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A MODEL ADDRESS.

The address which Bro. R. G. PHELPS delivered at the 50th annual communication in June last of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, of which he was at the time M.W. Grand Master, is meritorious beyond the average of similar addresses, and above all is characterised by sound common sense, such as is not always exhibited in these documents. It is of considerable but, having regard to the number and importance of the subjects it deals with, not extravagant length. Though there are many inducements on such an occasion to refer to past events, Bro. PHELPS appears to have contented himself with recording the fact that the Grand Lodge of Iowa was inaugurated in January, 1844, with a roll of four lodges and a total membership of about 100 brethren. Leaving his audience to form their own estimate of the progress which Freemasonry in the jurisdiction had made in the interim, he passed on at once to deal with those matters which had been brought under his cognisance during the past 12 months. He congratulated the brethren on the prosperity and peace which prevailed throughout the lodges generally. There had been, he said, few complaints against lodge officers, and on investigating such complaints as had been referred to him, he discovered either that no offence had been committed, or at most that the officer complained of had been guilty of some slight error of judgment. No lodge charter had been arrested, and in the very few cases in which he had been appealed to to arrest a charter, it turned out that misunderstandings had arisen among the members, and hence the election of candidates for membership had become impossible. On this the Grand Master offers the following remarks: "A brother is disappointed because a friend is not received into the lodge, and he straightway forgets the brothers he has in his desire to obtain another; forgets his vows and duty to his lodge; forgets that every brother has the same right of individual choice that he has, and his heart turns to revenge, and he decides that there shall none join that lodge until he has forced in the one rejected. Such a brother ought to do Masonic penance until he feels the ingrowing of a truer spirit, one that respects his own rights by recognising the rights of others, one that remembers there is no one person who is essential to the existence or welfare of Masonry, and that while others may have faults which he should forgive, he himself is mortal and needs constant self-restraint." It has before now happened in our English lodges that the same cause has produced the same effect in the shape of serious dissensions among the members, and it is because nearly all cases of indiscriminate blackballing or rejection of candidates have been invariably attended with disastrous results that we commend these remarks of Bro. PHELPS to the serious consideration of our readers. It is useless for Provincial Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary, or other exalted officers to be continually urging upon brethren the necessity for exercising caution in the acceptance of candidates if the moment any brethren act upon that advice and reject one whom they conscientiously consider undesirable or unworthy, the friends of the rejected candidate turn round and retaliate by blackballing all subsequent applicants for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

As regards lodges that have become so reduced in numbers as to be scarcely able to fulfil their appointed duties, Bro. PHELPS offers two very reasonable suggestions—(1) That a decaying lodge, seeing that at all events it has the advantage of being already constituted, should move to a neighbourhood which is without a lodge, but is desirous of becoming the head-quarters of one. This he considers is far better than that the new locality should be provided with a new lodge and the old one left to die. Or (2) That a weak lodge should unite with its nearest neighbour, both lodges becoming stronger by the amalgamation. In Iowa it seems that new lodges are not sanctioned, even by dispensation "for temporary work," unless it can be shown that they have or will have at least 15 members on the roll, and Bro. PHELPS argues, with considerable force from the American point of view, that what is not sanctioned in the case of a proposed new lodge should not be sanctioned in that of an old lodge. Under our constitution we manage things differently. A proposed lodge must consist of at least seven members, and when the number is less than three the warrant becomes, *ipso facto*, void and must be returned to the Grand Master. But the principle for which Bro. PHELPS contends is the same, and we dare say that it would be a great advantage to the Craft in Iowa if the weaker lodges in that jurisdiction were given the option on the one hand of removing to some new locality or uniting with some neighbouring lodge, or on the other of surrendering their warrants in the event of their being unable to recover a portion of their lost strength within a certain reasonable interval of time.

Among the other matters to which Bro. PHELPS pointedly refers are several which would not be likely to evoke any strong feelings among English Masons

in favour or against the suggestions he offers, the most prominent amongst these being the question of non-affiliates, about which we of the English Constitution do not concern ourselves. We hold that a man is as free to leave our ranks as he is to join them, and with the exception that the Book of Constitutions resolves that a non-subscribing Mason shall not visit a lodge more than once in 12 months, there the matter ends. There is, however, one point which is fully as interesting to us as to the American brethren. Bro. PHELPS would advise "each lodge to form a lodge history, in which shall be gathered together and reported, and kept, the story of the lodge and its members. The older and larger bodies of the East are now trying to write their chronicles with difficulty and surmises. Many are the queries which might have once been made and kept plain if only they who were of us in the earlier days, and whose voices were a part of the melody of the past, were not now voiceless." And he adds: "I would recommend that each lodge shall provide itself with a book in which shall be recorded the principal events in the lodge history and transactions." We presume by this that he intends something beyond the ordinary minutes, which are the official records of a lodge's history, but which do not as a rule contain much beyond the bare details of the work done and the members constituting the lodge from year to year. But whatever his meaning and intent may be, Bro. PHELPS is on the right track when he suggests that every encouragement should be given to the compilation and preservation of lodge histories, provided always that the privacy of private lodges is respected.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A special meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 3rd instant, for the purpose of resolving upon an address of congratulation to H.R.H. the Grand Master on the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York with H.R.H. the Princess Victoria of Teck; and also to present a complimentary address and purse to Bro. the Rev. Charles Henton Wood, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., on his retirement from the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, the duties of which he had most faithfully discharged during the past eight years.

In the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., Bro. Earl Ferrers, Bro. S. S. Partridge, the D.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. Toller, P.D.P.G.M., as D.P.G.M.; the Hon. Paulyn F. C. Rawdon Hastings, P.S.G.W.; E. P. Steeds, P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, P.G. Chap.; G. Oliver, P.G. Treas.; W. J. Freer, P.G. Reg.; E. Holmes, P.G. Sec.; E. J. Wilkinson, P.G.D.C.; W. G. S. Rolleston, P.G.S.B.; T. S. H. Ashwell, P.G. Std. Br.; and R. R. Blackwell and W. Bramley, P.G. Stewards.

The following were also present—

Bros. Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; J. T. Thorpe, P.P.S.G.W.; C. E. Stretton, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Young, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Jessop, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Colman, P.P.G.R.; W. M. Williams, P.P.G.R.; W. W. Vincent, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Taylor, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; F. B. Wilmer, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; C. K. Morris, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; J. Harrison, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Knight, P.P.A.G.P.; T. B. Neal, W.M. 523; A. Fergusson, W.M. 1391; A. Lawrence, I.P.M. 523; H. Howe, I.P.M. 1391; W. H. Scott, P.G.O. Lincolnshire; J. Clifton, S.D. 279; S. F. M. Stone, J.W. 1560; R. Pratt, M.D., J.D. 1560; J. J. W. Knowles, J.W. 1007; R. P. Keates, S.W. 2428; H. J. Blakesley, F.R.C.S., I.G. 1560; J. Bond, 279; S. P. Pick, 279; W. Hunt, 279; J. Hallam, 1391; G. Tovey, 1391; E. R. Fox, 2081; J. Smith, 2028; and others.

