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## THE PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

There are one or two circumstances in connection with the annual meeting in May last, at Ashton-under-Lyne, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire which appear to us to be worthy of some special remark. In the first place, the Prov. Grand Secretary—Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, P.G.S.B.—in the report he presented on the condition of Freemasonry in the Province, while congratulating the lodges and brethren generally on the excellence of the work which had been done during the past 12 months and the evidences which everywhere abounded of the prosperity of the Craft under the able rule of Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, considered it his duty to call particular attention to “a laxity which, in some cases, existed, in the admission of candidates into the Order who presented themselves from other towns, where they had possibly not been able to secure election.” We are very far from being desirous of seeing the adoption in this country of those very stringent, and, as they necessarily appear to us, absurdly stringent regulations respecting the admission of candidates, which are in force in many, if not all, the different Grand Lodge jurisdictions in the United States. Our own laws, if they are strictly observed, are sufficient to keep unworthy persons outside the pale of the Craft. It strikes us, for instance, as being supremely ridiculous that A should be required to send in his petition to be admitted a Mason to Lodge No. 20,010, of which he knows not a single member, rather than to Lodge No. 20,012, several members of which are his personal friends, because his residence happens to be distant a quarter of a mile from the former and half a mile from the latter. But though in England we should look upon such a law as absurd, we are prepared to admit that in the cases cited by Bro. CHADWICK—in which a person who is desirous of joining our ranks sends in his petition not to the lodge or one of the lodges in the town in which he resides, but to one meeting in a place 25 or 50 miles distant—too much caution cannot be exercised in accepting such a candidate. It may be that he adopts this course because he has friends in the distant lodge, and is unknown to the members of the lodge or lodges in his neighbourhood; and all other things being satisfactory, we should deem that a valid reason. On the other hand, it might well happen that he was too well known to the brethren in his neighbourhood to be regarded by them as an acceptable candidate, and that, being aware of this, he sought admission into the Order through the agency of a far-off lodge, who knew him only slightly or not at all, but wanted candidates in order to increase their membership. Here, as we have said, it is impossible to be too cautious, and the lodge which should accept a candidate living within easy reach of a lodge or lodges, without instituting the strictest inquiries into the man's fitness to be made a Mason would be guilty of a very serious dereliction of duty. The Prov. Grand Secretary, in drawing attention to such a practice, and the Provincial Grand Master, in emphasising Bro. CHADWICK's remarks with his approval, are to be commended for the service they have rendered to the Craft.

Another circumstance to which attention may particularly be drawn was the presentation of a service of plate, accompanied by an illuminated address, to Bro. GEORGE MELLOR, P.G.D. of England, who for many years past has held the important and very responsible post of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, on the completion of his jubilee as a member of our Order. To have been not only an active member of our Society for so long a period of years, but also to have won so many and such high distinctions as Bro. MELLOR has done, fully merits such a recognition, nor would it be an easy task to determine which of the two has the greater reason to be proud of this recognition—Bro. MELLOR who received it or the Craft in East Lancashire which conferred it. At all events, we cordially congratulate them both on the part they have severally played in this interesting episode in the history of the Craft in East Lancashire, and we as cordially hope that Bro. MELLOR may be spared for many years to enjoy the esteem and respect to which his services so justly entitle him.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire was held at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, on Friday, the 7th inst., under the banner of the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, Bro. T. F. Halsey, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and among those present were:  
Bros. George E. Lake, Deputy P.G.M.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., P.P.G.W., as P.S.G.W.; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.W., as Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Spencer R. H. Buller, Prov. G. Chap.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D., Prov. G. Treas.; C. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., P.P.G.W., Prov. G.D.C.; Geo. Mickley, P.P.G.W.; Percy W. Taylor, P.P.G.W.; M. Taylor, P.P.G.W.;

C. E. Gompertz, P.P.G.D.; T. G. Robinson, P.P.G.W.; E. P. Debenham, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. W. d'A. Crofton, P.P.G. Chap.; H. C. Heard, P.P.G.D.; M. Slaughter, P.P.G.W.; W. Sworder, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. M. Banker, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Lowndes, W.M. 504, P.G. Stwd.; Rawson Kelley, P.M. 2278, P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire; C. M. Coxon, P.M. 2278; G. Blizard Abbott, W.M. 1385; Duncan Field, W.M. 1757, P.P.G. Stwd.; Henry Lomas, W.M. 2218; H. T. Nell, W.M. 2278; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2353; J. F. Bell, Sec. 2278; J. Pitch, P.M. 2278, P.P.G.S.B.; J. L. Campling, P.M. 403, Prov. G.D.; W. H. Norris, P.M. 404, Sec. 403, P.P.G.W.; A. S. Gilbertson, W.M. 449; and others, together with several visitors, among whom was Bro. Surgeon-Major Kiddle.

The minutes of last year's meeting having been read and confirmed and the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and lodges called over, Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D., was, on the motion of Bro. T. S. CARTER, unanimously elected (for the 15th time) Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Bro. Rawson Kelley, P.M. 2278	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
William Lowndes, W.M. 504	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. Spencer R. A. Buller, 2323	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
Rev. R. H. Pope, 504	...	...	
F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M. 404	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Henry Lomas, W.M. 2218	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Charles Bullock, P.M. 504	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
F. Long, P.M. 404	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
C. M. Coxon, I.P.M. 2278	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
A. R. Hodson, P.M. 409	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
James Terry, P.M. 2372	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2353	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Duncan Field, I.P.M. 1757	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
J. G. Cobb, P.M. 2278	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
G. R. Durrant, W.M. 403	...	...	
W. Baggs, Org. 1327	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Alfred Prudames, P.M. 504	...	...	Prov. G. Asst. Sec.
W. Metcalfe, W.M. 2372	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
R. T. Scarr, P.M. 2136	...	...	Prov. G. Asst. Purst.
G. S. Elliott, S.W. 869	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
R. Middlehurst, P.M. 1327	...	...	
F. Fisher, I.P.M. 1984	...	...	
H. T. Nell, W.M. 2278	...	...	
J. F. Bell, P.M. 2278	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler
John Hudson, W.M. 2331	...	...	
T. Wright, 403	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Tyler
A. Pavett, 504	...	...	

Before resuming his seat, the PROV. GRAND MASTER called the attention of the brethren to two points—firstly, he expressed a hope that the Provincial by-law which requires that all communications relating to the province should be addressed to the Provincial Grand Master not directly, but through the official medium of the Provincial Grand Secretary, should be strictly adhered to; and, secondly, he suggested that brethren who received appointment to provincial office should either make a point of attending for the purpose of being invested, or, if that were rendered impossible by the more pressing emergencies of their own public or private avocations, that they should not fail to send letters of apology.

The newly-invested officers having been saluted, the PROV. GRAND TREASURER submitted a statement of accounts prepared by him and audited by the Provincial Board of Finance, which, having been already circulated among the brethren, was taken as read. This statement showed that there was a balance in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer of £80 9s. 10d., and a sum invested in consols representing £247 3s. 6d. Stock.

On the motion of the PROV. GRAND TREASURER, this was unanimously received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The following sums were voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge: (1) £31 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the lists of Bros. W. Lowndes, W. T. Grant (869), and C. M. Coxon (2278); (2) £10 to the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, towards defraying the expenses of Provincial Grand Lodge; and (3) £10 10s. to the Cottage Hospital.

It was also unanimously resolved, on the motion of the PROV. GRAND TREASURER, that the sum of £30 be invested in Consols as an addition to the existing Provincial Grand Lodge fund, and on that of the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, that the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued. The latter subsequently mentioned that he had received from Bro. G. Blizard Abbott a large copy of that brother's “History of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire” for presentation to Provincial Grand Lodge, and on the motion of the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, cordially seconded by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Abbott was unanimously adopted.

Bro. CHARLES KEYSER then gave a full account of the proceedings of the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association, of which he is the honorary Secretary, showing how at the Boys' School elections in October, 1892, and April, 1893, the votes of the brethren in the province, with the assistance of votes borrowed from West Yorkshire and elsewhere, and with the cordial co-operation of Bro. James Terry, had succeeded in carrying the election of one boy at the former and two at the latter; and how, in the case of the

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he had succeeded in placing the Hertfordshire candidate at the head of the poll for the Male Fund. He also showed how Hertfordshire had raised upwards of £2000 for our Charitable Institutions in 1892, of which the Benevolent Institution had received nearly £1900 at its Jubilee Festival, and quite £2000 during the present year, of which the same Charity had received about £1450 in February, when he (Bro. Keyser) had presided at its Festival; and he concluded his statement, which was received throughout with every possible mark of satisfaction, by expressing the hope that the same loyal support would be continued.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and about one-half the brethren who had attended adjourned to the banquet-room, where, under the auspices of the managing committee of the Kingswood Lodge, mine hostess of the Crown Hotel had prepared an elaborate repast, to which ample justice was done.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts received due honour, those of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Grand Officers," and "The Provincial Grand Officers" being proposed from the chair; while that of "The Prov. Grand Master" was given by Bro. GEORGE E. LAKE, D.P.G.M.

It is needless to say that a most enthusiastic reception was accorded to them all, but more especially to the first two, out of respect to the great event of the previous day with which her Majesty and the Prince of Wales were so intimately associated, while that of the Provincial Grand Master was drunk in a manner that bore eloquent testimony to the deep respect and affection in which Bro. Halsey is held by the members of his province.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Surgeon-Major KIDDLE, and that of "The Masonic Charities" by Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to whom a most hearty greeting was given, and by whom an effective reply of thanks to the province generally for its large-hearted support of the Charities, as well as to the Provincial Grand Master for the services he had rendered and the kindly interest he was always exhibiting in their welfare.

In proposing the combined toast of "The W.Ms. of the Lodges, and the W.M. and Brethren of the Kingswood Lodge," the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER paid a handsome compliment to the latter for the admirable manner in which the arrangements for the day had been carried out, and expressed his great regret that he had been prevented by the Parliamentary duties devolving on Bro. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., Provincial Grand Master designate of West Yorkshire, from introducing that distinguished brother to the meeting, especially as so many founders and members of the Kingswood Lodge were members of lodges in that province.

When due response had been made by the W.M. of the entertaining lodge, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

It is only just to add that the Committee of the Kingswood Lodge deserve the greatest credit for the manner in which they fulfilled their difficult task. It was the first time it had been honoured with the presence of Prov. Grand Lodge under its banner and the Prov. Grand Master correctly interpreted the feelings of all present when he described the meeting as one of complete success. The musical arrangements, which were in charge of Bro. Goodwins, the Organist of the lodge, were also most creditably carried out, the singing of Miss Alice Motterway and Bros. H. Emlyn and Barry Lindon being especially effective, and receiving a full measure of applause.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

Two important epochs will, we think, ever be associated with the holding of the 1893 annual meeting at Beverley. The first prominent feature of the gathering on Wednesday, the 5th inst., was the fact that the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294 on the Grand roll, was celebrating its centenary, having been founded on the 17th June, 1793, and it was at the brethren's invitation that the Provincial Grand Master, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, decided that a Provincial Grand Lodge should be held at the old Minster town; and the other event—and, we take it, the more important epoch from a national point of view—was the holding of a Provincial Grand Lodge on the eve of the marriage of the Duke of York, son of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. We do not know whether this approximating date to the Royal wedding was designedly fixed or not, but in any case it was a very pleasing coincidence, and one which the noble marquis took advantage of in his brief allusion to the happy event. The gathering took place in the spacious Assembly Rooms, the Masonic Hall not being large enough to accommodate the numbers attending the interesting occasion. In the enforced absence of the popular W.M. elect, Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, the officials of the lodge were assiduous in their attentions to the comfort and convenience of the influential brethren attending the meeting, and it must be a matter of gratification to them, as also to the esteemed Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Peck, that everything passed off so satisfactorily. In passing we may mention that in connection with the centenary of the Constitutional Lodge a most interesting incident has occurred, the brethren of the pretty Minster town having received a very substantial and unexpected gift, prettily engraved and suitably inscribed, viz., a massive solid silver loving cup, weighing over 52 ounces, from the members of the Beverley Lodge, held in a town also named Beverley, but situate in Massachusetts, United States. The gift was very much admired, and it is almost needless to say that a cablegram was immediately sent off to the American brethren, warmly thanking them for their fraternal spirit and very handsome gift. But this by the way. The proceedings commenced shortly after two o'clock, the *entré* of the Marquess of Zetland being of a very enthusiastic character, his first appearance at Provincial Grand Lodge after his retirement from his arduous duties as Viceroy of Ireland, giving additional *éclat* to the festive gathering.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened,

The P.G. Secretary, Bro. M. C. PECK, P.G. Std. Br. England, read various letters, and the minutes of the last meeting.

The annual reports of the Board of Benevolence, of the Charities Association, and of the Educational Fund were duly presented and adopted, being of a very satisfactory character.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having fittingly acknowledged the eminent honorary services rendered to the Craft for upwards of a quarter of a century by the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Peck,

Bro. J. W. WOODALL, P.P.G.W., P.G. Treas. England, moved certain

necessary alterations in the rules of the Educational Fund, which were agreed to.

Bro. T. B. WRYTEHEAD, P.P.J.G.W., P.G.S.B. England, then moved the following resolution standing in his name, which was carried unanimously, viz.: "That the York Lodge, No. 236, be requested to permit the ancient rolls of Constitution in its possession to be reprinted, with photolithographic illustrations, in a uniform manner, with those lately published by the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, in order that the whole of such documents, at present known to exist in the county, may form one volume available to Masonic students. 2. That a sum not exceeding £40 be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of defraying the cost of such publication, which shall be limited to 350 copies. 3. That a Committee, consisting of the W.M. of the York Lodge, W. Bro. J. Todd, P.P.G.W., the P.G. Secretary, and the mover be appointed to superintend the publication."

The Grand Lodge Charity jewels were duly presented to brethren who had served Stewardships in two of the London Masonic Institutions.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing 12 months, the brethren on proceeding to and fro to the dais being heartily cheered, thus testifying to the popularity and wisdom of the selection made by the Marquess in the choice of his officials.

The following is a complete list of the appointments:

Bro. Dr. Jones Williams, Ferrum Lodge	... Prov. S.G.W.
" Joseph Henderson, Humber Lodge	... Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Clement Linley, York Lodge	... } Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Egbert Fox Thomas, Lion Lodge	... }
" B. B. Hawley, Minerva Lodge	... Prov. G. Reg.
" Col. H. Fawcett Pudsey, Kingston Lodge	... } Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Joel Edgar, Constitutional Lodge	... }
" Thos. Baven, Denison Lodge	... } Prov. J.G.Ds.
" H. C. Clarke, Londesborough Lodge	... }
" J. B. Nicholls, Camalodunum Lodge	... Prov. G.S. of W.
" Hy. Foster, M.D., York Lodge	... Prov. G.D.C.
" Thos. H. Pexton, Leopold Lodge	... Prov. D.G.D.C.
" Aaron Peat, De la Pole Lodge	... Prov. A.G.D.C.
" B. Shaw, St. Cuthbert Lodge	... Prov. G.S.B.
" Geo. Leigh, Wilberforce Lodge	... } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Geo. Manton, Agricola Lodge	... }
" T. B. Redfearn, Wilberforce Lodge	... Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. W. Sykes, St. Germain Lodge	... Prov. G. Org.
" W. J. Bruce, North York Lodge	... Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Fidler, Cleveland Lodge	... Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. J. Lambert, Kingston Lodge	... Prov. G. Tyler.

The Marquess of ZETLAND then referred to the important event mentioned above, viz., the Royal Wedding, which, he said, they would all look back upon with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction for many years to come. The memorable event would ever live in the hearts and homes of every brother Freemason and every patriotic Englishman. He had pleasure in moving the following address:

To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

May it please your Royal Highness,—

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire beg most respectfully to offer to your Royal Highness their sincere congratulations upon the marriage of his Royal Highness the Duke of York with her Serene Highness the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck.

They pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will enrich this happy union with every blessing, and they embrace the present opportunity of testifying their loyal attachment to the Royal House of England, and especially to your Royal Highness as the exalted head of the ancient Fraternity.

Given at Beverley, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, this 5th day of July, 1893.

ZETLAND, P.G.M.

W. T. ORDE-POWLETT, D.P.G.M.

The address was voted most enthusiastically.

Bro. Walter Reynolds was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. F. Fullerton, P.M., and W. C. Whitesides, P.M., the Auditors, also the Board of General Purposes' Committee, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for the annual banquet.

