Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; G. H. Clough, P.M. 1227; S. E. Southgate, P.M. 700; A. Hamilton, P.M. 917; Carlo Grassi, P.M. 1589; H. W. Gabell, P.M. 1797; Orlando Cooper, I.P.M. 211; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1517; G. Stevenson, P.M. 15; J. Boulton, W.M. 2446; J. D. Langton, P.P.G.W. Surrey; W. Hughes, 179; W. H. Dunn, W.M. 869; J. Longhurst, J.W. 227; F. Ashton, 1507; G. J. Hart, 100; G. C. Howard, 1614; W. Smith, 917; E. S. Berry, 1321; Baron de Bush; H. Hopkins; W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381; and many others.

The formal opening of the lodge and transaction of routine business was followed by the passing of Bro. Verdier to the Second Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Reynolds, who has acted as Secretary since the formation of the lodge, was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. W. Hancock. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Walter Hancock, I.P.M.; G. Herbert Reynolds, S.W.; John Skinner, J.W.; Rev. John S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Chap.; John B. Cumming, Treas.; John Coltart, Sec.; Frederick Jackson, S.D.; Arthur Harris, J.D.; John B. Grieve, I.G.; Charles O. Burgess, D.C.; Herbert W. Schartau, P.G.O. Middx., Org.; Gustave A. Bergholz, John Allen, and Bernard R. Paul, Stwds.; and Robert F. Potter, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. Hancock, I.P.M., in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during the past year, and was suitably acknowledged.

Lodge was closed, and after an excellent banquet served in Bro. Bertini's best style, the customary toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that personally it was a great pleasure to come amongst them. He was quite as proud of being Chaplain of the Anglo-American Lodge—being in a certain degree an American himself—as he was of being P.G. Chaplain of England. Those who came to that lodge year after year found one thing unchanged in it. Six years ago they found that the greater portion of the work fell upon the shoulders of Bro. Geo. Reynolds, the Secretary, and although that brother was now the W.M., and another name appeared as Secretary, he felt sure that Bro. G. Reynolds would always take the same interest in the general working of the lodge.

"The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States and the Dominion of Canada" was briefly proposed by Bro.

Hancock, I.P.M., who said that honour accorded him, as the W.M. was the only brother present who could respond, being an honorary member of the Veteran's Lodge of Illinois.

Bro. Geo. Reynolds, W.M., in response, said he had anticipated that General Laurie, P.G.M., of Nova Scotia, would have been present to reply. The Veteran's Lodge of Illinois had paid him and the Anglo-American Lodge a great compliment in electing him an honorary member. There had been another proof on the present occasion of how the Americans appreciated the Anglo-American Lodge, for Bro. Belloni, who had been elected an honorary member, was present from New York. The Grand Lodges of America had given them many proofs of their affection, including the jewel he wore, the cup which came from Baltimore, and various other tributes, including many kind letters. They had had letters from Bro. Shryock, P.G.M. Maryland, and Bro. Meyer, P.G.M. Philadelphia. Bro. Geo. Smith, P.G.M. Illinois, also wrote: "Masonry does much to assist that good feeling which should exist between the nations speaking one language, and the Anglo-American Lodge does that work well, and I feel sure will continue to do so." He hoped the lodge would continue to work with the good feeling that should exist between the two nations.

Bro. W. Hancock, I.P.M., in submitting "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that if any brother ever came to the chair of Mastership of that lodge with the unbounded satisfaction of every brother it was their present Master, Bro. George Reynolds. The lodge was formed for a specific purpose and with great interests attaching to it, but those purposes and its success would never have been attained had it not been for the hard work of the present W.M., who had been Secretary since its foundation. He hoped that for ages to come the lodge would elect a Worshipful Master, but no brother of any age would ever have the pleasure, the right, and the duty of proclaiming, as had been proclaimed that night, a brother more worthy of the high and honourable position of Master than their present W.M. In the hard work indispensable in the formation of a lodge such as theirs Bro. Reynolds had devoted himself with zeal, and he had not only performed the work in this country but had also formed one of a deputation to represent the lodge on the other side of the Atlantic.

Bro. Geo. Reynolds, P.M., W.M., in response, said he had always had the interests of the lodge at heart, and had on many occasions been working while the brethren had been at rest, in order to ensure success. He was afraid he should not make a very brilliant Master but he would endeavour to make himself a genial one. He thanked the brethren for having placed him in the chair, and regarded it as more than a compliment and as a proof of the love they bore towards him. He was sorry that Bro. Skinner was not present, for that brother accompanied him on his visit to America. He again thanked them sincerely for having drunk his health and assured them that his heart was so full, he could not say more.

The toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters," gave the W.M. an opportunity of referring to the magnificent way in which the I.P.M. had carried out his duties, he having been a pattern to any Mason who aspired to be Master. The jewel presented to Bro. Hancock had been well earned, and in conjunction with the other Past Masters he would continue to take the greatest interest in the lodge.

Bro. W. Hancock, I.P.M., said that by the kindness and liberality of the brethren he had been accorded a jewel for services rendered, but those services had been scarcely worthy of the high honour and dignity of the presentation he had received. His heart was with the lodge, and he had to the best of his skill and ability worked in love and harmony with every member to support the high principles and purpose for which it was established. One of the greatest men had said—"I have touched the highest point of my greatness, and from the full meridian of my glory I haste now to my setting." He had now descended from the high position of W.M. of that interesting and worthy lodge to the position of Past Master.

Bro. J. J. Woolley, P.M., and F. Kedge, P.M., also replied.

Bro. Baron Bush responded for "The Visitors," and said he was anxious to take that opportunity of thanking the lodge, and the W.M. in particular, for the kind introduction he received on his recent visit to Chicago. When Bro. Woolley, P.M., asked him if he would like to see the working of American lodges, he thought the idea an excellent one, and the W.M. accordingly prepared a letter of introduction. He had travelled all over Europe, and generally found letters of introduction useless, but he should never forget the expression on Bro. General Smith's face when he presented the letter to him. Whether it was the style or the caligraphy he knew not; but the beam of satisfaction and joy that came over General Smith's face he should never forget. He received from that brother the most overwhelming hospitality, but he felt that hospitality was not given to himself entirely, but was a return for any little kindness Bro. General Smith might have received from that lodge. Bro. Smith not only introduced him into Masonic lodges, but took him into his own family, and gave him a reception on his own behalf, and said that any brother from the Anglo-American Lodge would meet with a similar reception.

Bro. Herold, P.M., replied, and other toasts having been given, an enjoyable meeting closed with the Tyler's toast. Bro. H. W. Schartau, Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Florence Bethell, Master Sidney Lovett, and Bro. R. Hopkins, who gave a selection on the silver bells, which was unanimously encored.

There were about 80 brethren present.