Numerous apologies for absence were received, including one from Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER, who expressed the regret of himself and the brethren at the enforced absence of the Prov. Grand Master.

The following address to the M.W. Grand Master was most heartily and unanimously approved, and the Prov. Grand Secretary requested to forward it in due course:

"To his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c.,
&c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"May it please your Royal Highness,

"The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, the Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Master, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, and the Worshipful Masters, Acting Wardens, and Brethren of the several lodges in the province, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire humbly to express to your Royal Highness the delight all feel as brethren of the Order in the approaching nuptials of

his Royal Highness the Duke of York, K.G., &c., &c., &c., and the Princess Victoria, &c. (May). We beg you, Sir, on our behalf, to assure her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of the loyalty and respect entertained by us towards her person and throne. Her Majesty has achieved a long and glorious reign, and we pray that the Great Disposer of Events may grant her many further years of unclouded happiness. To yourself, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and to H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, we trust that the approaching marriage may bring unalloyed satisfaction as well as brightest hopes for the future. To the bride and bridegroom we wish long life and happiness, and we pray God to bless their union; and ever to maintain the Royal house of England in honour and prosperity, and the affection of a united people.

"Dated at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, this 3rd day of July, 1893.

"FERRERS, Provincial Grand Master.

"W. KELLY, Past Provincial Grand Master.

"S. S. PARTRIDGE, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

"E. HOLMES, Provincial Grand Secretary."

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER then proceeded to present an address with a purse of money to Bro. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W., on his retirement from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. In graceful terms, he expressed the gratitude of the province to Bro. Wood for the splendid services he had rendered to the Craft during the past eight years, and the universal regret of the brethren, that failing health, compelled him to relinquish the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary.

He then read the following address:

"To the Worshipful Brother, the Reverend Charles Henton Wood, M.A., P.M., Past Provincial Grand Secretary, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Leicestershire and Rutland—

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"The brethren of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, being desirous upon the occasion of your retirement from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, of marking their high appreciation of the great services rendered by you to the Craft in the province, and, as a small token of their fraternal regard, request your acceptance of this address, with the accompanying testimonial, consisting of a purse of money.

"In thus recognising your highly valued services, the brethren desire to record their testimony of the conspicuous zeal and ability displayed by you in the affairs of the province, especially to the efficient and admirable manner in which you have discharged the onerous and responsible duties of your office during the long period of eight years.

"Although retiring from active official labour in the province, it is fervently hoped that the Most High will long preserve your life; that for many years you may attend the gatherings of the brethren, and that they may have the benefit and advantage of your great experience and sage counsel.

"Signed on behalf of the subscribers,

"S. S. PARTRIDGE, Chairman.

"E. HOLMES, Secretary.

"Freemasons' Hall, Leicester,

"3rd July, 1893."

In reply, Bro. Wood acknowledged in feeling terms the great help he had received in the discharge of his duties as Prov. Grand Secretary from all ranks of the Craft, and said that failing health alone had compelled him to relinquish the work. He accepted with the deepest gratitude the tokens of esteem from the brethren, and thanked the brethren from his heart for them. He asked that the same good feeling which had been manifested to him, should be continued to his successor, and said how glad he should be to give any assistance in his power to any member of the Craft.

The greatest interest was manifested by the large number of brethren present, in the whole of the business, and special regret was universally expressed at the enforced retirement of Bro. Wood.

The closing of Provincial Grand Lodge terminated the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The first meeting of the recently formed Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Wednesday, 12th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C. The Prov. Grand Master, Col. A. B. Cook, presided, and among the visitors was the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master. There were also present Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Deputy Prov. G.M.; Fred. Mead, G. Treas.; G. Gardner, P.G.S.B.; Geo. Graveley, P.G.S.B.; Dr. Laurence, P.G.A.D.C.; Wyndham Hart, G.S.B.; A. Stewart Brown, G. Stwd.; W. Fisher, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. Wood, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Klenck, P.P.G. Sec.; C. J. Knightley, P.G.J.W.; G. J. Thomas, P.G. Ov.; Clement Trotter, P.G.D.; T. Clark, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. Handley, P.G.A.D.C.; Hall Brown, P.G.S.B.; W. Dickey, Humphreys, West, Scott, Christian, Davis, and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the Prov. Grand Master, and the officers were saluted. The Pro G.M., the Earl of Euston, then entered the lodge, and was received in due form.

The minutes having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance of £26 11s. 10d., was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. STEWART BROWN proposed the re-election of Bro. G. Gardner as Prov. G. Treas., and the nomination having been seconded by Bro. C. HANDLEY, was carried unanimously.

The following were appointed as the Prov. Grand officers for the year:

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| Bro. Frederick Lawrence | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " John Handley | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " W. H. B. Scott | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " E. W. Davies | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.O. |
| " J. West | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.O. |
| " H. J. Rogers | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " A. Stewart Brown | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " M. Christian | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |

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| Bro. Linzell | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " W. C. Dickey | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " W. J. Fisher | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " Köhler | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " A. W. Humphreys | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " Ric | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " W. Puttick | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " C. P. Bellerby | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| " W. D. T. Turnpenny | ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " Dr. Hartzhorne | ... | ... | ... | |
| " W. Gilbert | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

The following were elected on the Committee of General Purposes: Bros. C. J. Knightley, Geo. Graveley, M. Christian, and J. M. Klenck, while the Prov. Grand Master appointed the Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary to act in addition.

During the meeting the Provincial Grand Master presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge a handsome sword which had been carried before Bro. Henry Irving when he played the part of "Richelieu," and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., presented the banner for Provincial Grand Lodge, both gifts being suitably acknowledged, and votes of thanks being passed, on the proposition of Bro. GARDNER, seconded by Bro. LAURENCE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was subsequently closed, the brethren dining together at the hotel, and honouring the customary Mark toasts.

Lord EUSTON made an admirable speech, congratulating the new Prov. Grand Master on the satisfactory start made by Middlesex as a separate district, and also on the general outlook of Mark Masonry in the county.

In the course of his remarks the Prov. Grand Master said that everything had been satisfactorily arranged with Surrey in connection with the division of the former united Mark Province, and he hoped that success would attend their future efforts.