The subsequent proceedings were characterised with enthusiasm, and the following settings from the pen of the popular Prov. Grand Secretary were read and sang with gusto:

God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Bless her in earthly things,  
Parent of future kings,  
Each loyal Mason sings  
God save the Queen!

Chorus—God bless our future Monarch,  
Whom ev'ry Mason hails  
With joy as his Grand Master,  
The noble Prince of Wales!

Hail, mystic Light divine,  
May'st thou ne'er cease to shine  
Over this land;  
Wisdom in thee we find,  
Beauty and Strength combined,  
Masons are ever joined  
In heart and hand.

Solo—May gracious Heaven protect him,  
And all his counsels guide,  
To rule o'er this vast Empire,  
Its chiefest hope and pride.

Come then, ye Sons of Light,  
In joyous strains unite,  
God save the Queen!  
Long may Victoria reign  
Queen of the azure main,  
Masons, resound the strain,  
God save the Queen!

Chorus—God bless our future Monarch,  
Whom ev'ry Mason hails  
With joy as his Grand Master,  
God bless the Prince of Wales!

The gathering was most successful in every respect and will long be remembered. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, Bro. Dr. W. Harling Sissons, also honoured the gathering with his presence, and the dais was a scene of splendour and magnificence.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

One of the largest and most interesting general Masonic meetings ever held in Bath was the one which assembled on Friday, the 7th inst., under the wing of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, No. 906. The W.M. of No. 906 occupied the chair, and was supported by numerous distinguished brethren, the Masonic Hall looking especially attractive in consequence of the handsome decoration of the interior, which sets off its fine proportions to great advantage.

The W.M. announced that no ceremony would be worked, as Bro. Hughan, the well-known Masonic historian, had kindly promised the brethren a lecture on the "Old Charges of British Freemasons."

Bro. HUGHAN then gave an address on this particular branch of study, which he has so thoroughly made his own, extempore and with such ease, that the brethren listened with great delight, and on its conclusion the lecturer was most heartily applauded.

Then came the "question time," and for nearly one hour Bro. Hughan replied to the queries propounded by several of the audience, who again and again plied the historian with questions so that they might obtain all the "light" possible.

Naturally at times there was not a uniform agreement between the lecturer and some of his hearers, as in Bath there are happily not a few brethren who "read and think for themselves," but Bro. Hughan, with his conspicuous fairness, did his best to satisfy the querists, and laboured zealously to distinguish between legend and fact.

Bros. T. P. Ashley, Charles W. Radway, George H. Bartlett, Lawson Howes, Charles Beckett, C. W. Baldwin, E. W. Loveless, and others took part in the intensely interesting discussion, and all united in according to our esteemed brother a very hearty vote of thanks.

A GOLDEN DAY.

BRO. AND MRS. T. S. PARVIN CELEBRATE THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The *Masonic Chronicle* of Columbus, Ohio, reproduces the following from the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, and we venture to think that the career of the veteran, Bro. T. S. Parvin, possesses sufficient interest to English readers to render its transfer to our columns acceptable:

"To-day is the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Parvin, of this city, and the event is being observed by them in that home-like simplicity that has always characterised their lives. Everybody knows Prof. Parvin as one of the greatest living Masons, and it is of his Masonic work and of his long connection with that Order that he is best known, and to-day Mr. Parvin can well lay aside his interest in Masonry and his magnificent work in building up the greatest Masonic library in the world, and spend the day in thinking over years gone by that have rolled round and brought him and his noble wife that golden festival reached by so few. Another happy feature of the event is that it calls attention to that noble woman who has been Mr. Parvin's constant companion and helpmeet in all these long years, and while interest in her may have been overshadowed by the great services of Mr. Parvin to the public, yet it is a pleasure to their friends to have this opportunity of emphasising their regards for her, whose noble work assists in rounding out their lives of usefulness. A truly good and noble woman is best seen at home. It is there that her goodness of heart is revealed, and Mrs. Parvin in her 50 years of married life has proven herself a true wife, loving mother, and noble woman, and whether it has been in performing the ordinary duties of the household, visiting the sick and afflicted about her, or in her eight years of watchful care of an invalid daughter, she has always proven herself the devoted, loving, and faithful woman that she is.

"A reporter for *The Gazette* had the pleasure last evening of spending a couple of hours with these worthy people, and the conversation naturally turned to their early days, and many were the stories and reminiscences related. 'Yes,' said Mr. Parvin, 'it is nearly 50 years since we were married, and if our lives are spared a few hours longer, we will round out that period of time; for you see we won't have to wait the usual wedding hours, for we were married before breakfast. That may seem curious, but it came about in this way. I was practising law in Muscatine and neighbouring counties and had to go to Davenport to look after some business, and, as you know, there were no railroads in those days, I had to drive across the country and it was necessary to get an early start, so the minister and our friends were called at a very early hour, the ceremony was performed, and Mrs. Parvin and I got in the buggy and drove to Davenport. There wasn't much time for wedding trips those days, and we had to unite ours with business.' Mr. Parvin says that of all the people in Muscatine at that time he can only recall five persons who are now living, and of those at the wedding only one survives, an older sister of Mrs. Parvin. Mr. Parvin still has the license that was issued for their marriage. After it was recorded by the clerk, who was a special friend of Mr. Parvin, he asked him to give him the license, which favour was granted. The court house was soon afterwards burned with all the records, and that marriage license is probably the only official paper that escaped the flames.

"Theodore S. Parvin and Miss Agnes McCully were united in marriage at Muscatine, May 17th, 1843. Their life has been blessed with six children, four sons and two daughters. Of these Mrs. J. W. Lee lives in

Iowa City; Theodore is in business in Mexico, where he has resided for a number of years; Fred lives in Ottumwa; a daughter, Miss Agga, was for eight years an invalid, till death brought her relief, and Newton R. is his father's coadjutor and able deputy, who has inherited a love for the work in hand that has rendered his assistance invaluable. It was in the care of the invalid daughter that Mrs. Parvin revealed the most beauty of life. For eight years she ministered to her as only a mother can, never leaving her side nor allowing any duty to interfere with her devotion and care. Mr. Parvin is now in his 77th year, and Mrs. Parvin is a few years his junior.

"Before their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Parvin were members of the Presbyterian church, to which they are still devotedly attached, and in which Mr. Parvin has for many years been an elder. In early life he was a great Sunday School worker, and nothing pleases him so much as to talk to the children of a Sunday School, and when he talks to children they never get tired or dull.

"To Prof. Parvin, more than any other person, is the State indebted for the magnificent library that is now its honour and glory. He began his collections over 50 years ago, which he has industriously continued ever since. We have seen his office when all it contained could be loaded on a single dray, but to-day its effects crowd the spacious building it owns as its home. Not only is Mr. Parvin a collector, but he is a man of broad and liberal scholarship, of good judgment and great intelligence, who understands the present and prospective value of books and documents, and such other articles as go to make the valuable and rare collections.

"Mr. Parvin was the first person admitted to practice law within Iowa territory, having been admitted to the bar in August, 1838. He practiced his profession till near 1859, when he became connected with the State University. Prior to that time he held many positions, district attorney, county judge, secretary of the territorial council, private secretary of Gov. Lucas, and registrar of the State land office. He was the last Democrat to go out of office in 1858, when the State became solidly Republican, and no other Democrat was again elected till Horace Boies was chosen Governor.

"Mr. and Mrs. Parvin moved to Iowa City in 1860, and for a year previous he had spent a good deal of his time taking care of the University property, of which he was custodian, and when the University opened he was elected to the chair of natural sciences, and took up his residence at the seat of the State University. Mr. Parvin remained with the University 12 years in different capacities. He had been a teacher formerly in Cincinnati, and many of his old students are now occupying positions of honour and trust in various parts of the country. Mr. Bollinger, who is President of the Mississippi and Atlantic Steamship Company, was one of his students at Cincinnati, and among those who have gained distinction, who were students at the University are Thos. Wright, attorney, Chicago; Frank Springer, of New Mexico; Chief Justice Helm, of Colorado; W. W. Baldwin, of Burlington; Congressman Johnson, of North Dakota; and Congressman Pickler, of South Dakota; and many others equally noted. There never was a student at the University who did not love Mr. and Mrs. Parvin. Their home was always open to the boys and when they were perplexed or in trouble they were their constant advisers. The students used to tell of the good deeds of Mr. Parvin; how when nearing the end of the year, and they were short of funds, his purse was always open to them, and in order to keep them in school it was frequently his habit to loan them money to help them out, and to their credit it may be said that although he supplied the boys with hundreds of dollars yet he never lost a cent. in doing so.

"At one of the annual reunions a few years ago, Chief Justice Helm, of the Colorado Supreme Court, told of the affectionate remembrance in which Mrs. Parvin was held by the young men who were fortunate enough to come within the boundless scope of her practical sympathy while they were in college and no 'home folks' to look after their wants. In his address at the banquet Judge Helm said that among all the pleasant recollections of his student life, and he had many, he recalled none with more pleasure than those he had of Mrs. Parvin. 'She was,' he said, 'the ministering angel whom the students like myself, poor in this world's goods, devotedly loved. Never was there a student sick and needing aid, but she was at his bedside to render all needed assistance. Every Saturday, bake-day, I and others like me were remembered with an ample supply of cakes, pies, and other good things for a 'Sunday dinner.' When we would be convalescing or over-weary we found a seat at her home and hospitable table.' This tribute to womanly worth and gentleness was richly deserved and fully appreciated.

"During the years that Mr. Parvin held a professorship in the State University, part of the time being Vice-President, their home was head-quarters for regents and visitors on commencement occasions, and Mrs. Parvin was in this, as in all other of her husband's associations, hostess to them all.

"In speaking of the early organisation of the Masons in this State, Mr. Parvin says that the Grand Lodge of Iowa was organised January 8th, 1844, in the old Mechanics' Academy building in Iowa City, which is now a part of the University hospital, and was for many years used by the students as a boarding hall. There were four lodges represented, with a total membership of a 100. Mr. Parvin was elected Grand Secretary, which position he has held continuously, except in 1852 he was elected Grand Master and another chosen Secretary, but Mr. Parvin performed the duties of the

office that year, so that it can be said that he has held the office or performed the duties continuously ever since the Grand Lodge was organised. There is no other Mason in the world who has ever held any position for so many years.

"About 1871, Mr. Parvin resigned his position in the State University, the work of the Grand Lodge being sufficient to occupy his entire time, and from that day to this he has devoted all his time to the Order, and has not only given the Grand Lodge an excellent administration, but has also gathered together the finest library of rare works and the greatest collection of Masonic and other curios that has ever been brought together in the world. The Masonic library in Iowa is known in every country on the globe, and it is to Prof. Parvin more than to any other person that the credit is due for this magnificent collection, which as years pass on will be more valuable. Not only is it a great collection of Masonic work, but he has gathered the works of Iowa authors, geological and mineral specimens, rare literary works, manuscripts and many other articles that are of value, and are destined to become of much interest.

"From his earliest life, Mr. Parvin has been gathering interesting facts in regard to the State. There is not another living person who can tell so much about the early times in Iowa as Mr. Parvin, and what is best about it there is no guess-work. He has preserved the records systematically, which with his retentive mind enables him to be exact in all that he says about the early settlement of the State. It is really to be regretted that he has not found time to write a history of the State. He has the information and the elements of patient research that would enable him to give a value to such a work that no other person could.

"Last night, in speaking of some of the earlier incidents of the State, he referred to the famous Indian warrior Blackhawk, and the controversy that has arisen in regard to the disposition of his remains. Professor Parvin says that Blackhawk was buried on a bluff overlooking the Des Moines river, at what was then Iowa-ville in Wapello county, and that a doctor in Quincy stole the remains and prepared the skeleton for use in his office. A son of Blackhawk found that the remains had been removed, and tracing them to Quincy he appealed to Governor Lucas, who investigated the matter and caused them to be returned. The bones were shipped to Burlington in a box and as the son was afraid that they would be molested should they be deposited in the original grave, he asked Governor Lucas to care for them. They were in the Governor's office in the old capitol building for a long time, and Mr. Parvin says that they rested under his table, and that for a year or more he used the box for a footstool as he would sit at his desk. Mr. Parvin was at that time Governor Lucas' private Secretary. Afterwards the city of Burlington started a historical society and the bones were shipped to that place. There has always been some doubt as to what really became of them, but as the historical collection was burned, it is believed that the box was in the building and destroyed along with the rest of the collection.

"Reference was made to the way in which Iowa people came to be known as Hawkeyes, and Mr. Parvin said that the popular idea that it had some relation to the hawk is a mistake. He said that David Rorer, afterwards a prominent judge at Burlington, and for many years a leading citizen of the State, published a letter in the *Ft. Madison Patriot* suggesting the term Hawkeye, getting the idea of the name from Ohio, whose people are known as Buckeyes, and the great war chieftain, Blackhawk. The letter did not attract much attention at the time, but a year later a number of gentlemen, including Judge Rorer and Prof. Parvin were discussing the same matter in an office in Burlington, and Judge Rorer called attention to the letter that he had previously written and published in the *Ft. Madison Patriot*, and it was there agreed that they would try to introduce the name Hawkeye for Iowa people. The few newspapers then in the State fell with the idea and that is the way in which the name came to be applied to the people.

"Fifty years is a long span of married life. It had brought Mr. and Mrs. Parvin their sorrows and their joys, and to-day their chief glory is that they can look back upon 50 years of usefulness. Every day of their lives has been a blessing to those around them. Work has never been so crowded, nor the calls of business so exacting that they have not had time to take interest in all that goes to benefit the people. Their early friends have nearly all passed away. In 1856 Mr. Parvin attended the great conclave of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of Hartford, Conn., and of about 100 persons present at that time, only five survive, and of those who formed the Grand Lodge of Iowa only one is living and he sends his congratulations to Mr. Parvin. On March 14th, 1888, was celebrated the anniversary of Mr. Parvin's becoming a Mason. At that time he received letters of congratulation from the leading Masons of the country, many of whom have since passed away, and the only sadness of to-day is that it recalls so many old friends who have gone to their reward.

"An informal reception was held in the Masonic library, where many citizens of Cedar Rapids called to pay their respects. During the day they received many letters and congratulations.

"\* \* \* Mr. Parvin has built his own monument, and as has been well said, 'Let the mute, but ever eloquent volumes, tell of his devotion to what he believed to be right, of sacrifices made, of opposition encountered, of manhood sustained, of opportunities enlightened, and of the good that men may do to live after them.'"



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**Masonic Notes.**

Visitors to the Masonic Boys' School, at Wood Green, cannot fail to have been struck with the new reading room provided for the pupils by the Board of Management. The library in connection therewith is growing of greater value, and gifts of books, &c., will be thankfully received by the Board. Recently, a noble gift of 102 volumes of the "Chandos Classics" was made by Bro. Armand W. Duret, and several parcels, of about 60 volumes in all, of "Travels," and other interesting works, have been sent by Bro. Major C. W. Carrell, both these brethren being Vice-Presidents of the Institution.

There are a few matters to which our attention has been called in connection with the Stewards' Returns at the recent Boys' School Festival at Brighton. In the first place, under the head of London, Bro. E. S. White, returned as Unattached, represented Lodge No. 902. Under Dorsetshire, Bro. Major W. Watts, set down as Unattached, was the official representative of the Province. Thirdly, in our Analysis, under Sussex, we bracketed Bros. W. Wright and S. Tanner as representing Lodge No. 1303, whereas the former was Steward for No. 1303, and the latter one of two brethren who did duty for Lodge No. 1466.

We may also point out generally—what has no doubt been already remarked by some of our readers—that the totals raised by sundry of the Provinces were erroneously set down in the Summary. This was due to the introduction of several amounts into the list after all the various castings had been done, and there being no time to make the necessary corrections, the totals announced at the Festival were retained. The necessary alterations will be made in the reprint, which will be issued by-and-by.

We beg to announce that the final meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 21st inst., when the accounts will be made up and settled and the Board dissolved.