Hampden Lodge (No. 2427).—The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at Hampden House, St. Pancras, N.W., on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Among the members present were Bros. Thos. Eccleston Gibb, W.M.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., W.M. elect; Wm. Lawrence, J.W.; A. A. Millward, S.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.P.G.S.W. Middx., Treas.; Thos. Moss, B.A., Sec.; Jas. Colling-ridge, W.M.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M.; Geo. Glover, P.M.; F. Mercer, E. Salter, and many others. Visitors: Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec. 902; J. W. Dixon, P.M. 27; J. Edwards, 1833; W. G. A. Howard, 134; G. D. Bundy, P.M. 1531; Lewis Cully, 1693; T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. J. Kent, P.M. 131; S. J. Fryon, I.P.M. 1385; J. Elphinstone, 907; W. J. Bolton; W. Machell, 2168; H. Stiles, Org. 1056; F. Lord, W.M. 2168; J. Hearn, 2168; E. W. Colling-ridge, 1077; R. Perkins, P.M. and Treas. 34; and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 1st inst., when Bro. John Niven, W.M., was supported by Bros. E. Pearson Peterson, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, S.W.; Alfred J. Boyle, J.W.; John T. Last, Treas.; S. A. Auty, P.M., Chap.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; C. E. Ellis, S.D.; J. Morton, as J.D.; R. S. Hird, as I.G.; Henry Holmes, Tyler; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; I. Hirst, Org.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; Albert Swaine, R. Harland, John A. Drake, Samuel Marsland, A. E. Harris, J. Percy Sykes, and others. Visitor: Bro. Walter Dickinson, J.D. 974.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The proposed reading of the lodge by-laws was deferred to a subsequent meeting, and the W.M. called upon Bro. T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., who read a very interesting paper on "Colour, and Why were the Three Degrees in Freemasonry called Blue Masonry." Bro. Holmes dealt with his subject in a scientific but nevertheless an exceedingly intelligent manner, and he was listened to throughout by an attentive and appreciative audience. One of the brethren remarked that he had been a Freemason for a number of years, but in listening to Bro. Holmes' lecture he had learned more of Freemasonry that evening than during all the years he had previously been a member of the Craft. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Holmes for his able paper, which was suitably acknowledged. Bros. Peterson, Auty, Thornton, Boyle, Last, Fearnley, and the W.M. took part in the discussion upon the paper. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of a number of the brethren, after which the lodge was closed. Refreshment followed.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The installation meeting of this lodge, under the banner of which the Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts will be held on Wednesday, the 5th prox., was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Crown Hotel, a very favourite holiday resort of the general public. Bro. Charles M. Coxon, W.M., presided and there were also present Bros. H. T. Nell, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Wye, J.W.; J. G. Cobb, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Moore, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; G. T. Chretien, I.G.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., D.C.; E. Blenkhorn, P.M., Stwd.; W. E. Goodwins, Org.; T. Williams, Tyler. Rawson Kelley, P.M., P.P.G.W. West Yorks; A. J. Robinson, W. Kennedy, N. Pearce, J. Gravatt, A. Ingram, R. von der Sahl, J. R. Bickers, C. C. Renaud, T. Williams, Tyler; and visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; N. Read, P.M. 161; G. Steward; R. E. Hunt, P.M. 45; Tom Taylor, J.D. 45; Herbert Emlyn, 1348; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; I. W. Withers, I.G. 1671; A. V. Medcalf, 1457; W. H. Bolt, W.M. 1563; and T. Sims, S.W. 1604.

After the opening of the lodge, the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, Bro. Coxon immediately proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Henry Thomas Nell, W.M. elect, P.M. and Sec. 45. The ceremony was splendidly performed throughout, and elicited hearty applause at its conclusion. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. C. M. Coxon, I.P.M.; T. Wye, S.W.; E. H. Moore, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; G. T. Chretien, J.D.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., I.G.; W. E. Goodwins, Org.; E. Blenkhorn, P.M., D.C.; H. T. Hipwell and J. W. Rattenbury, Stwds.; and T. Williams, Tyler. At the previous meeting Bro. Petch, P.M., announced that a banner would be presented to the lodge. On this occasion it was *en evidence*, and a very handsome one it proved to be. Bro. Petch said he was commissioned by the donor, Bro. W. C. Pheasant, a founder of the lodge, and a brother who, to their regret, was not a frequent attendant at their meetings, but who still took a very warm interest in the welfare of the lodge, to ask the brethren's acceptance of this banner with his best wishes. Bro. Cobb, P.M., in proposing the thanks of the lodge to Bro. Pheasant for his splendid gift, trusted it would long defy the ravages of time to grace and ornament the Kingswood Lodge, and Bro. Coxon, I.P.M., in seconding the vote, referred to Bro. Pheasant as one who carried out the precept "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," and said that the lodge which had his name on its list of members was honoured by that fact. Bro. Pheasant's generous gift was accepted in the kindly spirit in which it was tendered, and the hope was expressed that he long might live to enjoy the respect and esteem of all who know him. After an announcement that Bro. Coxon, I.P.M., would represent the Kingswood Lodge as Steward at the Boys' Festival, the lodge was closed.

To Bro. Coxon's list 10 guineas are given by the Provincial Grand Lodge, which he represents as well as the Kingswood Lodge. The lodge has provided four Stewards for the Charities during its four years of existence. There is a balance in the Treasurer's hands which, with outstanding accounts, amounts to £56.

It must not be left unnoticed that Bro. Rawson Kelly, the first Master of the lodge, P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire, who has been travelling all over the world for the last few years, and who was present quite unexpectedly by the whole of the lodge, had a most hearty reception on his appearance among the brethren.

The banquet which followed the working of the lodge was of a very choice description, and it was thoroughly enjoyed.

The usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said it was an additional pleasure to him to propose the toast that night on account of the approaching marriage of the Grand Master's son, the Duke of York. Freemasons took great interest in the event, not only as Masons, but as Englishmen.

Bro. Cobb, P.M., proposed "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. J. L. Mather, in reply, said the work of the Grand Officers was somewhat arduous but the Grand Officers were pleased to perform the duties. They had only one desire, the promotion of good feeling and the prosperity of the Craft in general. They were all too delighted at times to perform their duties.

In proposing "The Health of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Thomas Halsey, M.P.," the W.M. again informed the brethren that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held on the 5th prox.

Bro. C. M. Coxon, I.P.M., proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that last year they were honoured with the presence of Bro. Lake, the D.P.G.M., and this year it was hoped he would have been there with the Provincial Grand Secretary. Unfortunately neither was able to be present. There were three Provincial Grand Officers in the Kingswood Lodge—Bros. J. L. Mather, Petch, the Treasurer of the lodge, and Cobb—all of whom were most energetic Masons in the province. He was pleased to say the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held that year under the banner of the Kingswood Lodge.

Bro. Cobb replied, and said all the Provincial Grand Officers were indefatigable on behalf of Masonry in the province. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was very favourable to the Kingswood Lodge, and he was very pleased with the way the work was done in it. The Provincial Grand Secretary also had the same opinion.

Bro. C. M. Coxon, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said nothing he could say would increase the goodwill with which the brethren would receive it. The W.M. of a lodge had claims upon the brethren which they did not fail to recognise. The brethren, in their discretion, had elected an experienced brother for their W.M., who would carry out the duties of his office with credit to himself and to the lodge. His services to Masonry had not been few; he had already filled the chair of an old lodge with success, and for years he had performed the duties of Secretary to his mother lodge, the Strong Man. He had also done good service to the lodge of instruction, and had served the office of Steward for the Charities three times, and twice as Steward for the Kingswood Lodge. That was not the smallest claim he had to the brethren's consideration. He entered on his year of office with the best wishes of the brethren. His father and his brother, both of whom saw him initiated in Masonry, and installed as Master of his lodge, greatly regretted that they were not present.

Bro. H. T. Nell, W.M. in reply, thanked Bro. Coxon for his very flattering remarks, and the brethren for their equally flattering endorsement of them. It was a great honour, and he highly appreciated it, to be placed in the position of W.M. of the Kingswood Lodge. He had already passed the chair in an old City lodge, but he looked forward to being Master of the Kingswood Lodge with a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure. He joined the lodge at Elstree, but he hardly expected to be its Master in so short a time. However, he should do his best to promote the interest of the Kingswood Lodge. He could do the work, and he hoped he would do it to the brethren's satisfaction. There were some members looming in the future, and he was sure the officers would help him with respect to them. He had endeavoured to do his duty with regard to the Charities and also in lodges of instruction, to two of which he belonged, one of them, the Strong Man, the oldest of all the lodges of instruction. With regard to the Kingswood Lodge he should endeavour to do his duty, and he trusted that at the end of his year the brethren would say "well done!"

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," said Bro. Coxon was one of the founders of the lodge and had done a great amount of work for it from its inception. He had had a successful year of office, had given great satisfaction to the brethren, and had installed him in a way which it was generally agreed was perfect. All his work during his year had been perfect. He had also well looked after the banquet table and the musical entertainment.

Bro. Coxon, I.P.M., in reply, said he entered on his year of office hopefully but with misgivings. Now that he had made way for his successor he felt by the commendations showered on him that he had satisfied the brethren. They had made him the proud recipient of a jewel to mark the highest honour the lodge had in its power to confer on any of its members. He hoped long to wear it at the meetings of the lodge. He might be allowed to say that his interest in the lodge and its concerns would be in no way diminished now that he had passed the chair. He should be always ready to do all in his power to promote its success. He happened to be the first Steward for the Islington Lodge; the next time he was the fifth; now by the vote of distinction he should be the seventh—seven Stewards for the Charities in less than five years. He would not be able to do much more in that respect, but the younger members would continue it, and keep up the high position of the lodge.