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON also spoke in congratulatory terms, and added to the general success of the gathering.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

There was a very large gathering of the Craft at Yarmouth on the 13th inst., on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk. Last year the lodge was held at Norwich, and Yarmouth has not been selected in the regular course since June, 1885, although on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Yarmouth in May, 1887, there was a big rallying together of brethren in the ancient borough, and it was then that the foundation-stone of the hospital was laid midst full Masonic pomp and ceremony. Yarmouth, if less central than Norwich, is decidedly popular with the Norfolk Masons, and this popularity was demonstrated on the above date, when seldom has there been such a large attendance of brethren at a Prov. Grand Lodge meeting.

Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. Grand Master, conducted his lodge in the elegant Assembly-room of the Town Hall in the afternoon, when he was supported by Bros. Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master; the Rev. S. F. Creswell, D.D.; W. Harvey, Prov. G. Treas.; F. Burton, Prov. G. Reg.; J. Rust, Prov. S.G.W.; G. Durndell, Prov. G.D. of C.; C. J. Bullen, Prov. G.S.B.; S. Bates Bennett, Prov. G. Org.; H. Buckingham, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; and many Past Provincial Officers and brethren.

During the afternoon the Prov. Grand Master invested the officers as follows:

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| Bro. E. E. Ranson, I.P.M. 996 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " R. T. Ruddock, I.P.M. 313 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. A. W. Collis, 1193 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " E. P. Youell, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Treas. Suffolk | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " F. M. Hobblack, W.M. 52 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " W. G. Barnard, P.M. 943 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " F. C. Havers, I.P.M. 93 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " G. S. Panks, I.P.M. 1741 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " G. D. Deuchar, I.P.M. 213 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " G. E. Theobald, I.P.M. 607 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " Albert Smith, W.M. 100 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " H. A. Dewing, I.P.M. 2237 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " E. J. Parr, P.M. 102 | ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " H. O. Curson, I.P.M. 1114 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " S. E. Richmond, 100 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " A. G. Markham, S.W. 943 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A-st. G. Sec. |
| " R. Francis, I.P.M. 1193 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purs. |
| " A. G. Wright, I.P.M. 1808 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A-st. G. Pur-t. |
| " W. E. Holt, 313 | ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " Henry Newhouse, 807 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " T. J. M. Palmer, 943 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " John H. Skinner, 996 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " F. E. Smith, 1114 | ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " G. C. Maynard, 1193 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " Ephraim Hollidge | ... | ... | ... | |

After the Provincial Grand Master had closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Priory School Rooms, where they donned their Craft clothing and marched to the parish church, where a short special service was conducted in honour of the occasion. There was a large congregation, and the presence of the brethren aroused a good deal of interest.

The pulpit was occupied by Bro. the Rev. Samuel Francis Creswell, D.D., Prov. Grand Chaplain, and at the close of an eloquent and forcible discourse, a collection was made on behalf of the funds for the restoration of the sacred pile.

In the evening a large number of the brethren, hailing from all parts of Norfolk, attended the banquet, which was served in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall, in Mr. J. W. Nightingale's usually excellent style.

The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Suffield, K.C.B., presided, and he was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, many of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and brethren of the Blue.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were honoured with becoming enthusiasm. The other toasts were: "The M.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Suffield;" "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Hamon le Strange, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "The Visitors;" "The Worshipful Masters of the Yarmouth Lodges, Friendship, and United Friends," and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF BRUNT'S TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Mansfield, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when, in response to an invitation from the Trustees of Brunt's Charities, his Grace, the Duke of St. Albans, the Prov. G.M., performed the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new Technical Schools for Mansfield.

The founder of the Charity was one, Samuel Brunt, who died in 1710, and by his will created a trust for educating poor children, natives of Mansfield. Brunt's Trust was some years after considerably augmented by Charles Thompson, and, therefore, a school, known as Thompson's School, was built, and carried on under the management of Brunt's Trustees.

The Trustees being desirous to supply a more varied and higher education, and of a more technical character than that to be obtained at Thompson's School, or the elementary schools, and, at the same time, give it free to the children of the town, applied to the Charity Commissioners for power to appropriate money from Brunt's Charity to provide and maintain a school and generally to re-arrange the Trust, a new scheme was eventually formulated, which closed Thompson's School and established Brunt's Technical Schools. Here, in spite of the fact that free education can be obtained in all elementary schools, accommodation for 100 boys and 100 girls will be provided, who will be able to benefit by a sound and broad system of education, while the Governors have power to charge tuition fees (not less than 6d., nor more than 1s. per week); they are bound to provide not less than 100, nor more than 150 absolutely free places.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall, Mansfield, when the following officers were present:

Bros. Lieut.-Col. William Newton, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; E. M. Kidd, P.P.G.T., Prov. S.G.W.; A. H. Bonser, P.P.G.O., Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. W. W. Foulkes, P.P.G.C., Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. H. T. Hayman, Prov. G. Chap.; W. F. Bromley, P.P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Treas.; S. Pegler, Prov. G. Reg.; Arthur Stubbs, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; John Townrow, P.P.G.D.C., Prov. S.G.D.; G. S. Fish, P.G. Stwd., Prov. G.S. of W.; G. W. Dominy, P.G. Stwd., Prov. G.D. of C.; F. C. Parker, P.P.G.P., Prov. A.G.D.C.; William Sibley, P.P.G.P., Prov. G.S.B.; E. N. Elborne, Prov. G. Std. Br.; George Essex, P.P.G.C., Prov. G. Org.; J. P. W. Marx, P.P.G.D.C., Prov. A.G. Sec.; S. Ironmonger, P.G. Stwd., Prov. G. Purst.; John Linney, Prov. A.G. Purst.; Geo. Clarke, John Allsopp, R. B. E. Ogle, R. C. Brown, and H. Bonser, Prov. G. Stwds.; John James Turner, Prov. G. Tyler; and James Dooley, Prov. A.G. Tyler. Amongst others were: Bros. Judge William Masterman, P.M., Past Grand Steward England; Wm. Archbold, P.P.G.W.; C. G. Wragg, P.P.G.W.; H. George, P.P.G.W.; R. C. Wills, P.P.G.W.; J. T. Spalding, P.P.G.W.; Rev. James Farmer, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. F. W. Boot, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. W. Dolphin, P.P.G. Chap.; E. C. Patchitt, P.P.G.T.; A. Lawson, P.P.G.T.; A. J. Butler, P.P.G.T.; G. H. Hibbert, P.P.G.R.; R. C. Sutton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Robert Evans, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. White, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. A. Bolton, P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Gascoyne, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Salisbury, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Sansom, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. T. Ingram, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Hobson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. G. Bonser, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Fisher, P.P.G. Purst.; and a numerous attendance of Past Masters and brethren of the province.