The services of the late Bro. Buss, who died on the 6th instant, are recorded elsewhere in our columns, but we cannot permit the sad occasion of his death to pass without expressing the deep sorrow we feel at his demise, and our sincere sympathy with the very large circle of brethren who either knew him slightly or by repute, or had been admitted to terms of personal friendship with him. We knew him well in the days of his official life; we had met him frequently in lodge and chapter; and we had again and again had occasion to consult him on matters of detail in connection with our lodges. Whenever we met him, and for whatever purpose, he was the same genial and kindly man, greeting as heartily on the occasion of a visit, and busying himself to assist us whenever it was curiosity as to some ticklish point that led to our consulting him. He has gone from us for ever and though we necessarily mourn his loss, we derive some consolation in our sorrow from the knowledge that he had fulfilled his duty scrupulously and conscientiously.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent held its annual meeting at Dartford, on the 7th inst., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst. An unusually large number of the brethren attended, representing lodges in all parts of Kent. Among the business transacted was the voting of a sum of close upon £700 to the principal Masonic Charities, and in aid of distressed brethren and their widows. A sum of £50 was also voted in aid of the Sandgate Relief Fund. The Provincial Grand Officers for the year were appointed and invested by Earl Amherst. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed by the Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. T. S. Warne, P.P.S.G.W., for the care and ability with which he had edited the *Freemason's Manual for Kent* for the past 16 years. We hope to give a full report in our next.

## Correspondence.

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

### THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have spent some of the best years of my life in the Colonies, and my own impression is (I may be wrong) that all the troubles about District Grand Lodges and new Grand Lodges arises from the fact that the members of the Colonial Board are, to all intents and purposes, utterly ignorant of the Colonies and Colonial requirements.

The members of that Board seem to be shovelled into office simply for the sake of "office," and with no special view to their qualifications, with the result that they find themselves called upon to consider cases and points upon which they cannot possibly form any reasonable judgment.

I am perfectly convinced that if the Colonial Board were *bona fide* a Colonial Board, or a Board at any rate largely leavened by ex-Colonials, we should hear very little of these tumults and bothers which are now disturbing us. To be of the slightest service, and to cease to be a farce, which it is at present, the Colonial Board should be composed of brethren who have had Colonial experience, and who know *personally* the conditions of society in our Colonies, and are aware of the real aspirations of the best Freemasons in the various sections of Greater Britain.—I am, yours fraternally,

July 9,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

## Reviews.

**THE ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST.** Edited by J. ROMILLY ALLEN, F.S.A.S. London: Chas. J. Clark, 4, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. Published quarterly at half-a-crown, and freely illustrated.

This new candidate for support, edited by Mr. Allen, and published by Mr. Charles Clark, should prove a success; at all events, we trust that it may, and are already thinking of what the No. 2 will be like in September. The article on "A Very Ancient Industry" (*Hints*), furnishes good reading relative to a subject well nigh lost sight of, and scarcely known to exist at the present time, and "The Cup of Ballalatcher" is of more than average interest. Other contributions go to make up a fair initial number, and suggest that, with the requisite support, this quarterly magazine will meet a want, at reasonable cost, and be the means of maintaining, as well as exciting in some regions, a taste for all such enquiries. The "Notes on Books" is a valuable feature, and several of the engravings are artistic, as well as most useful. The *Codex Sinaiticus* is mentioned as of the fifth century, instead, it occurs to us, of the fourth, unless, indeed, Mr. Thompson gives the later date in his "Handbook of Greek and Latin Palæography."

**GARDEN CITY LODGE, No. 141, CHICAGO, U.S.A.**

This is an ably compiled series of sketches of the Garden City Lodge, Chicago, of which Bro. Robert A. Smith is the esteemed W.M. (son of our beloved Past Grand Master, Gen. John Corson Smith), and Bro. Gil W. Barnard, P.M., is the most efficient and courteous Secretary. Portraits of these two worthies are given, and also of other Past Masters, and a pretty view of the "Oriental Hall," the home of the lodge for 20 years. The lodge was constituted in 1853, but warranted in the following year. Owing to the destruction in the great fire of 1871 of all its records to that year, the indefatigable Secretary has had but sparse material to compile the interesting sketch of its history, but what is done reads well, and forms a capital introduction to the addresses of several of the Past Masters when in the chair. The lodge has leased the large hall in the new Temple (exhibited on the cover) for a term of 20 years, for 52 nights in the year, some of which meetings are to be social and entertaining in character. The Secretary quietly remarks, with feelings of just pride, that "with a membership second largest of any lodge in this jurisdiction (Illinois), and a line of officers all of whom can open and close the lodge and confer all three Degrees, certainly 'Garden City' should be the peer of any in the State." So we should say, as well as elsewhere. The 39th annual report of the Secretary is very readable and racy withal. The balance in hand (\$1000) is described as "riches sprung from economy," but not from greed, for over that amount was distributed in Charity during the past year. The Secretary adds before the list of disbursements "Charity is a virtue of the heart and not of the hands," and records the assets (\$11,000) with the line to qualify—"Poor and content is rich, and rich enough." The number of members is 419. The list is given, with dates of raising to all, and the code of by-laws is also printed.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1524).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 29th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a numerous attendance. The members present included Bros. W. Simpson, W.M.; P. W. Rogers, S.W.; E. J. Turnbull, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Lee, P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; C. L. Payne, P.M.; E. Polak, P.M.; A. Ferrar, P.M.; J. H. Rich, P.M.; A. R. Olley, P.M.; W. T. Oakley, S.D.; H. Pearce, J.D.; E. Frisby, Org., and others. Visitors: Bros. C. J. Morris, 1588; E. Pearce, 2272; E. Parker, 571; C. Blyton, W.M. 2148; G. D. Stevenson, P.M. 2148; W. A. Finch, S.W. 2256; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; W. B. Morley, S.W. 107; A. White, 834; and W. Haynes, 393, Illinois, U.S.A.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. P. W. Rogers was regularly installed as W.M. by Bro. W. Simpson, and the following officers appointed: Bros. E. J. Turnbull, S.W.; W. T. Barclay, J.W.; W. H. Brand, Treas.; C. Lorkin, Sec.; H. Pearce, S.D.; W. Tomson, J.D.; A. M. Archer, I.G.; E. Frisby, Org.; H. J. Allardyce and Burr, Stewards; and Marsh, P.M., Tyler. A candidate was impressively initiated by the W.M., and Bro. C. Y. Holdgate, P.M. 1929, was unanimously elected a joining member.

Lodge was closed, and after an excellent repast the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. W. Simpson, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure it would be received with enthusiasm. They had all that evening heard the W.M. work the initiation ceremony, and were agreed it was performed in a beautiful manner. They congratulated themselves on having such a Master as Bro. Rogers, who had now reached the height of his ambition in Masonry—a position they should all aspire to. He was confident they would never regret having placed Bro. Rogers at their head, and they wished him health and strength to carry on the affairs of the lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. P. W. Rogers, W.M., thanked them most cordially for the kind way in which they had drunk his health, and still more for the kind wishes and feelings expressed towards him. Whether or not he deserved them he could not say, but he would endeavour to deserve them in the future. He had been a Mason for some years, and like all young Masons it was his ambition to attain the chair. He had now reached that point, and had been installed as Master of the lodge in which he was initiated. He appreciated that honour to the fullest extent. He had taken a little trouble to perfect himself in the working, and if his effort that evening had pleased them he was deeply gratified. He had but done his duty, and he would endeavour to do that during his year of office.

"The Initiative" was next honoured, and appropriately responded to.

"The toast of 'The Visitors'" evoked cordial thanks from several visiting brethren present, including Bros. Haynes, of Illinois, U.S.A., J. Banker, P.M., and others.

Bro. W. Simpson, I.P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and hoped his work during the past year had been acceptable to the brethren.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to be present and find the lodge still retained its old prestige and good working for which it had been characterised for a long series of years. Speaking from a long experience he could safely say he never heard the installation better performed, or the initiation better rendered than they had been that evening by the I.P.M. and W.M. More particularly was credit due to the newly-installed Master for the admirable manner in which he rendered his work. Those who had been through that ordeal knew, that to be called upon to render a ceremony immediately after installation was an arduous task to undergo. The W.M., however, had acquitted himself in a manner reflecting the highest credit on himself and with satisfaction to all the brethren. He thanked them for the kind manner in which his name had been received, and expressed his great pleasure at being present. He wished the W.M. a happy and successful year and long and continued success and prosperity to the lodge.

Bros. Brand, P.M., Treas.; Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; and E. Turnbull, S.W., responded for "The Officers," and a pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening Bro. Frisby, Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Masie Riversdale, Mr. Ned Levestoe, and Bros. L. Williams, and W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx.

**Earl of Lathom Lodge (No. 1922).**—A regular meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on the 10th inst. Present: Bros. S. W. S. Burridge, W.M.; A. Blenkarn, S.W.; V. F. Murché, P.M., acting J.W.; A. Runacres, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Chapman, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Gaze, S.D.; V. Lemare, J.D.; H. Cornford, acting I.G.; I. Bowler, Tyler; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; L. C. Sipton, P.M.; C. A. J. Evans, P.M.; W. J. Cannon, P.M.; J. W. Maltby, E. Hallett, J. W. Allardyce, Wm. Sharvatt, J. W. Riches, W. T. Wright, W. T. Tuckwell, H. R. Jackson, C. Tyerman, G. W. Paris, A. Chadderton, G. H. Dewey, and E. J. Ware. The visitors were Bros. Tom Fairer, Org. 1512; W. E. Groom, 101; J. Darwen Smith, P.M. 1658; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1963, S.W. 1641; T. Taylor, P.M. 1524; W. H. Rudderforth, P.M. 1668; W. H. Making, P.M. 1278; and C. H. Stone, W.M. 507.

The lodge was called for one o'clock to raise Bros. E. Hallett and J. B. Maltby, which the W.M. performed very satisfactorily, giving the traditional history, and to pass Bro. F. W. Riches. A notice of motion was given to admit Bro. T. Fairer a joining member.

On the conclusion of the business, the brethren took conveyance to Streatham, where they indulged in the annual cricket match, which was most thoroughly enjoyed, the day being all that could be desired for such sport. The two elevens were captained by Bros. Sipton, P.M., and Hy.

Cornford respectively, the winning team being the former with 87 runs against 68 for the losing eleven. The game was continued till 7.30, when the brethren adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where a capital supper was provided.

On the removal of the cloth the W.M. presented the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

The W. Master stated that he should not submit the whole of the toasts on that occasion, but the next was undertaken by Bro. Runacres, P.M. (the father of the lodge), who gave that of "The W.M., Bro. Burridge," who was a good and true Mason, was doing, and he was sure would do his very best for the lodge. They had witnessed his work and he was confident the brethren would drink the toast heartily.

In reply, the W.M. thanked the brethren for so hearty a reception, and said that as long as he occupied the position of W.M., it would be his greatest aim to emulate the Masters before him, and carry out his duties in the best possible manner, as it was his mother lodge. He must say the day had been most enjoyable, and he trusted the brethren had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," which always was a highly important toast with the brethren of the Earl of Lathom Lodge. They had been favoured with the presence of several influential brethren, and the lodge gave them a most cordial greeting. He called upon Bros. Stone and Making to respond.

Bro. C. H. Stone, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour done him in responding first and for the first time in that lodge, but he was proud in being the only reigning king among the visitors, which personally he considered a great honour. They had had a very enjoyable outing, and excellent entertainment at the social board. Among the visitors he was pleased to see Bro. R. J. Vincent, the coming king of the Crichton Lodge, and also Bro. Murché, who was initiated with him (Bro. Stone), nearly 14 years ago, also a member and Secretary of the Crichton, which was their mother lodge. The visitors must compliment the W.M. upon the young officers coming on, specially that of the lay Bro. Cornford, who had carried out the duties of I.G. so ably. On behalf of the visitors, he most heartily thanked the brethren for so hearty a reception.

Bro. Making also replied in very appropriate terms.

The toast of "The Worthy Host" was next given by Bro. R. J. Taylor, remarking that he was the first initiate, and since that time he had taken the greatest interest in the lodge, and was ever ready to provide for the comfort and happiness of the brethren. He wished him long life, health, and happiness.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

Bro. Janes most suitably replied, thanking the brethren for such a cordial greeting, and his providing for the wants of the brethren had been a great pleasure.

The evening was enlivened with some capital harmony by Bros. P. Dawson Smith, W. J. Cannon, Rudderforth (reciter), and Chapman (reciter).

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BROXBOURNE.

**Broxbourne Lodge (No. 2353).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Crown Hotel, when there were present Bros. S. Lichtenfeld, W.M.; H. Lichtenfeld, S.W.; H. G. Holland, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; H. Monson, S.D.; H. J. Ahern, J.D.; J. W. Hunt, Stwd.; R. Edmonds, acting Tyler; Metcalfe, Heilbrun, Nicholson, J. M. Watson, A. A. Watson, Max Hummel, Büchner, Ramsbottom, Patrich, Austin, Hempel, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Harnell, P.M. 511; J. A. Gartley, P.M. 205; W. Nathan, 1598; Goldfinch, 1604; W. Densham, P.M. 957; R. Taylor, 2148; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. M. and A. A. Watson were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. H. Lichtenfeld, S.W., W.M. elect, was most impressively installed into the chair of K.S., and appointed his officers.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, when an enjoyable evening was spent.

### CROYDON.

**Mozart Lodge (No. 1929).**—This well-known musical lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 1st inst., and was well attended. There were present Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, Prov. G.M.; W. Jolly, I.P.M.; F. Flood, S.W.; R. S. Taylor, J.W.; Arthur Briscoe, P.M., Treas.; T. T. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. J. Macfarlane, S.D.; C. H. Howlett, J.D.; W. Wesché, I.G.; E. Branscombe, Org.; R. J. Porter, W. D. Tulloch, G. L. Tosey, and J. A. Chalk, Stwds.; G. Harrison, Tyler; H. J. Clarke, C. Bolton, W. Dennis, H. Townsend, F. Oxley, J. J. Lamigeon, G. Pownall, G. E. Lowgrove, H. C. Brand, W. H. Squier, H. Dudman, W. W. Jaggard, H. J. Salmon, H. E. Frances, Baxter, Tegetmeier, Shubrook, Forey, and Stanley Smith. The visitors were Bros. A. E. Todd, W.M. 27; T. C. Edmonds, P.M.; R. B. Hopkins, 1381; C. J. Dymond and F. Daw, 1949; H. J. Dean, 45; J. Lecquire, 1669; B. Bridgewater, 1471; G. H. Nitson, P.M. 548; G. C. Cory, 2369; W. G. Watson, J. Gaskin, 1897; W. Hibberding, E. W. Nightingale, P.M. 87; E. George, P.M. 1489; R. Emery, E. Marriott, 1319; Vernon Lee, 1288; and R. T. West. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. G. J. Barrett, Bro. T. T. Phillips, P.M., occupied the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. H. J. Salmon, and he was afterwards initiated. Bros. W. R. Dennis and H. J. Clarke were raised, and Bro. J. Lecquire, 1669, elected as a joining member. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Barnett, W.M., for his able services. Bro. F. Flood, S.W., was elected W.M., Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.M., re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Harrison again appointed Tyler. Bros. Browne, Squier, and Shubrook gave a collar each to the lodge, to complete the usual set of collars, which was accepted with many thanks. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of dinner, which was prepared by Mrs. Williams in excellent style.

Bro. Phillips, the acting W.M., gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received.

In proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Col. G. Noel Money," Bro. Phillips observed that that



was the toast of the evening. He said that no words of his could express the thanks of himself and the brethren for the great honour paid the lodge by the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, who had intimated his intention of investing Bro. Barnett, their esteemed W.M., and Bro. Arthur Briscoe as Grand Officers of the province, and he urged the members to attend in strong force at the next meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge, to show the respect and esteem they had for their distinguished brother.

This toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, on rising to respond, had a great reception. He thanked Bro. Phillips for his kind, but flattering, words of welcome, and the brethren for the warmth with which they had received him. It was now some months ago when he was struck with the great progress the lodge was making, which he was sure would continue. As to the collars that he should invest the two members with, it was partly in consequence of the great efforts shown by their energetic Secretary, Bro. Phillips, for the lodge, which was, he was pleased to say, a useful one in the province. He had never had a greater musical treat than that provided for them that night by Bro. Branscombe, and he hoped that when he came again it would be as pleasant an evening. He spoke at length and gave some good advice as to forming a Charity Committee of the province to advocate the claims of any case the province took in hand.

In eloquent terms Bro. Briscoe gave "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that he took that opportunity of thanking the Prov. Grand Master for the honour to be conferred upon him by appointing him Grand Organist of the province, and he coupled the name of Bro. H. E. Francis with the toast.

Bro. Francis, in reply, stated that when he joined the province—which was many years ago—things were then done very slovenly; but now a change had come about and everything in the province was nearly perfect. He was proud to say that he had done a little to bring that happy change about. He strongly urged them to do their duty in Masonry, and they would some day have their reward. When he visited the lodge he always went away with a happy feeling and full of music.