Bro. Rawson Kelly, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The Past Masters," said he was heartily pleased after travelling round the world to meet the brethren of the Kingswood Lodge, and receive from them such a cordial welcome. During his travels he had always thought of the Kingswood Lodge, whose good wishes he had received through Bro. Petch, who kept him informed of the success of the lodge. He was glad to find that Bro. Petch did not over-report, but he was proud to come back and see the state of things himself. Bro. Petch also kept him posted up with the *Freemason* while he was away. He found the paper regularly in China, in Japan, in India, Australia, New Zealand, and wherever he went. He enjoyed himself very much that evening, and had been glad to see the ceremony of installation so well performed by Bro. Coxon. With regard to Bros. Petch and Cobb, ever since the lodge was formed (which was due to them) they had been mainly instrumental in keeping up its prestige. What had pleased him most was the magnificent way in which the lodge had supported the Charities. He hoped none of its members would ever be candidates for the Charities. It was a great privilege for Masons to be able to give their mite to help a poor and distressed brother. All through the world he had met with the greatest cordiality, and every hospitality among Masons. When they knew he was a Mason they invited him as a traveller and a stranger. It was a grand thing when travelling to have the assistance and hearty sincere welcome of Masons.

"The Absent Members," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast followed, and were duly honoured before the brethren returned to town.

A delightful musical entertainment was given by Bros. W. E. Goodwins, E. H. Moore, Tom Taylor, and Herbert Emlyn.

After the lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M., was presented as W.M. elect, and was impressively installed by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. Eccleston Gibb, I.P.M.; Wm. Lawrence, S.W.; A. A. Millward, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, Treas.; Thos. Moss, Sec.; J. Collingridge, S.D.; J. P. Fitzgerald, J.D.; Geo. Glover, I.G.; F. Mercer, D.C.; and E. Salter, Stwd. Lodge was closed, and after a well-served banquet, the usual toasts were heartily recognised.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said they were brethren who endeavoured to uphold the dignity of the Order. He held it a great honour to be one of those elected to fill office upon the dais of Grand Lodge. He prized it highly, and felt it his duty to uphold, not only the Constitutions of the Order and the dignity of the Craft, but at the same time, act justly, as far as possible, to all within its sphere. He thought it right they should always consider the rights of minorities which were preserved by their Constitutions. Grand Lodge was the great court of appeal for all cases from England and the Colonies, and when an appeal was sent there it was the duty of all officers to see that the duty was discharged rightly and properly. He felt it was an inherent principle in every brother there to do what was right and just, and to do to others as he would wish others to do to him. When he found there was any deviation for any great principle, and those deviations had been allowed to go on for years to the prejudice of any number of brethren, he felt it was not only an inherent right of a brother, but it was his sacred duty to say what he had to say with reference to it, whether it pleased the majority or not, and leave to the great heart of the Brotherhood to decide what was right, just, and proper. There was a great Order for usefulness, and stood unique in the world, for they were governed by a Grand Master elected by themselves. They regarded the Grand Officers as brethren of high capacity and good heart, and a desire to do what was right.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that being the first I.P.M., he should probably have the opportunity of proposing that toast during the coming year on many occasions. He should therefore say but little, not because he wanted to see how the W.M. would do his duty, for all present knew him full well, and felt they had a right good Master. Their Bro. Eve had been telling them that unity did not mean sailing with the stream, and the great thing was that difference should not create mistrust in the Craft. They should always look to the Master and submit to his judgment, always believing they had elected the right man. In the Hampden Lodge they thoroughly believed in their W.M., for in him they had a brother who would rule the lodge as it ought to be ruled. It was not the first time Bro. Cummings had ruled a lodge, and they would have the benefit of his experience and friendship.

Bro. R. D. Cummings, W.M., said he was extremely obliged for the kindly terms in which the I.P.M. had proposed the toast. He had been more interested in the last song than thinking about speech-making, but he assured them he felt very deeply the kindly sentiments expressed towards himself. He had taken a great interest in the lodge, and so long as he continued a member that interest would be maintained. The position he occupied was through no fault of his own, but through the kindly and unanimous suffrages of the lodge. It was a great honour to be W.M. of any lodge, but particularly of a lodge destined to take front rank in Metropolitan Masonry. He would proceed with the next toast—"The Health of the I.P.M." He was glad to hear the cheers of the brethren, for there was no man more deserving of their respect and esteem than Bro. Eccleston Gibb. The I.P.M. did not pretend to be a magnificent worker of the ritual, and it was a mistake to consider the working of the Three Degrees as the Alpha and Omega of Masonry. Bro. Gibb had done good suit and service in building the lovely temple in which they had met that day, and if they wished for a Masonic attribute, that would prove his interest in Freemasonry. It meant that the I.P.M. had Masonry thoroughly at heart or he could not have taken the interest in it he had. In consideration of his work the brethren had awarded him a jewel which, although it might not mean much intrinsically, was a slight tribute of the warm corner he held in the hearts of all the members. The jewel carried with it the good wishes of all and the hope that he would live to continue a member for many years.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb returned thanks. The presentation of the jewel was the inauguration of a good system in the lodge and he hoped that every succeeding Master would have a memento of his services in the form of a token similar to that which he had received. He was conscious of the little work he had done, but he had done what he could and that was as much as any man could do. He was a busy man and the work of the ceremonies was not so much as in early life. He, therefore, recommended the younger members to work while young and then they would not need an excuse. He had always found great pleasure in being in lodge when he could and in making the lodge happy and comfortable. By consent of the W.M. he would propose the next toast, that of "The Charities." He had a special claim to propose the toast, for he was by the will of the lodge serving as Steward at the next festival of the Boys' School. He hoped the members would put their names on his list and enable him to send up a good sum on behalf of the lodge.

The W.M. subsequently announced that the list had totalled to the sum of 78 guineas.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, replied in an effective speech, and expressed his pleasure at recognising in the W.M. a new member of the Board of Management of the Boys' School.

In response to "The Visitors," Bros. Lord, W.M. 2168; W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381; and Bundy, P.M. 1531, acknowledged the hospitality extended to the visitors.

"The Installing Master" was proposed by the I.P.M. in felicitous terms, and Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., in reply, said that to him Masonry was a religion, and that whether in that or other lodges his interest was absolutely the same. He could not do more for that lodge than he had done for others, and felt certain those instincts were the interests of every member of the lodge.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening Bro. Will Edwards gave several humorous songs, Bro. Russell obliged with a ventriloquial entertainment, and Bro. Hopkins once more delighted the brethren with a selection of music on the silver bells.

CHESHUNT.

Gresham Lodge (No. 869).—The installation meeting took place at Cheshunt Great House, on Saturday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. S. M. Banker, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts. The lodge having been opened, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Alfred E. Gooding into the light of Masonry, and subsequently installed his successor, Bro. W. Haynes Dunn, P.M. 1298, into the chair of K.S. in an able manner, a very large number of Installed Masters being present. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. S. Elliott, S.W.; C. E. Everett, J.W.; Chas. A. Gompertz, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; S. M. Banker, P.M., Sec.; A. D. Mann, S.D.; F. A. Taylor, J.D.; A. Laker, I.G.; E. Apelt, Org.; H. Gross and M. B. D'Almeida, Stwds.; and Marsh, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of a substantial banquet prepared by the Curator, Bro. B. Mitchell. The usual toasts having been given and responded to, the W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the two handsome clocks which were then on the table, and which were spontaneously subscribed for by the brethren on the fact becoming known that the late Treasurer and Secretary had sent in their resignations, the former having held that position for 19 and the latter the Secretaryship for 22 years, and he called upon Bro. Banker to make the presentation, which was done in a very effective and suitable manner.

In returning thanks for the very handsome testimonial that day presented to him, Bro. F. D. R. Copestick said that it gave him great pleasure to think that his efforts as Treasurer for the past 19 years had met with their approbation, and been so thoroughly appreciated. He had worked in unison with the late Secretary, Bro. Gompertz, for 25 years, and had done all that was possible to keep the lodge harmoniously together. During the whole of that time there had never been a misword between them, and it afforded him considerable satisfaction to think that the son of his late colleague had been chosen as their future Treasurer. He (Bro. Copestick) had received a very handsome Treasurer's jewel nine years ago, and it was most gratifying to find that the present Master and brethren endorsed the views of their predecessors. It would always be a pleasure to look back on these two events, when, perhaps, ill-health or infirmity might prevent his attendance at the lodge, of which he hoped to remain a member so long as life should last.

Bro. W. E. Gompertz said he fully endorsed the remarks made by Bro. Copestick. He (himself) had been a member of the lodge for 27 years, and for 22 years, as Secretary, had endeavoured faithfully to discharge the duties of the important office entrusted to him.