The regular business having been transacted, the P.G.M. adjourned the lodge, a procession was formed in the usual Masonic order, and preceded by the Mayor and Corporation of Mansfield, the Chairman and governing body of the school, and the band of the Mansfield Volunteers, proceeded to the site of the building.

The Mayor of Mansfield, Bro. D. S. Patterson, was presented to the Prov. G.M. by Bro. G. H. Hibbert, P.P.G.R., as also were the Chairman, Mr. R. M. Watson, and Governors of the school.

The CHAIRMAN having fully explained the origin and object of the school, requested the Prov. Grand Master to lay the foundation-stone, and presented him with a silver trowel for that purpose.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER delivered the following address: Mr. Watson, men, and brethren,—I am certain that those who have come here to support me on this occasion will share with me the interest with which we have listened to the very able report which you have just read, and will re-echo the wish that you have expressed that this school may add a bright future to Mansfield. I have always found it very difficult to realise what technical education is, or rather what technical education is not. It enters into the creation of a pat of butter that rests on our breakfast table, and also into the manipulation of those forces, those wonderful forces of electricity, which are now opening out before mankind. I asked the distinguished Chairman of technical education to give me his explanation, when he told me with that aptitude which your distinguished neighbour, the Duke of Devonshire, always brings to bear, that it meant the union of the mind and the hand, the marriage of mental craft with handicraft, and, as he put it, practical science. Over 2000 years ago the chorus of Antigone of Oeschylus sang of the wonders and power of man over the beasts and the fishes of the sea which had reduced the fishes of the sea to his nets, the birds of the air and the beasts to his will. In these days, if the powers of man had to be enumerated, what a much more wonderful thing would have to be sung. How we have annihilated space and land, how we have crossed the waters, how medical skill and great manufacturing forces have been brought to assist the good of mankind, while even the air itself seems as if it mu t bend to the will of mankind. England

up to this time has held almost the foremost place in the productions of the world, but other nations press us hard, and, as in running a race, if a man stops he is soon distanced, therefore, I say if we are to hold our own not only in the world, but in our own country, we must teach the rising generation how that best is to be attained. You cannot but be struck if you go into one of those palace hotels which adorn London, to find the cooks French, the waiters Germans, the manager and porter Swiss, and only the guests and housemaids English. We must fit our youth if they are to hold their place; if they are to stand at the head of matters to fill the places in our country, which are offered in our numerous industries, in our offices, and other positions. Under these circumstances it has given the Craft and myself great pleasure to be present here to-day, and to accept the honour which you have done me in requesting me to lay this first stone. It is impossible for me to place before non-Masonic bodies our secrets, but let me tell them that the outward and visible sign of Masonry is the encouragement of Charity and the advancement of education.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then declared his will that the stone be laid in Masonic form, and addressed the assembly as follows: Men and brethren, here assembled to behold this ceremony, be it known unto you that we be the lawful Masons—true and faithful to the laws of our country—and engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, *concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets* which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to erect a school for technical education, which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him; and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. W. WYNNE FROULKES, then offered prayer.

The stone was raised, and Bro. ARTHUR STUBBS, Prov. Grand Secretary, read aloud the following inscription on the plate: "This foundation-stone was laid by Rt. Wor. Bro. Duke of St. Albans, Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, on July 12th, A.L. 5893."

Bro. W. F. Bromley, P.G.T., having deposited in the stone a bottle containing certain records of the school, copies of the daily papers, and a programme of the day's proceedings, the Prov. Grand Secretary placed the plate, face downwards, over the top. Cement was spread over the stone, and the Prov. Grand Master levelled it with the silver trowel.

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

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

The Prov. G.S. of Wks, Bro. G. S. Fish, then presented the plans of the building to the Prov. Grand Master, and having been examined by him the Architect of the School, Bro. Robt. Evans, P.P.G.S. of Wks., was presented by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and his Grace handed the plans to him together with the working tools which had been used, and desired him to proceed with the completion of the work in conformity with the plans and without loss of time.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. H. T. HAYMAN, then pronounced the blessing.

A vote of thanks to the Prov. Grand Master was proposed by Bro. J. PAGET, seconded by Bro. J. H. WHITE, P.P.G.D.C., and carried with acclamation.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem by the whole assembly, accompanied by the band.

The procession was reformed and headed by the Prov. Grand Master, and returned to the Town Hall, where Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE INGLEWOOD LODGE, No. 462.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Penrith, on Thursday, the 13th inst., but previous to the meeting, a new Mark lodge, named the Inglewood, No. 462, to meet at Penrith, was consecrated by Bro. Col. Sewell, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.G.D. of England, P.P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.A.G.D.C. of England, P.S.G.W.; H. Hartley, as P.J.G.W. Rev. G. B. Armes, P.G. Chap.; James Gardiner, P.G. Stwd. England, P.G. Sec., as D.C.; and other members of the province. The elements of consecration were duly applied by the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the new lodge dedicated to Mark Masonry in a most impressive manner.

During the ceremony an able oration was delivered by Bro. ARMES, P.G. Chap., on the antiquity, beauty, and Charitable purposes of Mark Masonry, which was highly appreciated.

The three principal officers designate were Bros. Rev. Wm. Cree, W.M.; Dr. S. Farmer, S.W.; and John Thompson, J.W.

Previous to the installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. Dalrymple was invited to the chair, and advanced five candidates to the honourable Degree of M.M.

Bro. Cree was then presented by Bro. Dalrymple to Bro. Jas. Gardiner, and duly installed W.M., and invested his officers.

Bro. THOS. ATKINSON, P.M. 229, P.S.G.O., delivered the customary addresses.

When we look at the Beacon Hill above the ancient town of Penrith, being a part of the "Inglewood," the name of the new lodge is most appropriate, and add one verse that the writer composed more than 30 years ago in reference to the "Beacon":

What chances and changes your summits have seen,
Wild strife round your basements and valleys I ween;
The raid and the foray, again and again,
Not half your traditional records remain.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Col. Sewell for having consecrated the new lodge.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The roll of lodges and Prov. Grand Officers were called, the former being all represented, but a few of the latter tendered their apology.