Bro. Jolly, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," regretted that he was not present, but their best thanks were due to Bro. Phillips for his excellent working that night, and for his genial presence in the chair.

Bro. Phillips replied in a happy speech, remarking that a better hearted Mason than their W.M., Bro. Barnett, never existed, and on his behalf he thanked Bro. Col. G. Noel Money for his kindness in giving him (Bro. Barnett) a collar in the Grand Lodge of the province.

In giving the toast of "The Initiate," Bro. H. J. Phillips stated, Bro. H. J. Salmon was an esteemed friend and had two brothers in the lodge. He would, he felt sure, be a credit to the lodge and the Craft. This made the 16th initiate and four joining members for the year, and there were more to follow.

Bro. H. J. Salmon, in reply, said that it was an honour to him to be received in the lodge which was favoured by having so many members who were known in the musical world. In conclusion he specially thanked those of the brethren who had insisted on drinking his health more than once.

Bro. Phillips stated that Bro. H. J. Macfarlane was to be married on July 15th, and the lodge had asked Bro. Col. G. Money (and he had kindly consented) to present to Bro. Macfarlane a little offering from the members on that auspicious occasion. That was an elaborate spirit stand and bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. H. J. Macfarlane by the brethren of the Mozart Lodge, No. 1029, on the occasion of his marriage as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by them."

Bro. Col. G. Noel Money said he esteemed it an honour in having been asked to make the presentation, and addressing Bro. Macfarlane stated that it showed the esteem he was held in the lodge, and he hoped the present he handed to him would always remind him of the goodwill the members had towards him, and that he and the lady who had honoured him by consenting to become his wife would live long to enjoy it.

Bro. Macfarlane said that he was so overcome by the unexpected event of that night that he was not able to express in words what he felt, but he thanked Bro. Colonel G. Noel Money for the honour he had paid him in making the presentation, and he heartily appreciated the kind and generous feeling of the brethren towards him. He would indeed be glad to hand the handsome present to the other party, who he felt sure would take great care of it.

Bro. Phillips gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Gaskin replied in suitable terms.

Bro. Nightingale also responded. He congratulated Bro. Flood, the W.M. elect, on his election, and observed that the lodge would lose none of its lustre when he went into the chair. He suggested that the lodge with the great musical talent of its members should get up a splendid concert for the benefit of the Charities, which he felt sure would be a great success.

Bro. Phillips gave "The W.M. elect." He said great things were anticipated of him, and he would prove worthy of the confidence the brethren had reposed in him.

Bro. Flood, in reply, stated that when he was installed W.M. he would do his utmost to keep up the great reputation of the lodge.

Bro. Arthur Briscoe gave the toast of "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of our representative, Bro. R. T. West, who responded.

Bro. Phillips, in giving "The Joining Member," said that he had always been welcome as a visitor, and he was now a member of the lodge, to which Bro. Lecquire replied in suitable terms.

The next toast was "The Working Officers," Bro. Phillips remarking that they were efficient, and several of them were already qualified to fill the chair, and it was a credit to the lodge that they had such good workers. He coupled the name of Bro. Taylor, J.W., who replied in a short, but eloquent speech.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable gathering.

The vocal entertainment was very good, and was highly appreciated by the large array of members and visitors. Great praise is due to Bro. Branscombe, Org., who carried out the necessary arrangements. The following also took part: Bros. A. Briscoe, Stanley Smith, Wesche, Pownall, Vernon Lee, Hopkins (solo on bells), and Marriott.

DONCASTER.

**St. George's Lodge (No. 242).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, when there were present Bros. E. Newsum, W.M.; F. Webb, I.P.M.; C. Woodhouse, S.W.; T. Anelay, J.W.; F. A. Buckland, S.D.; F. J. Forth, Sec.; T. W. Turner, I.G.; H. C. White, Org.; J. F. Hanson and J. Denison, Stwds; G. Brookes, P.P.G.W.; F. Rand, P.P.G.D.; J. Fitzgerald, A. W. Fretwell, G. G. Wilkie, F. Duff, H. Gunby, H. H. Burnett, W. H. Chambers, A. McCall, H. Pawson, and P. Jenner. Bro. J. Constable, 2259, P.G. Std. Br., was a visitor.

Bro. McCall was duly passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Burnett was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., the charges being delivered by Bro. Woodhouse, S.W.

The brethren afterwards supped together in the ante-room.

HALIFAX.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 1736).**—The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated in this lodge on Wednesday, the 5th inst., by the members and a large number of visitors, amongst the latter were Bros. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. of England; W. J. Vaughn, 1545, Prov. G. Reg.; T. Bateman Fox, President Charity Committee; J. Matthewman, 1019, Prov. A. G. Sec.; J. W. Monckman, 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; John Marshall, 61, P.P.G.P.; Wm. Cockroft, 307, P.P.G.P.; Wm. Asquith, 1302, P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Shackleton, 288, Prov. G.S.B. East Lanes.; T. E. Rigby, P.M. 287 and 1055; W. D. Forsdike, 1239; A. Barrett, 289; the W.M.s of Lodges 61, 219, 288, 974, and 1302, viz.: Bros. Riley, Patchett, Frank Saville, James Bulcock, Walter Beverley, and W. Bailey, and other brethren.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. Howarth, who raised Bro. Daniels, and initiated Mr. Jas. Edgar Oates. Apologies from invited guests for inability to be present were received from about 30 brethren of Bradford, Leeds, Todmorden, Blackpool, Liverpool, Slaithwaite, London, Sheffield, &c. Bro. J. H. Bolton, P.M., then took the chair, and Bro. John Hitchin, P.M., presented Bro. Newton Brooke, S.W. and W.M. elect, for installation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Bolton in such an impressive and correct manner as to elicit the hearty commendations of all the brethren, and we need not be surprised at the efficiency of the officers of this lodge, seeing they have such an excellent tutor as Bro. Bolton. Bro. Newton Brooke then invested the following as his officers, viz.: Bros. W. J. Morris, S.W.; Henry Jenkinson, J.W.; C. E. Law, P.M., Treas.; A. E. Dalzell, Sec.; G. P. Sunderland, Charity Representative; F. Bancroft, S.D.; W. H. Sykes, J.D.; J. P. Roberts, D. of C.; C. Hack, I.G.; C. A. Wilson, Organist; N. J. Ginnian, D. Mitchell, W. Crossland, John Booth, and J. Firth, Stewards; and Thomas Hodgson, Tyler. Before the closing of the lodge, the Secretary read a letter from the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Newton Brooke, asking the brethren to accept from him the endowment of the W.M.'s chair to one of the Masonic Charities, a new American organ, 12 new collars and jewels for the officers, and a plate specially designed and engraved for lodge summonses. This information was received with applause, and acknowledged as an expression of the good feeling existing between Bro. Brooke and the brethren of his lodge.

The brethren to the number of 75 then adjourned to the White Swan Hotel, where a banquet was admirably served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. W. J. Vaughn replying in a very characteristic manner to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.P.G.W., P.G.M. designate," was proposed by Bro. G. Howarth, and was received by the brethren in a very cordial manner.

Bro. T. E. Rigby responded, amongst others, for "The Visitors," and in eloquent terms referred to the valuable donations made that day by the W.M. to the lodge.

"The Prosperity of St. John's Lodge" was proposed by Bro. John Marshall, who indicated some of those principles which had enabled their Order to "Survive the wreck of mighty empires, and resist the destroying hand of time," and considered the St. John's Lodge possessed these features in a marked degree.

The brethren separated, after a very enjoyable meeting, with good reasons long to remember this festival, both for the hospitality and the generous donations of Bro. Newton Brooke.

The next morning, Thursday, a goodly gathering of the brethren, with their wives, sweethearts, and guests, among whom were many high and distinguished brethren from various parts of England, making a total of 72, left Halifax at 8.27 a.m. in four saloon carriages, and travelled by the L. and Y. and L. and N.W. Railways, via Manchester and Warrington, to Chester, arriving there at 10.50 a.m. The whole party then visited the places of interest named in the carefully-prepared and splendid programme, which included the Cathedral, Castle, Water Tower and King Charles Tower on the walls, Palace of the Stanleys, and God's Providence House.

At 1.30 the party went aboard the new twin screw steamer Ormonde, and proceeded up the river to Eaton Hall, where they were received by the officials of the Marquis of Westminster, who showed the interior of this palatial residence to the party. Returning back to Chester by the Ormonde, dinner was served at the Albion Hotel at 5.30 p.m. "The Health of the W.M." was again honoured with enthusiasm. The return journey was commenced at 7.55 p.m., arriving at Halifax at 10.30 p.m.

The whole of the proceedings were enlivened with vocal and instrumental music of a high order, and all carried out under the indefatigable attentions of the W.M., Bro. Newton Brooke, and his officers, particularly Bros. Dalzell, Daniels, Crossland, Booth, Hack, Firth, and Maxwell, and this picnic will long live in the memory of those whose pleasure and privilege it was to be present.

HAMPTON COURT.

**Crescent Lodge (No. 788).**—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Mitre Hotel, on the 27th ult., and by the number of brethren present it indicated very plainly that the lodge had made up its mind to attain the good position it formerly held in the province. The proceedings throughout were of that excellent Masonic

character for which the Crescent Lodge in years past was especially noted.

The members present were Bros. C. Gooding, W.M.; J. J. Robinson, I.P.M.; C. Moses, S.W.; J. M. Stedwell, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; S. Larcomb, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., Sec.; E. E. Vinen, Org.; J. Beeton, P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; J. Mears, I.G.; H. Green, H. J. Forbes, and Edwin Lee. Visitors: Bros. E. Ames, P.M. 860; W. H. Toye, S.W. 1278; B. T. Whitehead, A.D.C. 1327; H. Barton, S.W. 946; F. W. Bate, 72; and C. H. Rosher, 1777.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, when the business on the agenda was proceeded with, Bro. H. Green being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a very efficient manner. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. J. Robinson, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony of passing Bro. C. H. Rosher, 1777, to the Degree of P.C. Bro. C. Gooding, W.M., occupied the chair again, and initiated Mr. Edwin Lee in a very impressive manner.

On other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where Bro. Sadler, the worthy host, fully carried out the duties of his particular degree.

The W.M. then proceeded with a toast list, the speeches being interspersed with items of music, under the direction of Bro. E. E. Vinen, F.C.O., Org.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received and replied to by the Grand Officers present, Bros. J. M. Stedwell, P.P.S.G.W., and J. Beeton, P.G.S.B.,

Bro. J. J. Robinson, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master" in very flattering terms, to which the W.M. briefly replied, thanking the brethren very sincerely for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," stated that the brethren had had a proof of the usefulness of that valuable body, the Past Masters, they being always ready to assist in the working of the lodge, as had been shown by the very able manner in which Bro. Robinson had performed the ceremony of passing, at the request of the W.M., the work being carried out in that excellent style for which Bro. Robinson was noted during his year of office. He therefore had much pleasure in proposing the toast of "The Health of Bro. J. J. Robinson, I.P.M."

The toast was cordially received, and suitably responded to by Bro. Robinson.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiate, Bro. Edwin Lee." He stated it was always a great pleasure for a W.M. to have that toast to propose, being really the toast of the evening. He had known Bro. Lee for many years, and considered it an honour both to the lodge and himself in having the opportunity of introducing into Masonry a man of the sterling qualities of Bro. Lee. He was sure the more they knew him the more they would like him, and was convinced he would make a good and worthy Mason. He asked them to be upstanding and drink with that earnestness it deserved, the toast of the initiate.

Replying to the toast, Bro. E. Lee, in a very neat speech, expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him of being admitted a member of the Craft. He had long looked forward to the present occasion. He was greatly impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony, and had no idea it was of such a beautiful character. He thanked the brethren most heartily for their goodwill towards him, also for the manner in which they had received the toast, and assured them he should make it his earnest endeavour to be all that a Mason should be, and worthy of the honour they had conferred upon him in admitting him a member of the Crescent Lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed by the W.M., which was received in the enthusiastic manner it always deserves, and was very ably responded to by Bros. Ames, Toye, Whitehead, and Barton.

The remaining toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Other Officers," was given by the W.M. in a few well-chosen words, and responded to by Bros. S. Larcomb, Secretary, and E. E. Vinen, Organist.

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

HIGHBRIDGE.

**Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 291).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was recently held at the Railway Hotel, when Bro. John Tyler, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to the D.P.G.M. (Bro. R. C. Else), who conducted the ceremony. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year; Bros. A. E. Burnett, S.W.; J. H. Sharp, J.W.; the Rev. E. A. Sandford, Chap.; J. Burnett, P.M.; Treas.; T. Floyd Norris, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Kemmis, D.C.; H. W. Chapman, S.D.; T. C. Brice, J.D.; W. Brewer, Org.; Chas. S. Leech, I.G.; J. Wall and W. Stiling, Stwds.; and Ashwell, Tyler.

The D.P.G.M. (Bro. Else) was presented on his retirement from the office of W.M. with an album, containing the photographs of the lodge brethren, by Bro. Dr. Kemmis, as a mark of esteem on the part of the brethren and of appreciation of the services he had rendered the lodge. A vote of condolence to Mrs. Lucette and the members of her family on the death of Bro. Chas. Lucette, P.M., was unanimously adopted on the motion of Bro. J. T. Durnford, seconded by Bro. Dr. Peskett.

The customary banquet afterwards took place under the presidency of the W.M. The visiting brethren included Bro. White, stated to be the oldest brother in the province of Somerset.

LEIGH.

**St. Clement's Lodge (No. 2442).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst. at the Bell Hotel. Present: Bros. James Bulton, P.M. 28, 1056, 2291, W.M.; John Byford, P.M. 898, I.P.M. and Treas.; W. Staley, S.W.; C. A. Hales, J.W.; W. Beecroft, S.D.; H. Barrow, J.D.; F. England, I.G.; J. S. Metcalfe, D.C. and acting Sec.; Mills, Barrow, Churchyard, Johnson, Tomlin, Orme, Ray, and A. W. Martin, P.G. Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Hart, 2272; Reed, 1000; Taplay, P.M. 1070; Ramuz, 1000; Kemp, 160; Scrutton, 2291; Stone, 2291; Ahern, S.D. 2353; Williams, S.W. 898; Grogan, J.W. 1072; J. P. Harvey, 1734; and W. Harvey, 1734.

The ballot was taken for Bro. Ernest Taylor, 1000, as a joining member, also for Mr. Thomas Alfred Bundock and the Rev. Robert Stuart King, who were duly elected. Bros.

Mills, Barrow, Churchyard, Ward, Johnson, Tomlin, and Orme, candidates for raising, being present, they were duly raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Ray was then passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Bundock and King were initiated. Bro. Byford, P.M., proposed that a sum of five guineas be sent to the Secretary of the "Presentation Fund" as a token of their esteem for Bro. Lucking, P.G. D.C. This was seconded by Bro. Staley, S.W., and carried unanimously. Heartily congratulations were tendered to the W.M. on his being elected to the Board of General Purposes, and a resolution to that effect was recorded in the minutes. The W.M. responded in words suitable to the occasion, and at the same time referred to the successful Festival of the Boys' School just held. The brethren of Essex had on that occasion well supported their beloved Provincial Grand Master—Lord Brooke.

The lodge was then closed, and shortly afterwards a supper was provided.

The W.M. gave the usual toasts, which were all responded to most heartily.

The toasts of "The W.M." and "The I.P.M." were received with much pleasure by the brethren, as also that of "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Taplay, Hart, Ramuz, Gregar, and Harvey.

The toast of the evening was "The Initiates," which was given with the usual honours, and was responded to by the newly-made brother.

After "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts a pleasant meeting ended.