During the evening the brethren were favoured with some good music and capital songs by Bros. Caink, Newland, Laker, and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. W. Ebsworth, P.M. 1178; W. S. Page, P.M. and Sec. 186; C. J. Williams, 1987; F. Attree, 1385; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; T. Jackson, P.M. 1475; T. Cull, P.M. 1446 and 1298; L. J. Powter, J.W. 1228; W. C. Smith, J.W. 2264; F. W. Tew, Org. 1298; J. A. Smith, 2264; A. Caink, P.M. 1056; J. A. Lane; J. Mitchell, W.M. 1056; J. G. Shraman, P.M. 28; P. Levi, P.M. 1670; A. E. Turner, W.M. elect 1839; A. Smythson, W.M. elect 1670; H. Newland, P.M. and Treas. 28; W. F. Garrud, P.M. 1677; and G. R. Bolton, P.P.I.G.W. Kent.

CROYDON.

George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—The installation meeting was held at the Public Hall on Saturday, the 10th inst. The following officers and members were present: Bros. Frank W. Leaver, W.M.; J. S. Hinton, acting S.W.; F. T. Redpath, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., Sec.; Dr. J. Wayte, S.D.; W. D. Hayward, J.D.; N. C. Crew, D.C.; F. Cambridge, P.M., Org.; J. Jones, I.G.; W. G. Goode, P.M., Steward; Lane, Tyler; J. H. Price, I.P.M.; Hugh M. Hobbs, P.M.; J. S. Fraser, P.M.; W. F. Gresham, H. A. Brown, T. Whitford, M.A., Rowlands, W. G. Sheldon, W. T. Wilkinson, T. W. Hall, J. W. Sanderson, H. A. Wilkinson, and J. T. Fielder. The visitors were Bros. Charles Butcher, P.M. 1728; H. M. Grellier, D.C. 2140; W. H. Ransom, P.M. 1790, W.M. 1892; James Hemming, P.M. 1287; Englefield, P.M. 1321; W. B. Fendick, W.M. 2460; W. J. Harris, W.M. 1321; Dobson, 1321; W. Wm. Burn, P.M. 858; Wm. White, 1321; A. Pocock, P.M. 1905; W. Worrall, 1321; H. Gates, I.G. 2395; F. Pain, 198; and Lister, 1309.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as a re-joining member, and it was declared to be unanimously in his favour. Great pleasure was expressed by the members of the lodge that Bro. Hobbs's health had so improved that he was again able to become a subscribing member, and it was unanimously resolved that, notwithstanding temporary retirement from the lodge, his name should be replaced as second on the roll of the lodge. Bros. John Ward Saunders and Percy Jones Rowlands were raised to the Third Degree, after which the ceremony of installation took place. The work of installing Master was performed by the W.M., Bro. F. W. Leaver, and he installed his brother, Bro. E. C. Leaver, Bro. Redpath acting as D.C. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Holden, S.W.; Dr. Wayte, J.W.; Redpath, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., Sec.; Hayward, S.D.; J. Jones, J.D.; W. C. Crew, I.G.; Fielder, D.C.; F. Cambridge, P.M., Org.; Goode, P.M., and Thos. Whetford, Stwds.; and Lane, Tyler. Bro. J. D. Langton was returned the Charity representative of the lodge. Mr. Kamalkrishna Shelley Bonnerjee was proposed as a candidate for initiation.

After further business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

After the Worshipful Master had proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, he gave that of "The Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. H. M. Hobbs P.M., P.P.J.G.W., responded, and congratulated the W.M. on having his brother as I.P.M.

The toast of "The W.M." was then given by the I.P.M., who stated it was a great pleasure to him to install his own brother as W.M., and he trusted that the brethren would give their newly-installed Master plenty of work to do, as they had done to him during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren, and said

he hoped to receive as much assistance from the officers as his predecessor had done.

Bros. Fendick, Ransom, and Harris replied to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Ransom, in his remarks, congratulating the members of the lodge on having Bro. Hobbs back with them again.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Fred. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., who was assisted by Bros. Henry Yates, Lester, Hayward, and Harris. Bro. F. W. Leader, I.P.M., caused much laughter by his excellent recitation of "The Wooden Armed Reciter."

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The fourth installation of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Conservative Club, Barlow Moor-road. On account of the great popularity of Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect, there was a very large assembly of important brethren present, many of whom had travelled a long distance to do him honour on the occasion, as he is so well known in the Provinces of West and East Lancashire for his general charitable works and genial character.

The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Stretch, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were adopted and passed, proving the lodge to be in a most satisfactory financial position. After contributing 30 guineas to various institutions, it left a balance of £41 4s. 2d. in hand. Out of the latter amount 20 guineas was voted to the Alpass Benevolent Institution. Bro. C. E. Towell, P.M., was elected Charity Representative. Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org., was requested by the W.M. to take the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect was presented to him by Bro. Stretch, P.M., and the ceremony was proceeded with. The newly-elected W.M. was saluted, and Bro. Towell gave the working tools. Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec., presented the warrant, which was very appropriate, as he was the Consecrating Officer on the occasion of its creation. The Installing Master presented the Book of Constitutions and by-laws. Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., W.M., invested and addressed the whole of his officers in a most masterly style, proving he is capable of carrying out with ability the affairs of the lodge for the ensuing year. The officers are as follows: Bros. Fred. Stretch, I.P.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.W.; J. M. Veal, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G.W., Treas.; John Walker, Sec.; Frederic Thomas, S.D.; Jos. Ward, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G.O., D. of C.; F. N. Clegg, Org.; James Sharples, I.G.; T. Morgan, W. Sharples, J. Laurisch, and W. W. Wilkinson, Stwds.

Bro. Stretch addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. G. A. Myers, W.M., presented a most beautiful and costly chain of solid silver, chastely engraved in scrolls, introducing the name of the lodge and the names of each Master from its origin, terminating with a beautiful locket formed from the founder's jewel with a suitable inscription thereon. The handsome present was graciously accepted. Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh, W.M. 1730 (but not a member of the Doric), also presented an engraving of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M. of England. This was mounted in a massive oak frame with plate glass. Bro. Marsh said what prompted him to do that was on account of the deep interest he had always taken in the lodge from its very commencement, and also he was so delighted to see his old friend and companion, Bro. G. A. Myers, installed into the chair. He was sure under his guidance the lodge was bound to continue prosperous. This was also accepted by Bro. Myers, W.M.

The lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the numerous visitors present, and the brethren adjourned to the Didsbury Hotel, where the banquet was laid.

During the evening the Worshipful Master presented a most magnificent Past Master's jewel, unique in design and workmanship, of pure gold, richly enamelled.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The following brethren took part in the entertainment during the banquet: Bros. F. Broadsmith, P.P.G. Reg.; Jos. Ward, W. Sharples, F. Stretch, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G.O.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, W.M. 1730; and E. W. Rowsill.

The following were present: Bros. F. Stretch, W.M.; C. E. Towell, I.P.M.; G. A. Myers, S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; J. M. Veal, Sec.; John Walker, S.D.; F. Thomas, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.G.O., D.C.; Joseph Ward, I.G.; Jas. Sharples and Wm. Sharples, Stewards; G. Metcalf, F. B. Ratchford, Jos. Smith, E. W. Rowsill, W. Wilkinson, H. A. Kay, John Lawrenson, R. T. H. Sayers, Wm. Barker, C. Worstencroft, John Moore, J. Dearnaley, F. J. Passmore, F. J. Ratchford, H. Shuter, and Julius Laurisch. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; G. W. Lloyd, P.M. 1730; J. Hardwicke Marsh, W.M. 1730; F. Broadsmith, W.M. 2447, P.P.G.R.; John Yarker, 163; J. Grunday, 1476; H. H. Martyn, W.M. 1387; J. Fletcher, P.M. 1070; C. H. Beever, W.M. 1375, 2302; C. Cooper, P.P.G.R.; T. Cavanah, P.M. 1633; C. Heywood, P.G.D.C. Cheshire; J. Hancock, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Shaw; E. Nathan; J. H. Daglish, P.M.; John Urquhart; G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.G.O.; and J. Woodward, I.P.M.