Bro. COLLIN, P.G. Treas., read a statement of accounts, which showed a balance of nearly £60, and they were passed as read, and Bro. Collin was again, on the motion of Bro. Col. SEWELL, seconded by Bro. DALRYMPLE, unanimously elected P.G.T., and the following brethren were invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the year, viz.:

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| Bro. E. G. Mitchell, P.M. 151 | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " H. Hartley, P.M. 216 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. G. B. Armes, W.M. 216 | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " J. J. Little, P.M. 282 | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.O. |
| " Dr. Chas. Gore-Ring, W.M. 452 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.O. |
| " Rev. Wm. Cree, W.M. 462 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " John Nelson, W.M. 421 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. of M. |
| " J. C. Thompson, P.M. 282 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " Geo. Starkey, J.W. 213 | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " B. C. Waller, 195 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " H. Bewes, 151 | ... | ... | Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " Thos. Annison, W.M. 151 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " Jos. Purser, 282 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " Dr. S. Farmer, S.W. 462 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " W. Heathcote, S.W. 216 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " John Thompson, J.W. 462 | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| " J. P. Bennett, 229 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " J. M. Clarke, M.O. 213 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " E. Jackson, J.W. 216 | ... | ... | |
| " Wm. Shaw, M.O. 216 | ... | ... | |
| " G. E. Cartmell | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " George Smyley, Tyler 462 | ... | ... | |

The four members of the Committee of General Purposes were re-appointed, and Bro. WALLER, P.J.G.D., moved as a recommendation to the Prov. Grand Master, that the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge be held at Kendal, which was supported by Bro. T. A. ARGLES, P.M. 195, S.G.D. of England.

The Provincial Grand Officers were presented with their certificates. Bro. DALRYMPLE moved, on behalf of Bro. Broadbent, that 20 guineas be voted from the Provincial Funds to his Stewardship on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was seconded by Bro. Rev. G. B. ARMES, and unanimously agreed to.

The D.P.G.M. then said he could not allow the Provincial Grand Lodge to be closed without saying a word in reference to the state of the province and Mark Masonry in general. It could not be but a fact patent to all that that beautiful Degree had become a power in their province and in the land, and perfect harmony prevailed; and they were now a province of 10 lodges, all doing good work, and the new lodge that had been consecrated that day he felt the utmost confidence for its future welfare.

The following were also present: Bros. Bewden, 452; G. Brooker; J. Richardson, 60; H. D. Cook, P.P.G. Org.; James B. Thwaites, 462, who has taken a great interest in the Degree being established at Penrith; J. Pearson, 462; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined at the Crown Hotel, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

STEWART LODGE, No. 1960, INDIA.

The By-Laws of "Stewart" Lodge, No. 1960, meeting at Rawal Pindi (in Winter) and Murree, in the Punjab, have been revised, in fact, renewed, and duly confirmed in open lodge, on August 6th, 1892, as well as by the Deputy District Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master, in due course. There are 38 pages of printed matter, devoted not only to the Regulations, but various interesting and important subjects, which render the brochure of considerable value and utility.

As my lamented friend and Brother, Henry Josiah Whymper, C.I.E., was a founder of this lodge, one of its most devoted members to his decease, and assisted in the preparation of the above, to many of us (especially those connected with the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076), this able compilation will be doubly valued, and all particulars of its scope and character cannot fail to be eagerly read by a large circle of Masonic students at home and abroad.

The introductory sketch is by the zealous W.M., Bro. Captain J. H. Leslie, R.A., and mentions the fact that the lodge is named after the late R.W. Bro. Anthony Stewart, P. Dist. G.M.; the first meeting being held on December 27th, 1881, by dispensation, and the warrant is dated February

9th, 1882. "It naturally suffers from a want of continuity in its members, a difficulty well nigh impossible to meet, with the ever changing conditions of Indian society, both civil and military. Nevertheless it succeeds in holding its own in the district." It has done more than these words suggest, for it has become one of the foremost lodges in India, but evidently Bro. Captain Leslie would rather keep well within the bounds, whilst claiming a rightful position for No. 1960.

Reference is made to the distinguished brethren who belong to the "Stewart," such as Bro. W. G. D. Massy, C.B. (known as "Redan Massy"); Bro. R. W. Sartorius, C.M.G.; and F. J. Aylmer [Capt.], recipients of the coveted Victoria Cross, and to Bro. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E., "one of the best known authorities of the day on all branches of Masonic literature, and a member of the Inner Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, E.C.," now, alas! no more.

Then follows an excellent reproduction of the warrant, signed by Lord Lathom, as the Dep. G.M., and bearing the unusual words, "N.B.—This Lodge has special permission to meet at Murree during the summer months, *Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.*," and also an artistic facsimile—in colours—of the lodge banner, which makes a handsome addition to the contents. The by-laws are well arranged, and form a very suitable code, as complete and comprehensive, as also strictly Masonic in aim and spirit, that they cannot be much improved upon, if any. They seem to me all that is needful or desirable, and one or two of the rules might well be generally adopted.

The particulars concerning the "Punjab Masonic Institution" are both opportune and welcome. It is a development from an "Education Fund" of the Lodge of Hope, No. 782, which was merged in the foregoing, after the formation of the District Grand Lodge in 1869. In 1873 four children were elected as benefactors, and in 1892 there were 16 boys and 24 girls (*total 40*) on the Fund, with an invested capital of some 80,000 rupees. There are only 22 lodges in the district, so it shows what can be done by earnest and kind-hearted Craftsmen. The interesting article is by the R.W. Bro. E. Woodall Parker, Past Dist. G.M., who rightly terms this "a grand Charity," and pays a well deserved tribute to the "Stewart Lodge;" the members and the lodge having contributed the handsome sum of over 16,000 rupees to the Punjab Masonic Institution in 11 years. Jewels have been awarded the Stewards since 1886, and No. 1960 has been presented with five gold, five silver, and two bronze, besides a special jewel to the W.M. in 1891 by the District Grand Master, an unprecedented distinction. It is also a pleasure for one to record the fact that No. 1960 sent a Steward (Major F. A. Bowles, P.M., &c.), to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 1893, with £86 6s., so that whilst their own local claims are attended to the Central Masonic Charities are not forgotten.

The roll of presiding officers from 1882 to 1893 in No. 1960, and then the list of the members from its foundation to January of this year, exhibiting the names of the founders, as well as past and present subscribers, form two useful tables. There is also a register of the members of the "Stewart," who as such have held office in the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, alike honourable to all concerned.

To me the most interesting portion of this very readable pamphlet is the article by my lamented friend, Bro. H. J. Whymper, on "The Lodge Library," who introduces the subject as follows:

"A lodge library, containing standard works, forms an excellent means to assist the student in the acquirement of Masonic knowledge. It must always be difficult, in the first instance, for a novice to know which books have been written on numerous Craft subjects, and which of these books to read. It is hoped that as this lodge grows older, its own library (with due care and support) may afford all such information to its members. For the present it will suffice for the purpose to state briefly what books a young Freemason ought to read."

Bro. Whymper wisely begins with the by-laws of the neophyte's lodge, and the latest edition of the *Book of Constitutions*, following the recommendation with Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry," and remarks that "If he does this, he may be left alone—he will know enough." Should this great work "frighten the novice," Preston, Hutchinson, Ashe, and Calcott are suggested, with the addition thereafter, of Anderson, especially the edition of 1738, and any issue of Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon" (English publication), by which means "the young Mason will have a very fair knowledge of the Masonic literature of last century."