#### SOUTHALL.

**Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on Monday, the 3rd inst. There were present Bros. Wm. A. Cocks, W.M.; G. Harper, I.P.M.; C. Mead, S.W.; W. Freemantle, J.W.; A. J. Hanson, Treas.; J. Tidmarsh, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., Sec.; C. C. Sanger, S.D.; A. L. Butters, J.D.; E. Purnell, D.C.; R. G. Pontifex, Stwd.; G. L. Duffin, Tyler; L. H. Walker, A. A. Hardy, W. H. Matthews, R. Hamman, W. A. Buckland, T. Payne, W. Roaks, W. T. Jamieson, W. F. Sanger, and J. R. Whittle.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. T. Hardy, 382, as a joining member, and proved to be unanimous in his favour. Bro. James R. Whittle was passed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. gave the explanation of the tracing board. The by-laws of the lodge were read, and also the names of brethren eligible for the chair. The latter function is a sign of the drawing to a close of the present popular Worshipful Master's reign. It was announced that the officers have arranged for a summer outing on Wednesday, August 9th, the rendezvous being Wargrave. The W.M. gave an account of his Stewardship at the Boys' Festival, and received the congratulations of the brethren on the success of his efforts, his list having realised upwards of £64. The congratulations of the lodge were also tendered to the Secretary on his recent appointment to the office of Prov. J.G.D.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently spent a very enjoyable evening in the supper room.

#### STONEHOUSE.

**Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).**—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the St. George's Hall. The lodge being opened, Bro. George Dunsterville, W.M. elect, was installed the 12th Master of that lodge. Bros. the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Chap., and A. S. Hendry, were the installing officers, supported by Bros. G. Hawken, C. F. Dunsterville, W. H. Addiscott, Past Dist. G.S.B. Hong Kong, P.Ms. of 189; F. E. Remfrey, 1529, P.S.G.W. South Wales; J. Lord, 1247, permanent P.G.D.C.; E. Aitken-Davis, 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; R. Dickson, 1205, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Pike, P.P.G.O.; C. G. Withell, 70 and 2025; W. J. Pengelly, J. Gidley, 2025; S. J. Hearle, and J. Wallis, 1255. The officers invested were Bros. Sterling Graves, I.P.M.; F. E. Sach, S.W.; J. Parker, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; G. Hawken, Treas.; A. S. Hendry, Sec.; T. Plain, S.D.; S. H. Duff, J.D.; F. S. Hodge, D.C.; W. H. Mayne, Org.; F. Strick, I.G.; J. J. Holcombe; J. Wainwright, N. Hill, G. H. Parker, and P. Hamley, Stwds.; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bros. Dr. Lemon and A. S. Hendry were re-elected representative at the Committee of Petitions and the Charity Steward respectively. The Treasurer's account proved very satisfactory.

In the evening the brethren dined at the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth, where they were joined by Bros. Sterling Graves, I.P.M.; George Jackson, F. Thomas, and J. B. Moulder, P.Ms.; P. Hamley, H. Woodward, C. H. Parker, E. W. Moody, J. G. Skinner, J. W. Bickle, W. H. Addiscott, all of 189; J. S. Jacobs, 70; and R. Elliot Steele, 1545.

"The Grand Master of England and Officers of Grand Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Hawken.

Bro. Jackson gave "The Prov. Grand Master of Devon and the Provincial Grand Lodge," for which Bro. Lord replied, and said a few words on the Devon Educational Fund.

Bro. Dr. Lemon proposed "The P.G.M., Lord Mount Edgcombe, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall," and referred to the fact that the Earl of Mount Edgcombe is the senior P.M. of Lodge Sincerity.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Sach, S.W., who spoke of the ability and experience which Bro. Dunsterville could bring to bear upon the discharge of his duties.

Bro. Moulder gave in hearty style "The I.P.M."

The Worshipful Master replied, and proposed "The Past Masters," for whom Bro. Lemon responded.

Bro. C. F. Dunsterville proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was followed by that of "The Assistant Officers," and Bros. Sach, S.W., and Plain, S.D., were called upon to reply, the absence of Bro. Mayne, Org., who is on holiday, being regretted, the lodge being indebted to Bro. Mayne for the excellent way in which he carried out his duties.

Bro. Steele replied for "The Visiting Brethren," which was proposed by Bro. Thomas, and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening, which was made the more pleasant by songs by Bros. J. Jacobs, R. White, and Mr. A. Wright, cornet solos by Bros. Elford, and a recitation by Bro. Brockman. Mr. J. N. Pearse ably accompanied.

#### THORNE.

**St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., in the Peace Hall. Present: Bros. J. Constable, W.M.; S. H. E. Ashlin, I.P.M.; W. Martin, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; A. Goodhind, S.D.; T. Barber, J.D.; G. Eland, acting I.G.; B. Mastrell, T. Livingstone, R. N. Brunyee, W.M. 1482; and F. Pine, Tyler.

After the lodge was opened, Mr. W. T. Chambers was initiated by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Ashlin. The W.M. announced that the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., had been appointed P.G.M. of West Yorkshire.

The brethren afterwards spent a social hour over a pleasant repast.

#### WEYSIDE.

**Weyside Lodge (No. 1395).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., and was a highly successful one. The W.M. elect was Bro. Gilbert Henry White, the son of a Mason whose memory is held in respect in this neighbourhood, and, curiously enough, the ceremony of installation fell to Bro. Percy Harry White, W.M., a brother however, not in any way related to the new W.M. Bro. Percy White performed the important function in a manner to call forth hearty appreciation from the brethren, and the installed Master gave promise that the lodge would flourish during his term of office. In the regrettable absence of Bro. A. H. Bowles, Bro. F. Passmore, Prov. Grand Organist, presided at the harmonium, and the whole ceremony was of the most impressive character, greatly added to by the admirable way Bro. Goffin (one of the first initiates in the lodge, and now holding many high offices in Masonry) carried out the duties. Regret was expressed at the absence of Bros. A. H. Bowles and Major Bowles, P.M., and also owing to previous engagements of Bro. Col. Money, Grand Master of the Province, and Bro. West, Deputy Prov. G. Master. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. C. Knight, S.W.; W. E. Robinson, J.W.; A. H. Bowles, Treas.; C. T. Tyler, Sec.; A. J. Howlin, S.D.; R. Mossop, J.D.; E. H. Marshall, I.G.; and G. J. Mason, Tyler.

The banquet which followed was, of course, presided over by the new W.M., and amongst those present were Bros. P. H. White, I.P.M.; S. C. Knight, S.W.; W. E. Robinson, J.W.; A. J. Howlin, S.D.; R. Mossop, J.D.; E. H. Marshall, I.G.; A. H. Bowles, Treas.; C. T. Tyler, Sec.; A. F. Asher, A. W. R. Sowman, T. Wakley, jun., R. E. H. Goffin, E. Marshall, and S. S. Boorman. Among the visitors were Bros. C. F. Passmore, J.W. 2317; J. Tomlinson, 2317; J. Knight, P.M. 1046, P.S.G.W. Surrey; G. B. Smallpeice, P.M. 370; Major G. Collins, W.M. 2317; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92, P.G.D.; J. Orlando Law, P.M. 279; W. Dix, W.M. 2120; C. Welch, S.W. 2120; C. Harcourt Knight, P.M. 1046; and H. J. Bidwell, P.M. 2120. It is worthy of mention that one of the visitors, Bro. Gould, is the author of "The History of Freemasonry; its Antiquities, Symbols, Constitutions, and Customs," running into six vols. large quarto. This is a work every enthusiastic Mason ought to possess. The catering was under the direction of Bro. Mason, Tyler, and could not have been better carried out.

The toasts were of the usual Masonic and complimentary character, Bro. Goffin, however, in replying for "The Visitors," giving a most interesting account of the career of the Weyside Lodge, which he reminded the brethren was that evening celebrating its 21st anniversary.

#### WHITEHAVEN.

**Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. Rev. James Anderson, W.M. 1002, P.P.G. Chap., was installed W.M. by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. J. Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. We know of no former instance where a brother has been Master of two lodges the same year in this province before. The following were invested as officers: Bros. J. Cant, I.P.M.; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec., S.W.; W. H. Chapman, J.W.; Rev. J. Tyson, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Lachlison, Sec.; I. Maxwell, S.D.; H. Burns, J.D.; S. Woodley, D.C.; H. D. Cook, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. Walker, I.G.; T. Richardson, Tyler; and J. Roan and J. Stoddart, Stwds. The following also signed the roll: Bros. G. Starkey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Thomas Allinson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Thomas Studholme, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; W. J. Tyson, W. Gaffney, R. Miller, A. B. Spence, W. H. Kelly, M. A. Simpson, J. Redshaw, H. Kerr, R. A. Clarke, W.M. 310; F. Hodgson, P.M. 812, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. J. F. Muir, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; D. Atkinson, P.M.; J. M. Clarke, T. Weir, J. Bouch, J. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.P. J.G.W.; J. Purser, W.M.; J. Fletcher, S.W.; H. Smith, 1267; T. Robinson, J. Cowan, H. McEwan, 1400; R. Morton, J. Walker, W. Shaw, W.M. 1660; H. Hartley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Jackson, Sec.; L. Rummel, W.M. 1989; W. Kewley, J. D. Bell, J. Bell, J. Cross, J. Forrester, G. Watson, J. Maddren, J. W. Scott, and others. Letters of congratulation and apologies for absence were read from about 20 brethren from a distance.

With the proposition of candidates, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and about 50 adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where a banquet was served, and the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair.

"The Provincial Grand Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Chapman, J.W., and responded to by the officers of the year present.

"The Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. Anderson," was proposed by Bro. Dalrymple, Prov. G. Sec., who also read 12 verses that he had composed expressly in commemoration of such a singular event as Bro. Anderson being that day installed W.M. of 119, and at the same time W.M. of 1002, and we here add the three last verses. When the last was read all the brethren stood up, and repeated it with great applause.

"May youthful Craftsmen mark and learn  
When ruled by genius rare;  
And try with patience to discern  
The compass and the square.

"May sons of 'licht' be free from care,  
And keep the unerring line,

Was Robbie Burns' earnest prayer,  
In days of Auld Lang Syne.

"Now, here's one hundred one and nine,  
The grandest of them a';  
Long may she live, and aye be ruled  
By wisdom, love, and law."

Bro. Anderson replied, and thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him, and no effort would be wanting on his part to try and uphold the honour and dignity of the warrant of 119.

Bro. Rev. J. Tyson proposed "The Installing Masters, Bros. Kenworthy and Barr," and the latter briefly replied.

With the toast of "The Newly-installed Officers" and some capital harmony by Bros. Cook, Starkey, Jackson, Johns, and Hodgson, a most agreeable evening was spent.

#### Royal Arch.

**Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).**

—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Comps. Nelson Prower, M.A., M.E.Z.; E. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., H., M.E.Z. elect; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas., acting J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; J. S. Plummer, P.S.; T. Simpson, P.Z.; and E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. Among the visitors were Comps. H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z. 2, P.P.A.G.S.; L. W. Harvey, P.Z. 9; John Coltart, P.Z. 507; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z. 742; T. Martin, J. 771; J. Adam, 1198; J. Purrott, 1479; and T. O. Harding, M.A., late 1589.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. installed Comp. E. B. Lane as M.E.Z., and Comp. H. J. Lardner installed Comp. J. S. Plummer as J. The installation of Comp. J. Young, P.Z., as H., was postponed in consequence of his absence through indisposition. Comps. Capt. Walls and H. J. Lardner were respectively invested as S.E. and Treasurer. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officers. A resolution of sympathy having been passed to Comp. J. Young, the M.E.Z. presented Comp. Nelson Prower with a handsome Past Principal's jewel. In the course of his speech he congratulated the recipient upon having won for himself the esteem and confidence of every member of No. 1745. The M.E.Z. also said that the chapter was proud, and deservedly so, of Comp. Prower, who, in addition to possessing many genial qualities of heart and mind, was a good Mason, and possessed gifts of a high literary character. In conclusion, he wished that Comp. Prower would live many years to wear the jewel as a souvenir of a pleasant year of office. Comp. Prower having briefly replied, apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. Young, P.Z.; G. Herbert, P.Z.; H. Herbert, S.N.; Dr. Lott, P.Z., P.G. Org.; and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The M.E.Z. proved to be an entertaining and fluent speaker.

During the proceedings Comps. E. B. Lane, N. Prower, J. S. Plummer, and T. Martin instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions. The last-named companion sang some old ballads with great taste and expression.

#### CAMBRIDGE.

**Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).**—The half-yearly convocation of this chapter (established in 1828), was held at the Lion Hotel on Friday, the 7th inst. The attendance included Comps. J. V. Pryor, M.E.Z.; B. Chennell, P.Z., as H.; Frank Piggott, J.; Oliver Papworth, I.P.Z.; A. H. Moyes, P.Z., S.E.; W. P. Spalding, S.N.; W. Ingram Pashler, P.Z., as P.S.; C. H. Banham, acting 1st A.S.; H. S. Davison, 2nd A.S.; T. Hunnybun, Treas.; E. Hills, P.Z., D.C.; T. Nichols, P.Z., Stwd.; Dr. W. Cunningham, W. H. Apthorpe, W. H. Jarrold, J. Wood, W. B. Sheppard, J. H. Moyes, F. J. Moden, J. G. Chennell, W. James, and J. Bester.

After the chapter had been duly opened, the following candidates were balloted for and elected: Bros. H. G. Bunning, 88; F. A. Hazledine, 2098 and 88; and John Owen, 809. Bro. Bunning was unable to attend. The other two candidates were duly exalted, after which Comp. W. I. Pashler, P.Z., did the work with his wonted efficiency. The work throughout was done in a manner worthy of the traditions of this old chapter. Upon the motion of Comp. O. Papworth, P.Z., a donation of five guineas was made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on Comp. B. Chennell's list. The following Principals and officers for the ensuing year were elected: Comps. J. V. Pryor, M.E.Z. (second time); Frank Piggott, H.; W. P. Spalding, J.; A. H. Moyes, P.Z., S.E.; C. H. Banham, S.N.; T. Hunnybun, Treas.; Rev. L. R. Tuttieth, P.S.; C. W. Redin, 1st A.S.; W. B. Sheppard, 2nd A.S.; E. Hills, P.Z., D.C.; W. James, Org.; T. Nichols, P.Z., Stwd.; and C. H. Ellis, Janitor. Comps. W. H. Apthorpe and J. Bester were elected Auditors.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

#### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. T. Holbron, W.M.; Windsor, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; W. W. Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Shaw, S.D.; Bate, J.D.; Rankin, I.G.; and Weeks, Tyler.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Andrews as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., and ordered to be entered on the minutes, for his able work in the chair for the first time in his Masonic career. The W.M. returned thanks. Bro. Windsor was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.



**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at "Frascati's," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. W. Truman, W.M.; A. Becker, S.W.; F. Hewson, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; A. Pettit, S.D.; M. Burgoyne, J.D.; J. Watson, I.G.; C. Grove, P.M.; J. Bevnnon, Leapman, J. Cizzio, H. Matthews, A. Watson, A. Bruster, and W. Shales.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bruster being the candidate. Bro. Shales answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Shales being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Mulvey worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).**—A meeting was held at the Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, E.C., on Tuesday, 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Bentcliffe, W.M.; Lamigeon, S.W.; Albert Todd, J.W.; Thom, P.M., Preceptor; Douglas Smith, acting Treas.; Shubbrook, acting Sec.; Lacquire, S.D.; Brett, J.D.; Baker, I.G.; Solberg, and Tegetmeire.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tegetmeire being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Thom proposed, and Bro. Todd seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. Bentcliffe and recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which he discharged the duties as W.M. for the first time in this, or any other lodge of instruction, which was carried unanimously. The W.M. suitably replied. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Beachamp, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Stutfield, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, P.M., Sec.; Bradley, S.D.; Styles, J.D.; and Gadd, I.G.

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

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. H. Dresden, P.M., W.M.; E. W. Dennis, W.M. elect 2108, S.W.; H. G. Danby, P.M., J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Thwaites, S.D.; T. C. Dyer, J.D.; L. Beale, I.G.; and W. Hillier, W.M. elect 1366.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and a brother having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was, after the usual examination, entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Dennis was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Hillier on his election as W.M. of the Highgate Lodge. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Fox, W.M.; Hide, S.W.; Cummings, P.M., J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, Sec.; R. H. Williams, P.M., S.D.; Kirkham, J.D.; Craggs, P.M., I.G.; L. Leek, and Reid.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of this Lecture. Bro. Lee being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. After the usual rising, Bro. Hide was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Matthews, Henry A. Hunt, J. Brett, A. C. Spaul, W. H. Spaul, Wm. Vincent, Hy. Massey, E. H. Finney, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the April Court, and the transaction of other formal business, Bro. HEDGES read a letter from Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, Honorary Oculist, thanking the General Committee for the honour conferred on him by making him a Vice-Patron of the Institution, in consideration of his honorary services for many years.

The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. On the motion of Bro. A. C. SPAULL, seconded by Bro. W. H. SPAULL, the brethren passed the following resolutions, on the recommendations of the General Committee: "That the General Court be recommended to grant a sum of £600 to enlarge the infirmary, according to the plans of Bro. Hunt."