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

DOVER.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 199).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Sargate-street, when there were present Bros. Watson Walker, W.M.; Ernest Fielding, W.M. elect, S.W.; W. J. Best, J.W.; E. Luky, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Terson, P.M., Sec.; H. H. Goodwin, S.D.; W. H. East, as J.D.; J. W. Bussey, P.M., D.C.; C. M. Overton, I.G.; A. Harly, Stwd.; L. Marsh, Tyler; G. Church, P.M.; Boyton, P.M.; Heath, P.M.; Cessford, P.M.; L. A. Davis, J. Beach, W. Wynne, and others. Visitors: Bros. Perceval a Nairne, P.M. 176, P.G.D.; T. Bent, P.M. 784, P.P.G.D.C.; Norman Morice, W.M. 176; E. B. Goulden, W.M. 31; A. H. Marks, W.M. 972; P. W. K. Westropp, W.M. 2195; and J. E. Shand.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the audit report was adopted, after which the W.M., Bro. Watson Walker, passed Bro. Spain to the Second Degree, and initiated Mr. E. Pritchard in his usual impressive and perfect rendering, after which the W.M.

elect was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S., who invested and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Watson Walker, I.P.M.; W. J. Duncan Best, S.W.; Hubert Holtum Goodwin, J.W.; Rev. D. Hermans Dolman, Chap.; Edward Lukey, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; James Di keson Terson, P.P.G. Sec.; Charles Miller Overton, S.D.; Edmund Matthew Stevens, J.D.; James Walter Bussey, P.M., D.C.; Frederick Arthur Clark, Organist; Alexander Boyle, I.G.; William Henry East and Arthur Harby, Stewards; and Leonard Marsh, Tyler. After the completion of the installation ceremony the W.M. presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Watson Walker, in the name of and on behalf of the lodge, his photograph, in Masonic regalia; a splendid work of art, in handsome frame. Bro. Watson Walker, I.P.M., returned thanks for this extra mark of regard, and assured the brethren that it would always remind him of the lodge, and his long connection with it which he purposed to keep as a Past Master.

After routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, about 100 in number, sat down to an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, and heartily honoured.

The visitors expressed themselves highly pleased with the working and hospitality of the lodge.

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

The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing by Madame Minnie Curtis (Mrs. Watson Walker), who, in conjunction with Mr. Musgrove Tufnail, gave immense satisfaction.

MANCHESTER.

Palatine Lodge (No. 2447).—The regular meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Palatine Hotel. In the absence of Bro. F. Broadsmith, P.P. G.P., W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. G. S. Smith, P.G.O., and the following were present: Bro. S. W. P. James Fawcus, J.W.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, Sec.; G. Graham, S.D.; G. A. Myers, J.D., acting S.W.; John Newton, I.G.; W. Spencer, Steward; J. E. Sharples, H. Macbeth Locke, Thomas K. Hill, and G. Metcalf, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. G. L. Mills, 1140; Frank W. Mee, J.D. 163; and A. Milling, 266.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and two candidates were initiated respectively by Bros. Smith and Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1730, Sec., after which the lodge was closed.

WADESODON.

Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge (No. 2420).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Five Arrows Hotel, and it was numerously attended. There were present on the occasion Bros. James Stephens, W.M.; Henry Jowett, I.P.M.; Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, S.W.; Geo. A. Sims, J.W.; Lewis Poulton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; H. H. Sherwin, J.D.; E. T. Mackrill, D.C.; W. Surfleet, I.G.; T. G. Parrott and W. H. Rowe, Stwds.; T. J. N. Hodgkinson; F. Payne, G. E. Tyler, Tyler; Henry Taylor James Shaw, Louis Walker, George J. Phillpot, A. Thomson Morrison, J. H. Clare, and H. Turnham. Visitors: Bros. H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec.; A. Bush, 1614; A. Cockerill, P.M. 360, Treas., P.G. Treas. Norths and Hunts; T. Sare, 2334; T. Johns Reader, J.D. 591; Robt. F. Whur, 901; Alex. Watson, 591; W. Kilmarney, S.D. 591; W. T. Taylor, 591; Peter S. Howe, 591; Thos. D. Corb, 591; H. F. Lehmann, 591; J. S. Simcox, 591 and 195; J. H. Miller, P.M. 228 and Sec. 948; W. O. Brazley, P.M. 172; F. T. Lamb, P.M. 504; H. J. Foster, P.M. 504; James Williams, P.M. 551; A. Mayne, P.M. 591; W. H. Sherman, S.W. 591; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; P.S.G.D. West Lancashire; F. J. Hubbard, W.M. 1032; F. Foxley, P.M. and Treas. 173; G. Frances, W.M. 1501; F. Edgington, P.M. 1321 and 575; Hy. Martin, P.M. and Sec. 591; Arthur Turner, P.M. 1894; Wm. Thomas, 60, P.M. 2045, I.P.M. 2222; Joseph Howard, P.M. 591; J. R. H. Sowler, P.M. 591; Ed. T. Palmer, W.M. 591; and O. C. Robson, 2098.

The installation of W.M. and the appointment and investiture of his officers were the only business of the day, and immediately after lodge had been opened, and the minutes had been read and confirmed, and a Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. James Stephens, W.M., that expert brother installed Bro. Baron Ferdinand J. de Rothschild, M.P., S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed officers for the year: Bros. James Stephens, I.P.M.; George Alfred Sims, S.W.; Edward Gibbs, J.W.; Lewis Poulton, P.M., Sec.; Henry H. Sherwin, S.D.; Walter Surfleet, J.D.; E. T. Mackrill, P.M., D.C.; William H. Rowe, I.G.; Thomas G. Parrott, Stwd.; and T. N. Hodgkinson, Tyler. Bro. Stephens, I.P.M., then delivered the addresses, and was loudly applauded at the completion of the ceremony.

A choice banquet followed the work of the lodge. The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that he was sure that among Her Majesty's subjects none were more loyal than the Masons of England, and he thought he might say that no Masons were more loyal than the brethren who were then assembled under the roof of that lodge.

In proposing the toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," the W.M. said it had often fallen to his lot to have the honour of proposing the toast of the Prince of Wales, and oftener still to be among acquaintances at dinners at which his Royal Highness's toast was proposed, and among those he had always found great difficulty in proposing it. He had never been satisfied with the way the toast had been proposed, and he would tell them why. He knew there was no man who had so many duties to fulfil as the Prince of Wales, and he was sure no one would deny that there was no man who fulfilled those duties more faithfully, arduously, and zealously than the Prince. It was for those reasons, he said, it was difficult to single out a particular topic in which the Prince of Wales excelled, and to do him justice on that one topic. But on the present occasion he was sure he was not wrong in stating that of all the duties he had fulfilled none with greater credit to himself than those of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. He, therefore, gave them that toast, and he was going to ask the brethren to join with him, although the toast was not in the list, in drinking "The Health of the Duke of York, the Prince of Wales's son." None of the brethren wished for the day—on the contrary, they hoped the day might be

most remote—when the Duke of York would become in his turn Prince of Wales; still that position in the future some day or other he supposed the Duke of York would attain, and afterwards ascend the throne. Now that he was on the point of taking one of the most auspicious steps in his life by uniting himself with a most charming young lady, the Princess May, all would wish the Royal pair a most happy union.

The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. Jowett proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the two brethren he had named were most worthy to be named; they had always done their duty in the past, and would do so in the future.

The Senior Warden proposed "The Provincial Grand Master of Bucks, Lord Carrington; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." They all regretted Lord Carrington's absence, as he was a man of the county. If his duties had enabled him to be present he would have been among the brethren and have enjoyed himself. The brethren would have been very pleased to meet him, as well as Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, who was, however, assisting at the consecration of a new lodge. The reverend brother took part in the consecration of that lodge 12 months ago, and started it on a good foundation.

Bro. Williams, Prov. G. Treas., in acknowledging the toast, regretted the absence of Bros. Lord Carrington and the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, and then thanked the brethren for the cordial welcome the Prov. Grand Officers had received from the Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge.

Bro. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec., also replied. He remembered the very impressive way Bro. Brownrigg consecrated the lodge, although he did it in 55 minutes. He (Bro. Bowen) so appreciated the invitation to come to the present meeting that he started at 3.15 that morning from the Isle of Wight in order to attend. He had no other reason than to come and see how the lodge was getting on on the virgin ground of Waddesdon. He said that the brethren must be careful in their work, and remember that Masonry did not consist in banqueting. Quietness and dignity of proceedings gave them a good opinion in the eyes of those who knew what Masonry was. He was sure the brethren would not mind his saying that they should bear in mind that a new lodge ought to be perfect in its work.