If more information is needed, mention is made of Fort, Findel, Lyon, Hughan, Lane, Woodford, Sadler, and "Kenning's Cyclopaedia," with Dr. Mackay's *Encyclopedia*, and the *Fraternity Company's "History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders,"* Bro. Whymper stating that "there is hardly any question which cannot be solved by a reference to the last three on the list."

The catalogue of books is not a large one, but well and carefully selected, with a view to include as many valuable works as possible in the choice collection. The "Quatuor Coronati Lodge" publications are complete, save volume one of the "Masonic Reprints," a copy of which would be highly appreciated by the members, if any brother is moved to present such to complete the set.

Forms for candidates, joining members, &c., to fill in, conclude this able production, which has been handsomely printed in a style that cannot be excelled. Ten only have been printed on vellum and tastefully bound in morocco, one each being presented to our beloved Grand Master; H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, R.W. Bro. E. W. Parker, P.D.G.M. Punjab Library of the Grand Lodge of England, R.W. Bro. Col. C. F. Massy, Dist. G.M., the lodge library, the W.M., two Past Masters, and myself. I value my gem of a booklet immensely.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE CITY OF ADJECTIVES.

It seems as if all the adjectives in the English, and some other languages, would be called into service to describe the city of Chicago, as it is now. The Windy City, the White City, the Fair City, the Exposition City, the Wonderful City, the Marvellous City, the International City, the Extortionate City, the Congress City, the City of Assemblages, Meetings, Music, Shows, the City of Crowds, the Dear City—thus will all the adjectives be exhausted to designate Chicago.

If these words, used with a noun, to express or qualify Chicago, or something attributed to it, or to limit or define it, or to specify or describe Chicago as distinct from some other city, then Chicago may be called the adjective city.

The gathering of people to see, what is called in popular parlance, "The World's Fair," is, like all other excitements, often greater in anticipation than in realisation.

All sorts of expedients have been adopted to gather the people. Probably every scientific, every sociological, every moral, industrial, artistic, ismatic, and schismatic theory or notion, is each clothed in the garb to attract the curious.

No wonder then that many people will go to Chicago to see "The World's Fair."

Those voracious chroniclers who indite impressions or paint expectations are overworked in the line of correspondence.

Women's meetings, the proceedings of which are so much like men's conventions, the rush to get seats, the oratory, the contentions, debates, and resolutions, odd as they are, make attractive reading. In these meetings the "previous question" is not in order.

There is such a plethora of association, assemblages, speeches, music, fault-finding, criticisms, that it is difficult to imagine what is not to be seen and heard at this "Fair City." The "hotel keepers" and the "hack drivers" have not yet had a meeting of their respective vocational congresses. Wait a while, till these meetings take place. Any woman who can get to the adjective city will find something to charm her active desire to see the curiosities. What is to be the outcome of all this looking, and seeing, and hearing, is yet to be determined.

The adjective city is just now excited by the contention between the "moral" and the "curious" people.

"Open" or "shut" is the great subject for discussion and debate at meetings and gatherings. "Side shows" are in favour of one side, the outside, while the "inside" fear pecuniary losses.

The adjective city has wonderfully diverse attractiveness. This may all be very well for those who have time and money to spare to "go and see." But it is a very serious question if any real substantial benefit will result to the great interests of the people, the State, or this century. The excitement which surrounds this gathering of the visitors is likely to create an unsettling of that sober-mindedness of the young and old of this generation. The Americans are staid, reflecting, and conservative citizens. The influence of all this unrest, the love of mere curiosity, the indulgence in the excitements of the "World's Fair," the money getting and the money losing, the costs, the expenses, the greed, the gain, the extortion, by whatever name these features of this Fair may be known, are causes, that like all causes, must have their effect.

Then, too, in these meetings of all sorts and for all purposes and all classes of objects it is not probable that solid instruction can be obtained by their proceedings which will augment the total of human knowledge, prosperity, or happiness.

The atmosphere of such varied excitements is not the best to induce the healthful growth of solid knowledge. So much may be said, and so little may be of real worth, that the final result of all this is yet problematical. These suggestions have been occasioned by the report that a "Masonic Congress" is to meet in this adjective city. A Masonic Congress it is called. Most likely this is a mistake. It is sincerely to be hoped it is. That the calm, conservative, unimpressible, ancient, and honourable Fraternity of Freemasons should be carried away with the contagious excitement that causes so many meetings of so many profane organisations should have the effect of arousing the Masonic Fraternity is sorrowful. What could have induced the Freemasons to gather, for what, and now, at Chicago is an enigma. The Craft cannot be represented by any such meeting.

If it is a voluntary meeting of Masons even then it is unfortunate. What good can result is not understood. The evil or mischief, if any, will be known by and by. So the Freemasons are adjuncts in manufacturing notoriety for this adjective city.

The Temple of Solomon is not there on exhibition. The principles which Masonry teaches and asserts have no tyled home there. The silence and secrecy and obedience which stand eternal in the portals of Masonry, like the dove from the ark, are ever looking for a place of rest and repose. The adjective city has no such place.—*Keystone*.

TOO MUCH MASONRY.

If there were more nights in the week, or more days in the month, or we could stretch the years a little, a man might be able to attend to all of his duties as a Mason, and find a little time to make the acquaintance of his family, or attend to his daily avocations. But the calendar will not admit of stretching, and the days are only 24 hours long, and the weeks have only seven days in them. The months have a fifth day or two, which it would seem would be given up to some pleasant duty other than Masonic work, but just as sure as there comes a fifth Monday or Saturday, they are seized upon by the "Trowel Club," "Square Club," or some other organisation for a racket of some kind. These fifth days are boons to the "outside" organisations, for they can be utilised without "interfering" with lodge—or at least hardly ever.

This is an age of organisations. Everything is organised, and a man who is not organised would make a drawing card for a Bowery dime museum.

Every man you meet is an officer in something. Just to satisfy yourself that this is an age of societies, take the directory of any city and see how many "Lodges" there are in it; "Councils," "Chapters," "Commanderies," "Circles," "Castles," "Assemblies, &c., &c., on and on until the mind is taxed to even read the list.

Of course Masonry forms a part of this ever-increasing catalogue. Men owe a duty to society, and society has a right to demand a portion of their time. Masonry has its obligations, both binding and extensive, and a man who enters the Fraternity ought to discharge his duty, but he ought not to undertake more than he can do. Masonry is good, but Masonry will not buy clothes or food, and that man who neglects his business to attend to Masonry is not a good Mason.

Look at what a "thoroughly initiated" Mason has to do, and then see if he does not need a longer lease of life to fulfil all his obligations.