Bro. W. H. SPAULL said it was of the utmost importance to have a separate entrance for infectious cases to the infirmary.

Bro. HURST explained, and said the place was in a curious shape. The gates of Lyncombe House originally came near the infirmary. His plan was to fill that corner up and make a separate entrance for infectious cases. He also proposed separate rooms for the nurses.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said with that alteration the place would do very well.

The Committee next passed the following resolution: "That the 10 eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with Gertrude M. Templer, and the 26 other candidates whose petitions have been this day approved, be recommended to the General Court as eligible to be placed upon the list for the October election, and that 15 vacancies be declared."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, and the worshipful brother's acknowledgment of the compliment, closed the proceedings.

**THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I. FOR BOYS.**

The following new lists and additions to lists have been reported since our issue of the 1st inst.:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
1	Bro. Major-Gen. Gadsden, additional (making his list £30 9s.)	0	9	0
6	G. M. E. Jones, new list	21	0	0
26	Rev. J. A. Beaumont, M.A., additional (making his list £25 4s.)	0	4	0
Chapter				
10	Comp. Capt. H. M. Dunstan, additional (making his list £50 9s.)	0	9	0
101	F. W. Williams, additional (making his list £33 12s.)	2	2	0
Lodge				
165	Bro. F. E. Rosher, additional (making his list £30 3s. 6d.)	0	3	6
902	G. S. White, additional (making his list £21.)	10	10	0
1228	W. S. Emden, additional (making his list £76 13s.)	5	5	0
2021	C. Godfrey, additional (making his list £52 10s.)	10	10	0
2243	T. W. Willis, additional (making his list £29 18s. 6d.)	0	10	6
2291	G. Gwinn, additional (making his list £12 12s.)	2	2	0
2346	H. Gardiner, additional (making his list £55 2s.)	2	2	0
Gavel Club				
	Bro. H. Pritchard, additional (making his list £57 15s.)	5	5	0
Unattached				
	Bro. A. H. Bevan, new list	10	10	0
	Mrs. Carl T. Fleck, new list	21	0	0

**PROVINCES.**

**CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.**

Bro. W. F. Lamonby, additional (making his list £63 8s.)	0	3	0
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**DERBYSHIRE.**

Rose Croix Chapter				
63 Comp. W. H. Marsden, additional (making his list £48 6s.)	11	11	0	

Lodge				
1495 Bro. T. C. Drabble, new list	30	4	9	

**ESSEX.**

Bro. W. B. Heagerty, additional (making his list £53 0s. 6d.)	0	10	6
1024 " C. R. Finch, additional (making his list £12 12s.)	2	2	0
2256 " James Speller, additional (making his list £173 5s.)	3	5	0
2318 " Lennox Browne, additional (making his list £44 17s. 6d.)	1	6	0

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

Bro. R. V. Vassar Smith, additional (making his list £36 15s.)	15	15	0
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**HERTFORDSHIRE.**

404 and 2323 Bro. C. E. Keyser, additional (making his list £147.)	12	12	0
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504 Bro. W. Lowndes, additional (making his list £52 10s.)	13	3	6
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**LANCASHIRE (EAST.)**

146 Bro. J. S. Preston, new list	10	10	0
146 " G. Howarth	10	10	0
348 " C. Holgate	10	10	0
678 " W. Bleackley, additional (making his list £31 10s.)	1	10	0

**LANCASHIRE (WEST.)**

Unattached				
Bro. Capt. Garnett, additional (making his list £21.)	10	10	0	

Lodge				
730 Bro. Thomas W. Rice, new list	10	10	0	
2269 " W. H. Baker, new list	10	10	0	

**NORTHS AND HUNTS.**

Unattached				
* Bro. W. Douglas, no list				
* " Anthony G. Beales				

**OXFORDSHIRE.**

Lodge				
357 Bro. Louis Micville, new list	10	10	0	

**STAFFORDSHIRE.**

Bro. J. Bodenham, additional (making his list £70 7s.)	21	0	0
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**SURREY.**

777 Bro. Richard Eve, new list	22	1	0
1149 " F. Flood, additional (making his list £98 3s. 6d.)	1	1	0

The following deductions have also been reported:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
55	Bro. J. Vogt (reducing his list to £53 0s. 6d.)	6	19	6
177	" A. Piper (reducing his list to £112 6s.)	2	12	6
212	" John West (reducing his list to £59 17s.)	0	3	0
1275	" G. C. Blanchard (reducing his list to £74 11s.)	0	9	0
1475	" J. Savage (reducing his list to £59 17s.)	0	3	0
1728	" B. T. Kimpton (reducing his list to £33 1s. 6d.)	5	5	0
1732	" G. R. Bolton (reducing his list to £80 6s. 6d.)	0	11	0
PROVINCES.				
ESSEX.				
	Mrs. James Speller (reducing her list to £5 5s.)	5	5	0
NORTH WALES.				
Lodge				
1674	Bro. John H. Ellis (reducing his list to £13 13s.)	4	4	0

**THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES, U.S.A.**

The Sovereign College of Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees of the United States, at a recent High Convocation, held at Richmond, Va., conferred the academic Degree of "Doctor of Universal Masonry" on the following distinguished Masons: Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis, of Greece; the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston and Wm. James Hughan, of England; and the Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, U.S.A. Doctor of Masonic Laws and other Degrees were conferred on a number of prominent Masons.

The Sovereign College is the only Masonic body in the world conferring academic Degrees, and it is proposed to give them very sparingly. The Rev. Hartley Carmichael, D.D., 33°, is the Sovereign Grand Master of the College, and Bro. William Ryan, 33°, is Deputy Grand Master. The body is in amity with the Grand Council of Allied Degrees of England, and the Earl of Euston is its Grand Representative.

**SUMMER OUTING OF THE PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 60.**

Thanks to the kindness and energy of Bro. W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G. Stwd., W.M., a most pleasant gathering was organised on the 30th ultimo. A steam launch left the classic and interesting precincts of the Temple shortly after two o'clock, en route for Hampton Court. Among the numerous brethren present were Bros. W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G. Stwd., W.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd., S.W., W.M. elect; W. Masters, P.M., P.G. Stwd., J.W.; W. H. Kempster, jun., S.D.; H. Young, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Barton, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. T. Chancellor, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd.; H. Slade, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; A. H. Debenham, P.M.; W. Thomas, P.M.; W. J. Hakim, P.M.; O. Polenz, W. H. T. Balliston, H. A. Slade, F. T. Slade, G. Higgins, and C. H. Jackman. There were many visitors. Among the Past Masters present were Bros. S. R. Lovett, P.M. 3; Bywater, and R. B. Green.

It was a most glorious day. The great heat of the sun was tempered by a pleasant breeze. A block took place at the far-famed Teddington Lock, which caused a tedious delay of half an hour or so. The voyagers were eventually landed at the Middlesex side of Hampton Court Bridge just as the clocks were striking six.

At the portals of ye ancient Mitre hostelry stood the venerable and genial host, Bro. Sadler, ready to receive his somewhat tardy guests. Mine host bears the weight of his nearly 80 summers well. It is needless to say that the dinner, wines, and dessert were of the most excellent quality, and the waiting almost faultless for some of the *bon vivants*. The proceedings were far too brief, but the happiest and brightest of days must pass, and so it was in this instance.

A few toasts were given, and warmly received, but "The Health of the W.M." was drunk with more than usual cordiality, as every one felt that it was to him that so charming an outing had been projected and successfully carried out. He had just given the toast of "The Officers" when the five minutes' warning bell of the adjoining railway station, and the ominous snorting of the iron-horse, gave notice at 8.30 p.m. that it was time for those to depart who wished to reach home early.

**ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE DORIC LODGE, No. 2359.**

It was, indeed, a glorious day and a splendid success—such was the unanimous opinion of the members of the Doric Lodge and their ladies and friends who were fortunate enough to be present at the pleasant gathering on the 8th inst. All met at the Central Station, Manchester, where saloon carriages had been reserved for them, and travelled to Chester. On arrival, the party visited Bolland and Sons, where refreshment was partaken of previous to embarking on board Gondolers, and in magnificent weather started on a trip to Eccleston, where the party disembarked and strolled about the

beautiful grounds of the "Ferry" at leisure, when a photograph of the party was taken by Bro. Sayers. Re-embarking, they returned to Chester, and after visiting some of the many interesting portions of the ancient town, subsequently dined together.

We must congratulate Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., W.M., upon the great success of the picnic, who worked unceasingly along with his Secretary, Bro. John Walker, for the happiness of the whole party, who returned from Chester by special train, arriving at Manchester about 10 o'clock p.m., all expressing themselves highly delighted with the outing.

The following brethren and friends were present: Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., W.M., and Mrs. Myers; Bro. F. Stretch, P.M., and Mrs. Stretch; Bro. Clare Edgar Towell, P.M.; Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org., and Mrs. Smith; Bro. A. K. Boothroyd and Mrs. Boothroyd; Bro. J. M. Veal; Bro. John Walker and Miss Walker; Bro. F. Thomas, Mrs. and Miss Blossom Thomas; Bro. James Sharples, Mrs. and Mr. Fred Sharples; Miss Dewhurst; Bro. C. Worstencroft and Mrs. Worstencroft; Bro. J. Dearnerley and Mrs. Dearnerley; Bro. E. W. Rowsell and Mrs. Rowsell; Bro. J. Smith and Mrs. J. Smith; Bro. Ratchford and Mrs. Ratchford; Bro. J. B. Ratchford; Bro. J. Hardwicke - Marsh, W.M. 1730, and Miss Maggie Marsh; Bro. H. Ashton Kay and Mrs. Kay; Bro. R. J. H. Sayers and Mrs. Sayers; Bro. G. Medcalf; Bro. F. J. Passmore; Bro. J. Hancock and Mrs. Hancock; Bro. H. Shuter; and Bro. J. H. Norris.

#### A DAY AT THE DUKERIES.

The stately homes of England  
How beautiful they stand;  
Amid their tall ancestral trees  
All o'er this pleasant land.

Memories of the past stand out in bold relief, and happy recollections of pleasure flash rapidly before us in contemplating the noble houses and stately shrines that abound in luxuriant profusion in and around Sherwood Forest, the merry hunting ground of kings and the haunt of Robin Hood and Little John, with Friar Tuck and Alan a Dale the minstrel. This is the classic ground whereon now stand "The Dukeries." A delightful and enchanting country, Wharnclyffe Lodge, No. 1462, visited on Thursday week, accompanied by visiting brethren and a few invited friends, fully intent on spending a long and happy summer's day. A couple of the latest designs in saloon carriages were placed at their disposal by the M.S. and L. Railway Company, conveying the members from Barnsley, Penistone, and Sheffield to Worksop.

The party consisted of Bro. George Taylor, W.M., Mrs. and Miss Taylor; Bro. E. Billington, P.M., P.G. Purst, Mrs. and Miss Billington; Bro. Beanland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Mrs. Beanland and Mrs. Askew; Bro. Stones, I.P.M.; Bro. Ruffe, P.M., Mrs. Ruffe, and Mrs. Steele; Bro. C. Dunstan, S.W., Mrs. and Master Dunstan; Bro. Cockcroft, J.W., and Mrs. Cockcroft; Bro. J. W. Sykes, D.C., Mrs. and Miss Sykes and Mrs. Patterson; Bro. W. J. Asquith, Steward, and Mrs. Asquith; Bro. Gandy, Steward, and Mrs. Gandy; and Bro. Morton.

The visiting friends included Bro. J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.Z. 1513, P.G. Treas., West Yorks, and Mrs. Gratton; Bro. E. J. F. Rideal and Mrs. Rideal; Bro. J. F. M. Coles, together with the following friends: Mr. and Mrs. Egan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Witham, Mr. and Mrs. Snowden, Miss Dyson, Mr. and Mrs. Pitt, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Coles, Mr. H. Carter, and Mr. H. Spedding.

In most favourable weather Worksop was reached shortly after 10 o'clock, when it was soon manifest that the Master of Ceremonies (Bro. Sykes) with his able lieutenant (Bro. Asquith), along with the Worshipful Master (Bro. Taylor), had contrived to make advanced special arrangements for the complete enjoyment of the whole party under their charge, and as far as they were immediately concerned, not one untoward feature occurred in the programme to mar anyone's pleasure. Four splendid turn-outs, drawn by ten capital steeds, soon landed us at the Lion Hotel, where the first call was made for light luncheon, as well as to take in sufficient provender for a day's enjoyment in the sylvan glades of Sherwood. All having again taken their places as fancy led them, away the chariots of pleasure dashed to view the scenic beauties and historical associations of the Dukeries.

The renowned domain of Welbeck, the seat of the Duke of Portland, had first attention, where arrangements had been made for visiting the pleasure grounds, riding school, tan gallop, the underground apartments, and the subterranean tunnels, where

A silent charm breathed all around  
In hallowed stillness underground.

These submerged retreats are vast and numerous, costing one of the late Dukes some two or three millions of money in their construction. One passage from the riding school to the Abbey is nearly a mile long. They are wonderfully constructed, and may easily be discerned from above by the bull's eye lights that are dotted in and around the Abbey. It would make this account too long to describe all the sights; for everything in and about Welbeck is constructed on a luxuriant, costly, and massive scale. The whole establishment being gigantic and imposing, is well worthy a visit from those whose lot it is to toil in the close and musty streets of our busy cities. After we had lunched at the Abbey, the journey was continued, passing the famous almshouses known as "The Winnings." The sixth Duke erected these houses, at

the request of the Duchess, for the benefit of the poor around them, to commemorate the success of his race-horses, Ayrshire, Donovan, Memoir, and Semolina.

Passing charming landscapes, we were eventually ushered into the full glories of the woodland and forest glades of Sherwood. The whole route is interesting and pleasant. However, another call had to be made; for who has been to the Dukeries and not seen the famous "Major Oak?" So here we had another breathing time, and right well it was enjoyed. The finger of tradition points out that this famous oak has braved a thousand years, amid storm and tempest, for,

Outrageous thunder, stormy winds and rain,  
Discharge their fury on his head in vain.

Some extent of the magnitude of this monster of the forest may be gathered from the fact that its trunk measures 32 feet in circumference, whilst the diameter, covered by its spreading boughs, is no less than 240 feet. Within its trunk is a hollow bole 15 feet high and 7 feet in diameter. Inside here parties of 10, 12, or even 16 can find shelter. Whilst one party were enjoying an inside visit, Bro. Stones struck up in his well-known style, "The Monarch of the Wood," the chorus of which was taken up by all around right heartily, and judging from the rippling laughter of the merry maidens inside, who made the woods re-echo with their silvery voices, one would think there must be some truth in the legend—

There never comes a maid to the greenwood tree  
But paid the forester's bounty fee.

Passing along avenues of twin sisters of this "Queen of Oak" brought us to our rested steeds, who were ready to away with us, and at the blow of the horn we started on our way towards Thoresby, the seat of Earl Manvers. Thoresby House is a modern structure, but in every sense a model residence for an English nobleman. Passing along the bridge which spans the lake, we made a short halt to admire the beauties around, catching from this point a charming view of Clumber House in the distance, through the clusters of profuse foliage spreading to our right and to our left.

This magnificent pile of buildings, the seat of the Duke of Newcastle, is well worthy of a few hours' inspection; but leaving that pleasure for another visit, we find we must bid farewell to the forest, and to the magnificent lime avenues; so amid jest and song we turn homeward, and arrive at the Lion Hotel, Worksop, in time to enjoy a sumptuous dinner provided by Host Green. To those who are specially interested in the success of an excellent dinner we commend this hostelry, which, by the way, is under the special care of Miss Campbell, manageress. Here you have salmon of glorious colour, ducks and green peas to perfection, roast beef to a nicety, choice lamb and salad, and the good things appertaining to a substantial repast all in due order. The participants could but have one verdict, that Mine Host and the Committee of Management deserved a full meed of praise. The cloth was removed, and the Worshipful Master presided over the after entertainment. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with suitable songs.

Like many other pleasant gatherings, this one came to an end, and by eight o'clock the saloon had been re-connected to the train for Sheffield, Penistone, and Barnsley, and the homeward journey in them was one of festive enjoyment. Song after song was repeated, and mirth rose to the highest enthusiasm, which was not a little contributed to by the fairy of the party, a dark-eyed nightingale of song, who thrilled the company with matchless music "pouring floods of melody down upon it as from some world of unknown happiness." Thus ended a long but happy day at the Dukeries. A. W.