Bro. Martin, Prov. J.G.W., who was called upon especially, after thanking the lodge for its great hospitality, said that in the name of the recommending lodge, the Buckingham, he wished the W.M. of the Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge health, happiness, and prosperity during his year of office, and the lodge every comfort and success.

Bro. James Stephens, I.P.M., said that the Worshipful Master having another important engagement was obliged to leave, but the brethren would be wanting in their duty if they allowed him to go without drinking his health. He most earnestly would have desired that the responsibility had fallen into hands more able than his; however, for what he might lack in expressing not only his own sentiments but those of the other brethren of appreciation of the kindness which had ever characterised their W.M. from the first moment that they wished him to allow his name to be used for the lodge, he hoped they would forgive him; he was sure the W.M. would. The sun never set upon Masonry, which knew no bounds, no rank, no creed, no race; it was a universal science. If they were in India different tribes met under its banner—hostile tribes when they were outside, deadly enemies, and yet when they came under the Masonic banner they met as friends and parted as friends. As universal as Masonry on the face of the earth was the name of Rothschild, and as universally as it was known was it respected and honoured. It was always associated with the most philanthropic objects. The brethren of that lodge felt more than honoured in having the privilege of obtaining the name of Rothschild for their new lodge. He was sure the lodge would prosper under Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild's rule, and they hoped he would be granted that health and strength which they always wished him and which as a most generous hearted man he so truly deserved.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, which was most heartily drunk, first thanked the brethren for the extra military manner in which they fired. He then said he felt he hardly deserved the eulogy passed on him by Bro. Stephens so kindly. It required no effort on his part to accede to the desire of the brethren to give his name to the lodge, and then become its Master. He had been a Master Mason 25 or 30 years, and the Prince of Wales having performed his duties so well, he (the W.M.) was ashamed to say he had himself horribly neglected his Masonic duties. He therefore hailed with satisfaction the opportunity of founding this lodge and doing his duty as much as he could in the Masonic line. Bro. Stephens had mentioned some of the advantages of Masonry. Short and inefficient as his (Bro. Rothschild's) work in Masonry had been, he might say he had learned the feeling of excellent Masons in general. Masonry nowadays was above all things a charitable institution; it not only did good in the way of giving support to orphans, but it provided Charity in a convivial manner, investing it with a kind of mysterious charm that lent no little pleasure and attraction to the Masonic Craft; it brought together men who otherwise would not have been brought together; it levelled all ranks—but he did not care a fig about rank, and that was not a merit of Masonry he would enlarge upon—but it brought together, as he had said, men who would not but for it be brought together. Take the banquet that day. He had had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of brethren with whom he probably should not have been acquainted, and whom he hoped to see not only as Masons, but as acquaintances on the hill. He thanked the brethren again for the kind way in which they had been good enough to receive him, and he wished prosperity, long life, and happiness to the lodge, and for himself that he might be many years among them. Before he sat down he must ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the Installing Master." If it had not been for the Installing Master he did not know where he should have been, for the Installing Master prompted him very nicely, which, however, he hoped he should be able to do without in the future. All the brethren ought to be obliged to Bro. Stephens for the very genial way in which he had occupied the chair.

Bro. James Stephens, I.P.M., in reply, said he was not going to weary the brethren with a long speech, but he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for all their many kindnesses to him who came among them as a

stranger; it warmed his heart, and he hoped that to the end of the chapter he should never be severed from the Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge. The W.M. had told them he had been somewhat neglectful of his Masonic duties, but that he hoped to prove himself better in the future. The W.M. uttered that sentiment with a sense of its significance and with an honest idea of carrying it out. For himself he should be very pleased to see Bro. Rothschild install his successor. As far as golden opinions went, the W.M. had already had them from every soul in the lodge, and from thousands outside, and he (Bro. Stephens) hoped that they might experience a little of the actual Masonic work which was expected from a W.M. He feared they were asking too much in that; but he was sure that if the W.M. for the day would grace their meetings with his presence they would be more than delighted to see him, although he might not do his work. For all the many kindnesses of the brethren, for the assistance of his officers during the year, he thanked them most honestly and sincerely, as well as for the very kindly way they had given their services. He hoped he might long be spared to be a member of the Rothschild Lodge.

Bro. Palmer, W.M. 591, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," congratulated the W.M. on attaining the chair, and the brethren on the admirable way in which the I.P.M. had conducted his work. If the W.M. in the chair did the same as he had expressed himself willing to do, there could be nothing wanting in that lodge. The good feeling of the senior lodge of the province, the Buckingham, towards the Rothschild Lodge was amply exemplified by the numerous members of it who were present.

Bro. James, W.M. 1501, also replied; also Bros. Whur and Cockerill, the latter brother contrasting Waddesdon as it was when he was a boy rabbling there, with what it was now that the W.M. resided there. The whole province was under a deep debt of gratitude to the W.M., but more especially the parish of Waddesdon.

Bro. Stephens, I.P.M., after the departure of the W.M., took the chair, and proposed "The Masonic Charities," which being responded to, the other toasts were given and honoured, not neglecting the Tyler's toast, which closed the proceedings.

A beautiful selection of music was performed under the direction of Miss Ethel Winn, assisted by Miss Frances Hipwell, Bro. James Gawthrop, Mr. Roger Martelli, and Miss Bessie Elliott.

WILMINGTON.

Lullingstone Lodge (No. 1837).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Walter Harper, W.M.; T. F. Clarke, S.W.; W. E. Lucas, J.W.; A. H. Durnford, Sec.; E. W. White, P.M., S.D.; Chas. Hind, P.M., J.D.; Fletcher Beach, P.M., D.C.; P. Jones, P.M., I.G.; G. Randall, Tyler; W. Drew Ingall, P.M.; T. W. A. Neech, P.M.; J. H. Hepburn, P.M.; Robert Wolfenden, Charles Searle, T. W. Hugh Smith, E. Croager, S. H. Davis, and C. W. Turner. Visitors: Bros. W. Russell, P.G. Treas.; J. F. Croager, 30; B. Clarke, 1364; Chas. C. Potter, I.P.M. 299, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; W. J. Light, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S. of Works; Thomas Heaps, W.M. 1973; J. M. Longley, Centenary Master 299; Thos. Goymour, W.M. 184; E. Mason, 77; W. H. Hedger, P.M. 77; R. Coombes, P.M. and Treas. 12; J. B. Sandercock, P.M. 303; Joseph C. Millbourn, 299; and Deanson Carpmael, P.M. 1965.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Hind, P.M. 299, then assumed the chair, Bro. Thomas Furze Clarke having been presented as W.M. elect he was, in a very impressive manner, installed into the chair; the W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Walter Harper, I.P.M.; W. E. Lucas, S.W.; Ernest White, P.M., J.W.; P. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Treas.; C. Hind, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Durnford, S.D.; R. Wolfenden, J.D.; Fletcher Beach, P.M., D.C.; E. Croager, Org.; W. S. Fisher, I.G.; W. Drew Ingall, P.M., and C. Searle, Stwds.; and G. Randall, Tyler. Bro. ind was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his efficient rendering of the installation ceremony, and Bro. W. Harper was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel in recognition of the excellent way in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year. It was unanimously resolved that Bro. W. G. Drew Ingall be appointed Charity Representative of the lodge for the ensuing year. Letters were read from the Earl Amherst, P.G.M.; Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; Sir Win. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., F. T. Tasker, J.P., and others, regretting their inability to be present.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

During the evening the following brethren enlivened the proceedings, with songs, &c., Bros. Clarke, Millbourn, Croager, Wolfenden, Turner, and others.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 419).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, when there were present Bros. F. T. Beck, W.M.; E. Berry, S.W.; E. F. Coleman, acting J.W.; J. Seddon, Chap.; R. A. Willcock, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. F. Coleman, Sec.; T. C. Bigwood, S.D.; W. Skett, J.D.; T. E. Lowe, I.G.; S. Dean, Organist; R. M. Lord and T. N. Lester, Stwds.; T. Lyne, Tyler; W. Corke, P.M., P.G.R.; T. Beattie, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; T. Bradney, P.M.; A. C. Skidmore, T. Knight, H. Vale, P. de-la-Haye, A. C. Smith, W. E. Allen, A. Orme, T. Bigwood, and W. Howell. Visitors: Bros. Rev. G. Tuttrell, P.M. 696; Rev. A. Jackson, W.M. 77; T. Evans, P.M. 1520; T. Heape, P.M. 1520; W. Simminclair, 349; W. Hamblett, 526 and 347; T. Jackson, 726; A. Molineaux, 526; and T. F. Chapman, P.M. 1838 and 526.