The lodge, which is the foundation of the whole superstructure, meets twice a month. That makes two nights in the month. The chapter meets usually once a month, sometimes twice. The Council assembles at least once a month. The Commandery has its nights. The Lodge of Perfection must do its perfecting one night of each month at least. The Council of Princes is entitled to one night. The chapter of Rose Croix must not be neglected. The Consistory demands a rendezvous one night during each moon. The Shrine attracts for one evening, and the Eastern Star proudly sets up its claim to a little 12 days in the year. To the duty of attending the stated meetings of these various bodies may be added specials, rehearsals, Committee meetings, friendly and fraternal visitations, until a man is bewildered to know what to do in order to accept the "pressing invitations" he is continually receiving to visit "our lodge."

The fact is we have too much Masonry for an ordinary mortal. As we have said, a man who belongs to all the bodies and attempts to discharge his duty to them all, will have his hands full. It is no wonder the fair sex, who are left at home, grumble at the demands the lodge makes upon the time of husbands, fathers, and brothers. These bodies are all right, and each fills an important place, but there is too much meeting. We suppose a man can belong to the whole list from Entered Apprentice to Thirty-third, and attend to one or two, and partially discharge his duty, but it is too much to expect him to be active in all, but we are all so desirous of seeing everything done right that we imagine the bodies are going to the eternal bow-wows unless we have a directing hand in them.

There is a sufficient number in the whole fraternity to divide up the duties. But one man should not attempt, or is it Masonic for him to desire to, monopolize all the offices. How would it look to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge to be Grand High Priest, Grand Master of the Grand Council, Grand Commander of Knights Templar, and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, all at the same time? Would not some of the irons be badly burned? Would he have time for anything but Masonic official duties? This is true of the subordinate bodies, both in official position and in membership. The man who is attracted to the "higher" Degrees may make himself useful there, but he ought not to attempt to get down to the "lower" Degrees and ruin the whole thing. It is too much for him.

Let us discharge our Masonic duties faithfully, and be content to do what we can do, and not mar the beauty of what we can't do, and thereby lose our own pleasure and destroy that of others.—*New York Dispatch*.

ONE FEATURE OF MASONIC CHARITY.

Charity is a many-featured virtue, and in all its forms is lovely and of good report. Masons are, thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, by no means alone in taking it up as a distinguishing portion of life's work. And yet, without any disparagement of the efforts of other institutions and individuals, it is possible, with pardonable pride, to discover some special points of excellence in our Masonic methods of bringing relief to bear upon the great mass of human misery. Not the least of these is the fact, not often reflected upon, that our Charity in general is expended on just that class of the unhappy that is least touched by other agencies, and which, nevertheless, needs help more sorely than any others. Masonry, for the most part, takes under its protecting wing the bitterest of all poverty, that of the sufferer who has known better days. And, without the slightest idea of minimising the misery of the ordinary poverty-stricken one, surely we are at liberty to say that bitter though the bite of the wolf at the door is at all times, it is doubly so when pinching the man or the woman whose previous training has been altogether the worse for facing the frowns of adverse fortune. The coarsely brought up labourer, for instance, hard though his lot may be, suffers little even if he knows not where to turn or a meal, as compared with the anguish of the delicately nurtured lady to whom a reversal of fortune implies being cast adrift on a sea of shame and sorrow that means grief unspeakable. In the one case the daily life has been such that a little more depression is only a shade deeper in poverty, but in the other it means utter and entire helplessness, the sting of which is all the sharper because of the persistent efforts which are made to suffer in silence. As a distinguished divine said lately to a deputation of London's unemployed, "There is often an aching heart under a black coat." It is exactly these aching hearts that Masonry steps forward to soothe. From the very fact of those who have a claim upon us having been members of the Craft, it follows that they must, at some time or other, have been in the enjoyment of the comforts, if not of the superfluities, of life. Amidst these they were trained, and it is not their fault that their training is all insufficient when the ship has sailed upon the breakers of life. Probably a pound is spent with more certainty of doing real good when bestowed upon such as these than if sent to relieve the misery of the teeming thousands of the proletariat. Not that any of our Craft would neglect the multitude if he has wealth at his command, but still we may be pardoned for a little pardonable pride when we reflect that the stream of Masonic Charity goes to water dry places almost untouched by other agencies.—*South African Freemason*.

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To Correspondents.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY OF WORSHIPFUL
MASTERS.

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



SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent
Fund will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on
Wednesday next, the 26th inst. Bro. Col. G. Noel
Money, C.B., Prov. G.M.M. of Surrey, will preside on
the occasion, and the Board of Stewards which will
support him numbers up to the present time about 140
ladies and brethren. This is a smaller Board than we
have known for some half dozen years, but we trust
the efforts of the Stewards both individually and
collectively will result in a goodly subscription.

The Mark Benevolent Fund, though among the
youngest of our Masonic Charities, and of necessity
limited in its operations to the members of the Mark
Degree and their widows and children, is in every way
worthy of support. We have already pointed out—in
the article which appeared in our issue of the 8th inst.
—that this Fund comprises three branches. There is the
Benevolent Fund proper, which administers temporary
relief to distressed Mark Masons and their families,
corresponding with our Craft Fund of Benevolence.
This has an invested capital of £3400, and last year
its receipts amounted to £652 and its disbursements
in relief to £243. The Educational Branch, which
educates and in part clothes 31 children, has a capital
of £2900 with an income and expenditure of £643 and
£453 respectively, while the Annuity Branch, with a
capital of £4300, an income in 1892 of £700, and an
expenditure of £325 provides annuities for eight men
and three widows, the former receiving £26 and the
latter £21 per annum, with a Christmas gift of £5
each to both classes of annuitants.

There is then no doubt as to the substantial character
of the benefits conferred by the Fund, and we trust our
appeal to our Mark readers and their friends will not
be made in vain. Last year, with a Board of about the
same strength as this, the subscriptions amounted to
£1636, but with the exception of the year 1886, when
a Board of Stewards of 109 brethren raised £1534, this
is the lowest total that has been known since 1885
inclusive, and it is about time the Returns showed an
upward tendency.

To-morrow (Saturday) Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.,
and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal
Masonic Benevolent Institution, leave Southampton
for the United States, where they purpose visiting the
International Exhibition at Chicago and other places
of interest under the Stars and Stripes. We wish them
bon voyage, and trust their excursion will be one of
unbroken pleasure. In the event of their being able
to visit any of the Grand Lodges or lodges in the
States, we know full well they will meet with the
heartiest of welcomes from our American brethren,
who will be only too delighted to have the opportunity
of showing hospitality to two such excellent repre-
sentatives of our English Craft.