#### "FEAST OF ROSES" AT IPSWICH.

The "Feast of Roses," which is annually associated with the British Union Lodge, No. 114, was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The tables were graced with the choicest blooms of the national floral emblem, the artisticness of the display unmistakably showing that it was the work of delicate hands. The preponderating colour was crimson, appropriately interspersed with the colours of the House of York.

The W.M., Bro. A. F. Penraven, presided, and the officers and brethren of the lodge present were Bros. C. E. Tempest, S.W.; T. B. Read, J.W.; B. P. Grimsey, P.M. and Sec.; P. F. Wainwright, J.D.; T. Palmer, Org.; G. W. Horsfield, Stwd.; W. Boby, P.M.; V. D. Colchester, P.M.; C. G. Hayward, I.P.M.; H. C. Casley, P.M.; R. K. Casley, P.M.; G. S. Elliston, P.M.; F. Grimwood, T. W. Cotman, H. Jones, J. Flower, H. Clarke, and P. Hayward. The visitors included Bros. Walter Brooke, W.M. 81; C. H. Downes, W.M. 2371; A. J. H. Ward, P.M. 650; E. T. Read, 376; T. R. Elkington, 376; J. R. Staddon, 376; J. Kitwood, jun., 2098; W. J. W. Barnard, 650; and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, while a very interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome crimson morocco easy chair to Bro. Boby, and a solid silver coffee pot of the eighteenth century design to Bro. H. C. Casley.

The presentations were made on behalf of the lodge by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER who in happy terms spoke of the duty which had devolved upon him as a highly pleasing one, in recognising as it did the good work done by Bros. Boby and Casley. It was, he said, most gratifying to observe that brethren who had done good work in the ranks of Freemasonry had been

raised to Provincial rank, the Grand Lodge at the same time giving tangible recognition of the best work of the brethren. Bro. Boby's life both in and out of the lodge had been one continual source of credit to Freemasonry, and no better living example to young members could be found than he was. He was the pioneer of Masonic Charities in Suffolk. When Bro. Boby took the matter in hand no money was going from Suffolk to Masonic Charities, and the province was practically unrepresented, but ever since his advent amongst them the province had maintained an improving position. With regard to Bro. Casley, no brother had worked with greater zeal in the interest of the Craft. Whenever any difficulty arose through the want of an officer in the lodge, he was always ready to respond by filling the vacancy, whatever that might be.

Bro. Boby, who was heartily greeted, the fact of the veteran brother being a founder of the "Feast of Roses" being remembered, made but a brief acknowledgment of the gift, claiming as an excuse the increasing burden of years. He thanked the brethren most heartily and sincerely for their very handsome present, of which he felt he was quite undeserving. He, however, assured them that so long as he was spared he would treasure it, and when the time came for him to relinquish it it would pass into the hands of some other good Mason, who would treasure it as he did.

Bro. H. C. CASLEY acknowledged his gift. He could not, he said, call to his recollection any service of his which in any degree merited the kind testimony of regard and esteem which had been shown to him that evening. It was something like 20 years since he first joined the lodge, and during that time he had endeavoured to do his duty to the Craft in general and that lodge in particular conscientiously and with a deep sense of the obligations he took upon himself at his initiation. It was, therefore, gratifying to him to find that in the discharge of his Masonic duties he had been able to gain in any way their esteem and approbation.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SURREY.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 29th ultimo. There were present Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master, supported by Bros. F. West, D.P.G.M.; Col. C. H. Nevill, P.S.G.W.; Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, P.J.G.W.; S. W. Lambert, P.G.M.O.; Dr. C. R. Alder Wright, P.S.G.O.; Rev. W. R. Finlay, P.G. Chap.; Col. A. H. Bircham, P.G. Treas.; Arthur H. Bowles, P.G. Sec.; Major Thomas F. Easterbrook, P.G.D.C.; C. T. Tyler, P.A. G.D.C.; J. R. S. Lancaster, P.G.S.D.; Frederick Flood, P.G.I. of W.; Chas. F. Passmore, P.G. Org.; Arthur Adams, P.G.I.G.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; F. A. Bowles, P.D.S.G.D. Bengal; G. H. White, Ralph Neville, R. Mossop, and many others.

On the motion of the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, seconded by the DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER (Bro. F. West), a congratulatory address was ordered to be sent to the Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) on the approaching marriage of his son.

Col. BIRCHAN was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The GRAND MASTER afterwards appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. F. West, P.P.G.M.O.	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Major G. H. N. Bridges,	...	
P.M. 333	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. F. Easterbrook, I.P.M. 333	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" F. Flood, J.W. 442	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. Adams, W.M. 198	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" J. A. Farnfield, S.W. 450	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. W. R. Finlay, Chap. 333	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Col. A. H. Bircham, I.P.M.	...	
442	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. L. de Montmorency,	...	
W.M. 114	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. H. Bowles, W.M. 442	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" James Hill, W.M. 333	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" James S. Fraser, S.W. 198	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. J. Dyer, J.W. 198	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Chas. T. Tyler, S.O. 442	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Aitken, Sec. 114	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" John Vicary, P.M. 451	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. A. Braik, Sec. 333	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. F. Passmore, S.W. 442	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Charles Cheel, J.W. 114	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. W. H. Littleboy, M.O. 407	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" William Briant, M.O. 333	...	
" Robert Potter	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The musical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of Bro. C. F. Passmore, Mus., Bice, Prov. Grand Organist.

#### Birth.

GOTTLIEB.—On the 6th inst., at Penang, the wife of George Gottlieb, barrister-at-law, of a son (by telegram).

By the Queen's commands the East Terrace at Windsor Castle was again thrown open to the public on the 9th inst., some thousands of whom but too gladly availed themselves of the opportunity of listening to the bands of the Grenadier Guards and the Dragoon Guards, which played upon the lawn opposite to the Royal apartments. Among the promenaders were the Princess Beatrice and several of the Queen's visitors.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their Regular Monthly Meeting at Feemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Bro. A. C. Spaul, G. Std. Br., presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Charles Kempton, James Brett, P.G.P.; W. Fisher, C. Sheppard, G. C. Haslop, T. W. Whitmarsh, S. N. Abraham, P.G.P.; A. R. Trew, W. J. Murlis, John Barnett, H. Mason, W. Vincent, A. H. Hickman, G. E. Fairchild, T. B. Purchas, P.G.A.D.C.; C. J. Perceval, J. L. Anderson, W. Belchamber, A. Durrant, C. J. R. Tjoui, A.G.P.; V. F. S. d'Arcy Brennan, Jas. Speller, J. Newton, T. B. Daniell, J. Hattersley, R. D. Cummings, R. A. Gowan, J. A. Farnfield, P.G.A.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. P. Fitzgerald and Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the June Committee having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of one male and one widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

It having been resolved to withdraw £5000 from call and invest it in India Three per Cent. Stock, the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

The annual supper of the above chapter of instruction was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall recently, under the presidency of Comp. C. N. McIntyre North, M.E.Z. of the mother chapter, supported by Comps. R. J. Voisey, M.E.Z. 1216, and C. H. Stone, J. elect 1901, as croupiers; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z. 172; H. G. Martin, M.E.Z. 1622, J. 1275; Frank W. Williams, M.E.Z. 101; W. Davies, M.E.Z. 1091; A. C. Wood, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; J. Addington, P.Z. 1275; J. Pullen, J. 1622; Lordier Mackley, Dr. Adams, E. A. Rice, T. R. Cass, Rymer, Barr, Lewis Kirby, J. Dunn, Dr. Raw, and others.

After supper the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "The Grand Officers" were given by the M.E.Z., and heartily responded to.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "Prosperity to the Star Chapter of Instruction and Comp. Hilton," said that the prosperity of the chapter of instruction of which they were so proud had been closely allied with the name of their excellent Preceptor, Comp. Hilton. The tree planted some five years ago was in a flourishing condition, thanks to the care of the head gardener, and owing to his unremitting attention to the ground work, copious watering, and training of the twigs, it had already borne such good fruit as the Rose and Selwyn Chapters. The courtesy, zeal, and ability of Comp. Hilton had made the chapter a "pattern and exemplar," whose influence was extending not only over the South of London (where it had led the way to an increased interest in Royal Arch ceremonies), but to the North side, and even beyond the seas. In conclusion, the Chairman, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the gratitude and esteem which all the members felt for their Preceptor, and the conviction, that so long as he was spared to be with them, the prosperity of the Star Chapter of Instruction was fully assured.

Comp. F. HILTON, P.Z. 1275, in thanking the Chairman and companions for their hearty congratulations at the success achieved, said it was peculiarly gratifying to see not only so many Principals and Past Principals present who were capable of doing good work, but also the enthusiastic young members whose budding promises made him proud to be head gardener for such a flourishing plantation; he must, however, express his indebtedness to their indefatigable S.E., Comp. Stone; the Treasurer, Comp. Voisey; and Comp. Grummant, who was ready and able at all times to undertake any office, and when he (Comp. Hilton) was detained by business, he knew he had always someone to rely upon. With regard to the remarks of the M.E.Z. as to the spread of the Royal Arch, the ceremony could only be acquired by attending chapters of instruction, a great change had taken place in these five years in South London; instead of installations being left in the hands of a select few, Principals, in the majority of cases, could install their successors. He was proud of the result of his labours, and his time well spent in Masonic work; enjoyable in the present world, in the future, be a retrospect untinged with regret.

Comp. T. GRUMMANT, P.Z. 1275, in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," said he saw him initiated; then a day or two afterwards saw him assist in bedding the cap stone of the Church for the Deaf and Dumb; and had watched him step by step pass with credit through the various offices until he occupied the proud position of M.E.Z. of his mother chapter, in virtue of which office he had so ably presided over them that evening. They knew that the reputation he had earned in the Craft was ably maintained, not only in the Star Chapter, but in the Supreme Grand Chapter itself, and he hoped his old friend Charley North would long be spared to them as a P.Z. of the Star Chapter, and for many years to be one with them at the annual supper.

Comp. C. N. MCINTYRE NORTH, M.E.Z. 1275, thanked the companions, and said his old friend Tom, by calling him Charley, had unwittingly touched a hidden chord, which strongly vibrated when touched by the memories

of the past. Charley was used by his old friends, Rennie Grimwood and Cumming; it was a term of love from one more precious than all, in whose memory he had that night presented each companion with a blossom of honey-suckle—a wee slip tended with loving care until it grew to a height of some two or three feet—then given to her eldest and may be favourite son, now a sturdy, much-prized plant 12 or 14 feet high; a mass of bloom; and, while thinking of her who had gone to the better land, the sight of these blossoms had suggested a method of marking his heartfelt appreciation of the honour they had done him in placing him in the chair. With regard to the manner in which he carried out his duties, the position of head of the Star Chapter was a very onerous and important one, as he had to follow in the footsteps of such companions as Grummant, Cowley, Addington, Hilton, and other Principals of the chapter. In Supreme Grand Chapter his proposition had led to results which could be regarded with satisfaction by both parties. For his part, his speech had been received with the most flattering attention in Grand Chapter, and with praise and commendation from all parts of the United Kingdom; while, on the other hand, his excellent opponent had been exalted to the rank of King of Prussia. With regard to his work in the Star Chapter, he would do all he could to justify the confidence of the companions, and to maintain in the future the reputation he had earned in the past.

"Absent Companions and Ex. Comp. R. J. Wishart District G.S.N. of the D.G.C. of Malta," was then given by the M.E.Z., who said their old and esteemed companion had by his zeal and ability placed himself in the front line. He was District Grand Scribe N., D.G. Registrar in the Craft and Mark, P.Z. 407, M.E.Z. 515, Member of General Committee D.G.C., Auditor, Treasurer, &c., &c., in the Craft or Chapter, had already that year installed two W.M.'s in the chair, and he had written to say that on that evening he would be installing his third W.M. with the "Rose working" about the same time as their meeting, and that he "would be there in spirit." He had sent his usual annual dainty, and they could only reciprocate his hearty good wishes by drinking health and prosperity to him and his, and hope they would have his jolly face with them at the next or the following annual supper.

"The toast of 'The Principals and Past Principals'" was responded to by Bros. H. G. MARTIN, M.E.Z. 1622; FRANK W. WILLIAMS, M.E.Z. 101; WALTER DAVIES, M.E.Z. 1901; and A. C. WOOD, M.E.Z.

The toast of "The Treasurer, Comp. Voisey, M.E.Z. 1216," was then given and responded to. As an old R.A. Mason he pointed out in an elegant speech to the younger members the necessity of thoroughly mastering the ritual and comprehending the sublime truth so closely interwoven in all its disquisitions.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of "The S.E.," said that in their S.E. they had a stone which, as one of the foundation, had contributed largely to the stability of the structure, in quality of true grit, free from all vents and sand holes and other defects, laid in its natural bed, carefully tooled and worked, and whether required for a corner stone, a head stone, a keystone, or as a cap stone, would be admirably suited for any position; in conduct, as a Craftsman, a perfect ashlar, plumb, level, and square, and (after years of patient writing in the R.A.) now he was about to be placed in a golden setting. In ability he would turn out a brilliant of the purest water.

Comp. C. H. STONE, J. elect 1901, thanked the M.E.Z. and companions, and would take the opportunity of expressing how much they were indebted to that admirable paper, the *Freemason*, for so fully reporting their proceedings; during the last year 38 convocations were held, with 624 attendances, or an average of 164; 14 installations were worked; 28 new members had joined (making 169 on the roll), and out of their small contributions, after they had given this year £5 5s. to the Girls' School they had a balance in hand of £1 11s. 7d., an admirable result which must be satisfactory to every one.

The proceedings were enlivened by the artistic abilities of Comps. Barr, Williams, Stone, Salmon, and Bros. Hobbly and Fairer. Comp. Grummant gave his nautical experience, which brought the meeting to an end.

The Craft Abroad.

The operations in the busy centre of Malta have ceased for the usual summer recess, after a very successful season. The universal expression of sympathy with the brethren in the loss of their lamented District Grand Master, Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, is deeply appreciated. A beautiful memorial cross is in course of erection in the Ta-Braxia cemetery—the tribute of the district over which he ruled with such success for nearly five years. The appointment of Bro. Rear-Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, F.R.G.S., as Dist. G.M., Dist. G.M.M., and Dist. G. Supt., was enthusiastically received, and his installation in these respective capacities was availed of to give him a hearty welcome.

Among the popular appointments of the season are—Craft: Bros. J. Starkey, D.D.G.M., re-appointed; J. Kenyon, D.S.G.W.; and Major C. J. Blake, D.J.G.W. Royal Arch: Comps. W. E. Cook, D.G. 2nd Prin.; J. Kenyon, D.G. 3rd Prin.; Hamilton Sharpe, D.G.S.E. re-appointed; and S. Leonard, D.G.S.N. Mark: Bros. Pakiente, D.D.G.M., re-appointed; W. E. Cook, D.S.G.W.; and C. H. Horsfall, D.J.G.W.

Comp. Leonard was unfortunately one of the victims of the Victoria disaster. The deepest sympathy is

felt for Bro. Rear-Admiral Markham in his association with that terrible calamity. The private lodges lose six members—five from Zetland Lodge, 515, and one from Union Lodge, 497.

The present Worshipful Masters are Bros. Major C. T. Blake, 349; C. Richards, 407; Cannon (Bermuda), 515; D. M. Bates, 1923; and G. W. Giles, 1926.

Bros. Starkey and Cook are the Stewards respectively representing Malta for the Girls' and Boys' Schools. The lists will show that the district is alive to its duty in the cause of Charity. The district is very fortunate in having been courteously extended the aid of Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, as its representative on the English Charities.

A convale of the knights of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and Holy Sepulchre has been successfully inaugurated, the regular reports of which will be forwarded in course.

Leinsten Lodge, No. 387, in Malta, after a good season under Bro. Lieut. Tinnock, W.M., has gone into recess.

Obituary.

BRO. H. G. BUSS, PAST. A.G. SEC.