The lodge being opened, Bro. H. Vale was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and at this meeting they had the pleasure of presenting a jewel to their late Organist, Bro. W. E. Allen, consisting of an Organist's jewel, he having occupied that post for several years. The new by-laws were signed by the brethren present and each member was presented with a copy. Bro. E. Berry, S.W., once again gave a detailed explanation of the second tracing board, much to the enjoyment of all present. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The labours of the evening being ended, the brethren

adjourned to refreshment, after which the loyal toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," proposed by the W.M., and that of "The Acting Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers," proposed by Bro. Bradney, were received with Masonic enthusiasm, and honoured by the company, the latter being responded to by Bro. Beattie, P.G. Stwd.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. R. A. Willcock, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., who eulogised the excellent and earnest manner in which the work was performed, and the deep interest which the W.M. took in the lodge and Masonry in general, adding that the ceremony was so well performed as to fully maintain that standard of excellent working of which the old lodge of St. Peter had been so justly proud in the past.

In responding, the Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Willcock for his flattering remarks, and the brethren for the enthusiastic reception accorded, assuring them of the pleasure it gave him to attempt to emulate the excellent examples set before him by the Past Masters of the lodge, of which Bro. Willcock was such an able and talented representative.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Past Masters," to which Bro. Corke, P.M., P.G.R., father of the lodge, responded.

"The Visitors," proposed in a happy manner by Bro. G. Vaughan, P.M., P.G. Steward, was responded to by Bro. Rev. Tutthill, P.P.G.C., who dubbed the work of the evening "most excellent."

Bro. Rev. A. Jackson, 77, also narrated an interesting incident which occurred on a previous visit to Wolverhampton some years ago, when he entered the lodge room immediately after the meeting, and was challenged as a stranger by one of the brethren, to whom he gave proofs of his being a Mason, and entered into conversation, and received kindly advice which had been valuable to him in working his way up to the chair, and he then determined not to visit St. Peter's Lodge until he had attained the honourable position in his lodge, which he now held. He also referred to the wrapt attention displayed by the brethren in the ceremony performed that evening, the excellent manner in which it was carried out, and the pleasure his visit had given him.

He was followed by Bros. Evans, 1520, and Chapman, 526 and 1838, both of whom were equally pleased with the proceedings of the evening.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, proposed by the W.M., who referred to the able manner in which he had been supported by all, the exceptional praiseworthy explanation of the second tracing board given by Bro. Berry, S.W., and the kindness of Bro. Coleman, Sec., in taking the J.W.'s chair at the last moment in consequence of the unavoidable absence of that officer.

This was responded to by Bro. Bigwood, and the Tyler's toast followed, concluding a most successful and enjoyable evening, during which the pleasure of the brethren was much enhanced by a charming programme of music, conducted under the able leadership of Bro. S. Dean, Organist, and which included several "plantation songs," in which Bros. Chapman, Dean, Howell, Molineaux, and W. Skett took part.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.

Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. England, W.M., and the following were present: Bros. T. Annon, P.G.S., S.W., W.M. elect; R. Leach, M.O.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G. Sec., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S. England; Jos. Abbott, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Messenger, Tyler; J. Ostle Scott, I.P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; T. Mandle, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Jas. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; E. G. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; John Gibson, P.P.G.I.G.; T. Atkinson, I.P.M. 229, P.S.G.O.; John J. Little, W.M. 282, P.J.G.D.; John Dixon, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., P.G.S. England, as Installing Master, to whom Bro. T. Annon, P.G.S., S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly presented by Bro. Collin, P.M., &c., and installed in the chair of A. in Bro. Gardiner's usual able manner. Bro. T. Atkinson, I.P.M., P.S.G.O., gave the charges. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. P. de E. Collin, I.P.M. and Treas.; R. Leach, S.W.; J. Abbott, J.W.; J. Ostle Scott, Sec.; J. Dickinson, R. of M.; G. W. Turney, M.O.; J. Gibson, S.O.; E. B. Penrice, J.O.; J. Gardiner, S.D.; E. G. Mitchell, J.D.; J. Rendall, Director of Ceremonies; J. Smith, Organist; Tom Brown, I.G.; and J. Messenger, Tyler. Two candidates were proposed to be advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Masons, and after other business had been transacted, with "Hearty good wishes" from Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, Faithful Lodge, 229, and Derwent Lodge, 242, the lodge was closed.

On the invitation of the Worshipful Master, the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where a banquet was held, presided over by Bro. Annon, W.M., supported by his officers, when the toast list was gone through and duly responded to, a very pleasant evening being spent.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MARYPORT.

W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The annual meeting of the above was held in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on Monday, the 12th inst. Lodge was opened, Bro. Jas. Dickinson, W.M., in the chair, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.G.W. of England, when Comp. Thos. Atkinson, J. 371, was duly presented, and received the order of the Grand High Priest at the hands of Bro. Collin in his usual able manner. Council was then closed down to the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr, when the chair was taken by Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.G.D. of England, as Installing Master, when Bro. Thos. Mandle, S.W., W.M.

elect, was presented and duly installed in the chair by Bro. Sewell in a very impressive manner. Bro. Collin gave the charges. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Jas. Dickinson, I.P.M.; E. B. Penrice, S.W.; Thos. Atkinson, J.W.; P. de E. Collin, P.M., Treas., and Rep. to Grand Council; Jos. Ostle Scott, Sec.; J. Abbot, S.D.; G. W. Turney, J.D.; J. Dickinson, D. of C.; the Rev. J. Anderson, Chap.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Kendal, I.G.; J. Messenger, Warder; and G. Starkey, Stwd. One candidate was proposed for election, and with "Hearty good wishes" the council was closed.

The following brethren signed the attendance book: Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.G.W. of England; F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.G.D. of England; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.D. of England; Jos. Nicholson, P.M.; J. Dickinson, W.M.; T. Mandie, S.W.; J. Abbot, S.D.; T. Atkinson, Sec.; J. O. Scott; J. Messenger, Warder; and others.

A banquet was then held, presided over by Bro. Mandie, W.M., supported by his officers, when the loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through. A very pleasant evening was spent.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual meeting was held in the grounds of the Institution at Wood Green on Saturday last. There was a large attendance of the friends and supporters of the School, those present being between 600 and 700 in number, and including Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas. and Treasurer of the Sports, the Misses Everett, and Mrs. Everett, jun.; Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Kent, and the Misses Eastes; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; Bro. A. C. Spaul, G. Std. Br.; Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Bro. the Rev. H. Hebb, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Devonshire, the Head Master, and Mrs. Hebb; Bro. G. E. Fairchild and Mrs. Fairchild; Bro. John Glass and Mrs. Glass; Bro. J. D. Langton and Mrs. Langton; Bro. H. Pritchard and Mrs. Pritchard; Bro. Chas. Pulman and Mrs. Pulman; Bro. A. W. Duret; Bro. and Mrs. Dallimore; Bro. A. R. Trew and Mrs. Trew; Bro. J. Sayers and Mrs. Sayers; Bro. J. J. Thomas and the Misses Thomas; Bro. J. Bragg and the Misses Bragg; Bro. Major and Mrs. Carrell; Miss Matier; Bro. W. Webber and Mrs. Webber; Bro. W. D. T. Turnpenny and Mrs. Turnpenny; Bro. James Boulton and Mrs. Boulton; Bro. George Cook and Mrs. Cook; Bro. George Motion; Bro. C. H. Bestow; Bro. and Mrs. Gardner; Bro. and Mrs. Giller; and Bro. B. and Mrs. Carter.

The programme was a long one and most of the events were keenly contested. The Committee in charge of the arrangements consisted of Bros. G. Everett, Treas., S. J. Attenborough, G. E. Fairchild, J. P. Fitzgerald, J. Glass, Rev. H. Hebb, J. M. McLeod, and H. Pritchard; the starter was Mr. Guy Leever, and the judges were Bros. S. J. Attenborough and H. Pritchard, and Messrs. B. Hartland, T. Pownall-Owen, and G. M. Webb. The following is a list of the results:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball (open)—Bingham, 1; Thomas, 2; distance 62 yards 2½ feet.

Hundred Yards (over 13)—Giblett, 1; Hird, 2; Mountford, 3.