The death of Bro. H. G. Buss, who was Asst. G. Secretary of England from 1877 to 1884, will be very deeply regretted by the Craft generally. True, he had retired from active service for some nine years, but he had played a prominent part in Masonry for more than 30 years previous to his retirement, and had rendered splendid service to successive G. Secretaries during the greater part of that period. He received his appointment as Second Clerk in the G. Secretary's office in 1855, when the late Bro. W. H. White, who had served as G. Secretary either solely or conjointly with another for more than half-a-century, was still in harness. Thenceforward, firstly under Bro. W. Gray Clarke, and then under Bros. John Hervey and Col. S. H. Clerke, until ill-health compelled him to seek the rest to which he was so fully entitled, Bro. Buss remained at his post, his services becoming more and more valuable as his experience in the discharge of his official duties became more conspicuous, till in 1877 the M.W.G. Master, on the advice of the late Bro. Hervey, conferred upon him the collar of Asst. G. Secretary. During the whole of this period he succeeded in making himself, and remaining ever afterwards personally acceptable to all with whom he was brought in contact, nor has there been at any time a member of the Grand Secretary's staff who enjoyed a larger measure of popularity. His great geniality and kindness made him welcome whenever he visited our lodges and chapters, while his knowledge of all the ins and outs of the origin and development of our lodges was always and most readily at the service of brethren who sought his advice on matters connected therewith. As to his career in lodges and chapters and other Masonic bodies, it will no doubt suffice if we mention the more prominent of his services. He was initiated in the Lodge of St. Mary, No. 63, on the 19th March, 1846. In February of the following year he joined the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, and having rapidly advanced through the minor offices to that of W.M., was subsequently appointed Secretary, a post which he held for more than 20 years, and in which the many and signal services he rendered to the lodge were again and again recognised, but notably in 1854, when the members presented him with a handsome jewel, and again, in 1863, when they gave him a gold watch. In 1855 he was one of the founders and first I.G. of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, then No. 955; and subsequently passed the chair and became Secretary. In 1867 he assisted in founding the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, remaining a member until his death, and through his connection with it becoming a Prov. G.W. of Middlesex. He was exalted in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, and in 1856 was installed its First Principal, the post of Scribe E. being subsequently conferred upon him and retained for several years. In 1865 he had a hand in founding the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, his services to R.A. Masonry being recognised in 1878, when the Grand Z. conferred upon him the collar of G. Std. Br. of Supreme G. Chapter. It has already been mentioned that in 1877 the office of Assistant Grand Secretary, which had previously been held by Bro. W. Farnfield from 1854 to 1866, was conferred upon Bro. Buss, while in 1880 that of Assistant Grand Scribe E. was bestowed upon him. In 1884 his health became so precarious that he found himself under the necessity of resigning, and Grand Lodge, in consideration of his long and faithful services, assigned him his full salary as a retiring pension. As regards our Institutions, Bro. Buss was a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and an annual subscriber of the Girls' School, and had served four Festival Stewardships, of which two were in behalf of the Old People, and one for each of the Schools. Bro. Buss died on Thursday, the 6th instant, in the 80th year of his age, and was buried in Highgate Cemetery on Tuesday, the 11th instant, among the many friends and acquaintances, both within and outside Masonry, who attended at the graveside to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory being Messrs. John Green, Eustace Hervey, W. H. Libbis, and D. H. Jacobs, and Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; James Terry, F.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; James Brett, P.G.P.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, Neville Green, A. J. Berry, J. H. Hoit, Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; George Powell, Thomas J. Maidwell, Todd, Thomas, F. Harrison, William Dance, and others.





The foundation stone of Brunt's Technical School was laid at Mansfield, with Masonic ceremony, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The Duchess of Edinburgh and her three daughters, who left London for Coburg on Saturday last, arrived at their destination on Monday.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., the Prince of Wales will visit Dover for the purpose of laying a memorial stone in connection with the new harbour works at that port.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane gave a dinner party at Harcourt House on Tuesday, at which there were present, among other guests, the Siamese Princes now on a visit to England, the Countess of Crawford, Lord and Lady Battersea, and Bro. H. Maguire.

The annual meeting of the North Metropolitan Centre of the St. John's Ambulance Association was held at the Hampstead Conservatoire on Tuesday, when the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne presented medallions and certificates to those members who had qualified to render first aid to the injured.

A Court of Common Council was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday, when a letter was read from the Home Secretary to the effect that her Majesty would be graciously pleased to receive a deputation of the Corporation of London this (Friday) afternoon, for the purpose of presenting the City address of congratulation on the Royal marriage.

There was a reception by the Library Committee of the Corporation of the London Congress of the Archaeological Institute of Great Britain. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Renals, and Mr. A. A. Wood, chairman of the Committee, occupied the dais, and the library was quickly thronged with guests, among those who accepted invitations being Lord Northbrook, Lady Hylton, Bro. Sir Fred. Leighton, P.R.A., and Bro. Viscount Dillon.

On the occasion of the 56th anniversary dinner of the Savage Club, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, Bros. Sir F. Abel and Sir J. Somers Vine were the guests of their fellow members in honour of the rewards recently bestowed upon them by her Majesty for their labours in connection with the Imperial Institute. Among the speakers to the different toasts were the Earl of Kimberley, Lord Knutsford, the Thakore Sahib of Gondel, the Lord Mayor, and Bro. Dr. W. H. Russell.

The state ball, which had been postponed from the 23rd ult. in consequence of the disaster to H.M.S. Victoria, was held on Monday evening at Buckingham Palace, among those present being the Prince of Wales and his daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud; the King of Denmark and his son, Prince Waldemar; the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Grand Duke of Hesse, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

At a meeting of the Holborn Lodge, No. 2398, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., Bro. Maurice Angel in the chair, on the proposition of Bro. Col. E. J. Gardiner, it was resolved "That the Holborn Lodge having in common with her Majesty's other loyal subjects, heard with the greatest pleasure of the approaching marriage of his Royal Highness the Duke of York and her Serene Highness the Princess May, beg to offer to his Royal Highness the Grand Master, their most respectful congratulations on this happy event." Bro. Charles Rowland Ellis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Camb., Hon. Secretary, was directed to send the resolution, which was unanimously adopted, to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master.

For the second time this season Bro. Sir Augustus Harris has received the gracious command of the Queen to give a special operatic performance at Windsor Castle. The event takes place to-morrow (Saturday), and the pieces selected for representation before her Majesty and the members of the Royal Family are the second act of "L'Amico Fritz," in which Signor de Lucia, Signor Ancona, Signor de Vaschetti, Signor Corsi, Mlle. Joran, Mlle. Biancoli, and Madame Calvé take part, and "Cavalleria Rusticana." Signor Mascagni will himself conduct both operas. Some new and beautiful scenery, by Mr. W. Caney, will be provided, while all the arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, assisted by Messrs. Arthur Collins and Fred. G. Latham.

There were great doings in the City on Saturday last, when the festivities in connection with the recent Royal Wedding were brought to a conclusion with the visit to the Guildhall of the King and Queen of Denmark, who were accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Czarewitch, Prince Waldemar of Denmark, the Princesses Maud and Victoria of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family. An address of welcome was presented to the King in the Library, after which the company adjourned to the Guildhall, where, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, some 700 guests were entertained at luncheon. Among the members of the Corporation and their guests were the Lord Chamberlain (Bro. Lord Carrington), and Lady Carrington, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Herschell), Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., and Mr. Alban Gibb, the members of the City, Bros. Aldermen Sir James Whitehead, Bart., M.P., Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., and Sir D. Evans, K.C.M.G., Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), Bro. Alfred Brookman, Chairman of the Committee, and Mover of the Address, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Wilkin, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Renals, the Russian Ambassador and Madame de Staal, the Danish Minister and Madame de Bille, the Duke of Norfolk, and the First Lord of the Admiralty and the Countess Spencer.

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The Grand Duke of Hesse, who has been staying at Windsor Castle as the guest of her Majesty, will leave England on his return to Darmstadt this (Friday) morning.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Bancroft, wife of Bro. S. B. Bancroft, is progressing as favourably as can be expected after the injuries she received from the accident which befell her in Jermyn-street on Monday.

Among the Royal wedding decorations at Didsbury were some excellent life-size portraits of Bros. J. W. Maclure, M.P.; J. W. Hamilton, Recorder of Oldham; Edgar Towell, P.G.S.O.; John Moore, J.P.; and Frederic Stretch.

The King and Queen of Denmark, with the Princess of Wales and her daughter, Princess Victoria, visited the French Gallery, 120, Pall Mall, on Tuesday afternoon, while in the evening their Majesties, with the Princess and both her unmarried daughters, were at the Royal Italian Opera.

A farewell dinner to Bro. Henry Irving, previous to his departure for America, was given in the large room of the Grafton Gallery—which had been kindly lent for the purpose—on Sunday evening last. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Hare, and the guests, who were present to the number of about 120, included most of the prominent English actors now in London, as well as Messrs. Sims Reeves and Walter Lucy.

The Czarewitch left Marlborough House on his return to Russia on Monday morning. His Imperial Highness was accompanied to Charing Cross Station by the King of Denmark and his son Prince Waldemar, and the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales. On his arrival at Port Victoria the Prince embarked on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Flushing.

The Earl and Countess of Lovelace gave a dinner party at their residence, in St. George's-place, Hyde Park Corner, on Tuesday, at which the Duke and Duchess of Teck and their son, Prince Adolphus, were present, the other guests including Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Athole, the Earl and Countess of Lonsdale, Bro. Lord and Lady Roberts, Lady Amphil, the Countess Granville, and Lady Victoria Leveson-Gower.

We regret to hear that the state of Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., is comparatively unaltered, the progress that has been made during the past three weeks having been very slight. On the other hand, the Marquis of Tullibardine, eldest son of Bro. the Duke of Athole, whose charger reared and fell upon him in the courtyard of St. James's Palace on the day of the wedding, is going on favourably and has been removed to Eaton-place.

CITY FREEHOLDS.—Notwithstanding the universal depression, there does not seem to be any difficulty in selling first-class properties within the limits of the City of London. We understand that the block of buildings at the Ludgate end of Queen Victoria-street, west of the Times Office, has changed hands, Spiers and Pond having acquired the freehold for the extension of their Stores departments; whence it would seem that the system of associating many trades under one roof is, when administered by people who know their business, still capable of indefinite expansion.

The Prince of Wales attended on Tuesday for the purpose of opening the Stablemen's Institute, which has recently been erected at Newmarket, among those present at the ceremony being Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Earl and Countess Cadogan, and others. Subsequently his Royal Highness announced his intention of becoming an annual subscriber of £5 5s. to the fund. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Prince, which was proposed by Bro. Sir J. D. Astley, and the singing of the National Anthem.

The members of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, had a picnic at Ludlow on the 11th inst. The party visited the Castle, Whitcliffe, and other places of interest, and met at luncheon at the Town Hall. Bro. W. J. Gender, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. E. C. Newey, Sec.; C. J. Collins, P.P.G.S.B., Charity Steward; C. Lee, T. Surman, and others. Bros. T. J. Galway, R. McBean, and A. Lacy, of the Lodge of the Marches, Ludlow, were also present. Various toasts were given, including "The Health of the Worshipful Master." The company afterwards drove in brakes to Downton Castle, returning for tea at five o'clock and left Ludlow by the 6.1 p.m. train, having spent a very enjoyable day.

PRESENTATION TO SCOTCH LODGES.—The seven Masonic lodges in the Province of Aberdeenshire East, have just been the recipients of handsome and valuable presents from Bro. William Boyd, their Prov. Grand Master. To his mother lodge, Keith, No. 56, Bro. Boyd has given three massive column candlesticks, each about 4½ feet high, representing the Ionic, Corinthian, and Doric styles of architecture. They are of polished oak, mounted with burnished brass. To the Keith Lodge, Bro. Boyd has also presented a magnificent set of solid silver working tools, each article being elaborately engraved with Scotch thistles. Solomon Lodge, No. 197, receives a costly silk and embroidered banner, with fringes. In the centre of the banner there is worked in the arms of the burgh of Fraserburgh, with a scroll bearing the name and number of the lodge. The banner is the colour of the lodge's clothing, dark blue, and is carried on an artistically embellished standard. Lodge St. James, No. 256, has received three column candlesticks and a splendid ebony mallet, with silver handle. The other lodges—Forbes Lodge, No. 67; Fraser Lodge, No. 267; St. Andrew Lodge, No. 518; and St. Drostan Lodge, No. 789, have been each presented with a massive mahogany chair for the use of the Master. Each article or set of articles has a silver plate attached, on which is engraved an inscription bearing that it was presented to the lodge by William Boyd, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, East, 1893. The various articles were supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

TWINE SWEET CLUSTERS OF ORANGE-BLOSSOMS into a fitting garland for the bride of our Sailor Prince, and pray that she may be endowed with health and happiness. These are twin blessings, for one cannot be enjoyed without the other, and many a loyal English heart will pray that they may be showered upon the Royal couple. Speaking in this strain, reminds us that Holloway's Pills and Ointment have done more in eradicating disease throughout the world than any other medicine. During the sultry, depressing weather, common at this season, they are invaluable, as they speedily cure diarrhoea, dysentery, and all disorders of the stomach and liver. They may be obtained from all chemists and medicine-vendors.

Bro. W. Oxtoby, Borough Surveyor of Beverley, has just been successful in being elected Borough Surveyor of Ramsgate.

We are asked to notify that the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, is now held at the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Bro. George Hand, although not successful in his candidature for the office of Sheriff of London at the recent election, considered his position on the poll more than justified his claim to come forward again next year, which, with the full acquiescence of his supporters, he pledged himself to do.

The Princess Louise, who was accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors at the Army Rifle Meeting at Aldershot, on Saturday last. During their brief stay her Royal Highness and the Marquis were the guests of Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C.

Cable advices have been received announcing that the Sydney Morning Herald, the oldest daily journal in the Australasian Colonies has been reduced in price from two-pence to one penny per copy. It is interesting to notice that there is no daily journal published in Australia at a higher price than one penny.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, held in Edinburgh, on the 4th inst., 15 new members were admitted, among them being the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Gray, of Liberton, and the Rev. Dr. P. M'Adam Muir, of Morningside. There was a large attendance of members, who, along with the newly-installed brethren dined in the evening, under the presidency of the Deputy Governor, L. Mackersy, who, in the absence of Lord Haddington, Master and Governor of the Order, also presided at the meeting of the Grand body.

There is a lodge in England chartered in 1812, which meets but twice a year—on the last Tuesday of May and June. It is one of the 11 lodges in the Province of Wiltshire. It meets in Gorsham, and is named Rectitude, No. 335. There has been no members "made" since 1828, yet it is reported to be vigorous and active to an extraordinary extent. There is herein a problem for those in Scotland who cannot conceive a lodge existing unless it is continually "making." There is more credit to a lodge in keeping members when they are admitted than in the continual flow of new members, who are like the proverbial "snowflake on the river."—Mallet.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.—Bro. F. R. M. Phillips entertained the brethren of this lodge at the Mitre, Hampton Court, on Wednesday evening last. A special saloon carriage was engaged to convey the party from Waterloo. Nineteen sat down to a sumptuous dinner, and amongst others present were: Bros. the Rev. G. J. Scott, W.M.; Henry Clarke, C.C., I.C.C., Treas.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; John Mowlem Burt, P.P. S.G.W. Dorset; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.P.G. Chap. Leicestershire; and others.

The new and original drama in four acts, by Bro. Sir Augustus Harris and Mr. Paul Meritt, called "Frailty," which was produced at the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, on Monday, the 3rd inst., was received by the large audience who witnessed it with every token of approval. The scenery painted by Mr. James Hicks was said to be deserving of the highest praise, and the cast was an unusually strong one, including such names as Harry Nicholls, Arthur Dacre, Theo. Balfour, Henry Renouf, Charles Dodsworth, Alma Stanley, and Louise Moudie. The dialogue is considered to be smart and brilliant, and the interest of the story is well sustained from beginning to end.

Its glory has departed, and ere long the place which knew them shall know them no more. The building, which has been the scene of many a solemn and secret conclave by the members of "Mother Kilwinning" during the last 100 years, is about to be reduced and left without form. The old place is not even safe, and it could only have been the hallowed memories that cling to it, in the minds of the members, that caused so many to turn out to "the last meeting in the old lodge room" on Thursday, 6th inst. It must have been a similar feeling of regard for the old lodge itself that induced no less than six candidates to present themselves for the "first" at this the last meeting of the old premises. "The honoured place" was filled by Bro. William Scott, D.M., who intimated apologies for absence from Bros. the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, M.P., R.W.V.; Major F. W. Allan, Rev. Lee Ker, and others, who regretted their inability to attend. Instructions were given to Secretary Laurence Matheson to get possession of foundation-stone and plate on the demolition of the old building with the object of preserving same as the property of M.K., No. 0.—Mallet.

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