Quarter-Mile Handicap (under 13)—Blyther (5 yards), 1; Hart (5 yards), 2; Chadwick (25 yards), 3.

High Jump (over 13)—Giblett, 1; Fry, 2; Hird, 3; height 4 feet 2 inches.

220 Yards' Handicap (open)—Parker (10 yards), 1; Cheek (15 yards), 2; A. Harrison (scratch), 3.

Hundred Yards (under 13)—Mossop, 1; Blyther, 2; Hart, 3.

High Jump (Preparatory School)—Kent, 1; Francke, 2; Killard, 3; height 3 feet 3 inches.

300 Yards (open)—Giblett, 1; Pratt, 2; Staff, 3.

300 Yards (Preparatory School)—Bellamy, 1; Fothergill, 2; Callender, 3.

220 Yards' Handicap (under 13)—Mossop, 1; Blyther, 2; Hart, 3.

Bowling at Wicket.—Atkinson, 1; Kent, 2; Hart, 3.

Quarter-mile Handicap (over 13)—Mundle (15 yards), 1; Cheek (25 yards), 2; Groombridge (10 yards), 3.

Hundred Yards (Preparatory School)—Tanner, 1; Fothergill, 2; Fitzwater, 3.

Cross Country Race—Fursey, 1; Blyther, 2; Turner, 3.

Old Masonians' Race (300 Yards)—Balcomb, 1; Ker, 2.

1000 Yards Handicap (Open)—Hart (90 yards), 1; W. J. Harrison (100 yards), 2; W. J. Williams (100 yards), 3.

Tug of War—The Provinces, Captained by Crompton, beat London, Captained by Stoward, by 2 pulls to 0.

Consolation Sack Race—Bedford, 1; Chinneck, 2; Jewitt, 3.

The prize of a silver watch and chain for the "Victor Ludorum," or Champion of the Sports, was accorded to Giblett.

The proceedings were enlivened by the band of the Strand Schools, which played in the interval between the contests and when the prizes, which consisted of Gladstone bags, cricket balls, bats, and pads, scrap albums, &c., presented by Bros. Everett, McLeod, Fairchild, and other donors, had been presented by Miss Everett, light refreshments were served, and the proceedings came to an end.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. HENRY J. MOON

is the first W.M. of the first English-speaking lodge constituted in Bahia under the Grand Lodge of Brazil. It has been named the Duke of Clarence, and, although it could not be established constitutionally under the Grand Lodge of England, it will be carried on, and worked in accordance with, English tradition and ritual, or as nearly so as the laws of the jurisdiction under which it works will permit. Bro. Moon was initiated, passed, and raised in the Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, No. 1958, Portsea, Portsmouth. He filled no office in the lodge, but it has fallen to his lot, in conjunction with Bro. J. W. Reilly, to bring into tangible form what has been the subject of talk in the locality for many years. The success of the lodge, which now numbers some 40 members, is a sufficient justification of the movement, and it bids fair to be the most successful, as it already is the largest, lodge in South America.



BRO. GEORGE ALFRED MYERS,

P.M., W.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, was initiated in 1878 in the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, served through every office, and was installed W.M. in 1889. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in 1884, served in every office, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1892. He is Senior Warden of the St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, No. 34, holds office in the Royal Ark Mariner, Allied Degrees, the Holy Order of High Priest, a prominent Knights Templar and Knight of Malta of the St. Joseph Preceptory, Manchester, and a member of the Crawford Chapter Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., Wigan. Bro. Myers is also a Life Governor of the following Institutions: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He is a Life Governor of the Alpass Benevolent Institution, West Lancashire, and a subscriber to the rest of the local charities. He was a founder of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, being the first Senior Deacon; also a founder of the Palatine Lodge, No. 2447, being the first Junior Deacon.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs; Bro. E. Letchowrth, G. Sec.; Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; and Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. W. H. Lee were present for the Grand Secretary's Office. There were also present Bros. William Vincent, S. Vallentine, Charles J. R. Tijou, David D. Mercer, Geo. R. Langley, S. V. Abraham, T. W. Whitmarsh, Charles Dairy, J. H. Matthews, W. P. Brown, George Graveley, Henry Garrod, the Earl of Euston, James Bunker, F. L. Maidment, Geo. Read, Walter Martin, Walter Hopekirk, Fredk. Mead, W. F. Driver, A. Lefebvre, A. Williams, C. Sheppard, A. S. Manning, James P. Watts, John West, Charles F. Quicke, W. Nicholl, W. Belchamber, E. J. D. Bromley, Jonathan Marsden, W. Gilbert, P. L. Blackmore, A. M. Cohen, Frederick Craggs, Edwd. L. Horne, Maitland Lumley, Frank E. Bailey, J. Passingham, Richard Poore, S. W. S. Burridge, George A. Read, N. B. Headon, Francis W. Frigout, J. D. F. Tarr, Frederick Thomas Rushton, Charles H. Stone, G. L. B. Lloyd, C. M. E. Hamilton, Max Mendelssohn, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the May meeting to the amount of £430. There were 36 cases on the new list, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Cowes, Alnwick, Ipswich, Bourne, Waltham Cross, Bradford, Yeovil, New Southgate, Thrapston, New Malton, Wimbledon, Feltham, Harwich, Preston, Hampton Court, Aberavon, Deal, Sheerness, Calcutta, Liverpool, Boston, Bolton, and Carmarthen. In the course of four hours sitting three of these were dismissed and five deferred. The remainder were voted a total of £760. There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £75 and two for £50 each; five recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each; six for £30 each, and one for £25. Seven grants were made of £20 each, three of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

NEW CORRIDOR DINING TRAINS BETWEEN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

On 1st July the London and North-Western and Caledonian Railway Companies will commence running their new "Corridor" trains between London and Glasgow, Edinburgh, and the North of Scotland, leaving London (Euston) and Glasgow (Central Station) daily at 2 p.m.

The trains will be composed of first and third class "Corridor" carriages, and first and third class dining cars.

The object the Companies have had in view in establishing these trains is to combine the advantages of the English and American systems. It will be possible to pass from end to end of the trains without exposure to the air, the platforms at the extremities of the cars being enclosed by vestibules connected by a short length of air-tight gangway; and in lieu of the Transatlantic "right of way" down the centre of the carriages amongst the passengers, the "Corridor" carriages will have an enclosed passage running along the side, with doors opening on the one hand into the several compartments of which the carriages are composed, and on the other affording numerous exits from the train, in addition to those provided at the vestibules.

The first class compartments will be for four persons, the third class ones for six, so that, whilst enjoying the advantage of having the convenience of the other parts of the train at their command, even a small party may easily secure perfect seclusion, if desired.

Lavatories for both sexes are placed at the respective ends of the carriages.

The outer side of the Corridor is furnished with large quarter lights, i.e., windows glazed with extra large sheets of glass, rendering the view from the inside seats of the compartments equal to that from the outer one.

The decorations and upholstery of the first class carriages are in various fine woods, with Italian marqueterie panelling and rich materials, heavy flock paper, and richly gilt ceilings. In the third class carriages the woods used are teak and sycamore, with slightly plainer stuffs for the upholstery. The general arrangements for the comfort of the passengers are, however, the same for both classes.

To keep the passages and compartments free from encumbrance, a convenient space has been reserved in each carriage for the small luggage of which passengers usually prefer to retain possession, and in order to ensure that the meals served shall not fall short of excellence in any respect, extra space has been allotted to the kitchen; cooking ranges of an improved type having been provided.

Everything has been done to render the heating, lighting, and ventilating arrangements perfect, and electric communication has been established throughout the trains.

The Prince of Wales, having promised to open the National Workmen's Exhibition in the Agricultural Hall, on Saturday, the 1st prox., local tradesmen and others are making an effort to provide suitable decoration of the street from the Angel to the entrance of the Hall in Upper-street. Voluntary contributions for this purpose from individuals, already amounting to £100, have been supplemented by a grant on the part of the Islington Vestry, who, at a special meeting held last night at the Vestry Hall, voted £75. Sir Albert Rollitt, speaking as the Chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce, warmly supported the proposed grant. Mr. Garrity stated that the exhibition would be unique in its way—nothing of the kind, it would be found, had been seen in this country before. One of its objects was to encourage a taste for good, honest work instead of shoddy and scamped productions. The City Guilds and Corporation had manifested their interest in the approaching exhibition by giving £1500 in prizes.