We gather from the address delivered by Grand
Master Niccol at the annual meeting, on the 30th April,
of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand,
there are now 89 lodges on the roll of that body, many
of which have been founded since 1890, when the
Grand Lodge was constituted. At that time there were
only 41 lodges which adopted the policy of secession,
and as there were then about 150 English, Irish, and
Scottish lodges in the Colony, the seceding bodies
mustered less than one-third of the whole body. Since
then other lodges, warranted by the Grand Lodges in
the United Kingdom, have cast in their lot with the
seceders, the roll having increased to 73 in 1891, to 78
in 1892, and to 89, as aforesaid, in the current year.
As regards membership, it has increased from 1236 to
2193, 2897, and 3090. So far the irregular New
Zealand Constitution has gone on prospering, nor do
we grudge them their success.

But the success of which they are justly proud does
not relieve them of the reproach of having thrown the
whole of Freemasonry in New Zealand into a state of
turmoil in order to compass their own ends. The
general feeling appears to be that in our self-governing
Colonies the affairs of Masonry should be administered
by local Grand Lodges, but to justify the introduction

of any change into the Masonic relations existing
between a Colony and the mother country there ought,
in decency, to be some approach to unanimity among
the members of the local Craft. Here there was
nothing of the kind, and the promoters of the secession
are not absolved by the present success of their policy
from the responsibility of having engendered ill-feeling
among those who differed with them.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria, of which Bro. Sir W.
J. Clarke, Bart., has been again elected Grand Master,
appears to be in a highly prosperous condition. The
general account for the year 1892, which opened with
a balance of £299, closed with one of £287, the receipts
being about £1780, and the expenditure some £12
more. As regards the Fund of Benevolence, the open-
ing balance in hand on 1st January, 1892, was £843,
and the receipts were £1861. The sum disbursed in
relieving 289 cases of distress was £1777 2s. 6d.,
while donations to sundry hospitals, amounting to £50,
raised the total outlay to £1877 2s. 6d., the balance re-
maining in hand on the 31st December last being, in
round figures, £877. We trust that this prosperous
condition of things may be continued for many years.

Yet another has been added to the already formidable
roll of United States Grand Lodges in the shape of the
Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, which held its first annual
communication at El Reno, in February last, under the
presidency of Bro. A. J. Spengel, M.W.G.M. Resolu-
tions of gratitude were passed to the Grand Lodge of
Indian Territory, but more especially to Bro. L. E.
Bennett, its Grand Master, and Bro. J. S. Murrow, its
Grand Secretary, for the services they had rendered in
forming the new body. This new Grand Lodge has on
its roll 11 lodges, and a membership of between 400
and 500. Bro. Spengel is Grand Master, and Bro.
James S. Hunt, Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge
of Oklahoma has our heartiest good wishes for its
future prosperity.

Bro. Spengel has shown sound sense in his decision
on a question that was submitted to him as to whether
a candidate with only one eye, but in all respects quali-
fied, was eligible to be made a Mason. Bro. Spengel
decided in the affirmative, on the ground that it is "the
mental and moral condition" which is "the paramount
requisite of offered material." True, he qualified this
by adding "so long as the physical defect is not so
serious as to prevent the candidate from complying
with the Masonic requirements." But it is something
to have obtained the decision that it is the mind and
morals which are of the chief importance, not whether
a candidate has the regulation allowance of legs, arms,
eyes, &c.

In our account last week of the Masonic career of
our late esteemed Bro. H. G. Buss, P.G. Asst.
Sec., we omitted to state that he was a founder and
Secretary (or Treasurer), from its foundation till the
year 1879, of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293.

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,

My attention has been called to a letter in
your last issue, signed "T. B. Whytehead," in which
he asserts that the members of the Colonial Board
seem to be shovelled into office simply for the sake of
office, and with no special view to their qualifications.

This statement is altogether inaccurate. Under the
Constitutions three members are appointed by the
Most Worshipful Grand Master and seven are elected
by Grand Lodge. The three appointed by the M.W.
G.M. this year were V.W. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C.; W.
Bro. Brackstone Baker, and myself. Bro. Baker is
universally acknowledged to possess great Colonial
experience, and I owe, no doubt, my appointment as
Chairman of the Board to the fact of being Past
Master of a Colonial lodge and long resident in the
Colonies.

Of the seven members elected by Grand Lodge
the Vice-Chairman is P.M. of two Indian lodges, and
during a long succession of years joined and worked
in four district lodges, besides being a member of an
Australian lodge of some distinction.

Bro. James Balfour Cockburn is P.M. of a Colonial
lodge, and was long resident in the Colonies. Bro.
Lennox Browne has been many times at the Cape, and
is P.M. of the Empire Lodge, founded expressly to
receive Colonists on their visiting this country.

It is true that one brother of considerable Colonial
experience, to my regret, was not re-elected on the last
occasion by Grand Lodge.

It is absolutely incorrect to infer that the work of the Colonial Board is performed in a perfunctory manner. All matters referring to the Colonies are submitted to the Board, and are most carefully considered.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE D. HARRIS, P.G.D.,
Chairman of Colonial Board.

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should be glad if any brother could give me some definite answers to the following queries about which there appears a diversity of opinion.

1. Is a Provincial Grand Officer permitted to visit any lodge in his province without invitation?

2. Has he any authority when visiting a lodge, if he observes anything wrong, or un-Masonic, has he power to speak on the irregularity or in any way to interfere, or is the purple of no more authority than the blue?

I am myself of opinion that a Provincial Grand Officer, particularly a *present* one, has such authority, but I should like to see the question thoroughly decided.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

PLUMB RULE.

CHARITY JEWEL FOUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A Charity jewel found at the beginning of this month has just been handed to me for the purpose of discovering its owner, if possible.

If the brother who lost it will communicate full particulars and description to me that I may satisfy myself he is the owner, I shall have much pleasure in restoring it.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. STACEY, 2374.

7, Staniforth-road, Walthamstow.

July 19.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1033] A CURIOUS JEWEL.

Impromptu on receiving from my friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, a rubbing of a curious R.A. jewel (found in some ruins at Exmouth), owned by Bro. Harry Perry, P.M. 106:

Three arches, roughly drawn, unfold
The plain intent—the destin'd use.
The hand that form'd it, shaped the ore,
And gave it moral shape, is still.
The mind no longer works its mystic bent
Within the halo of a chapter's spell,
Yet lives once more to-day! And, as we know
How little learn'd, and dim our keenest sight
To solve the mysteries of life and love,
We pause as Moses did, and bow the head,
For now, whereon we walk is holy ground.
A message from the past comes fresh and clear,
A beaming radiance through the symbols shine!
They tell us how, when faithful work is done
The good we strive for may, enshrin'd above
Be gently dropp'd, unseen, where it may live
A stronger life, and never die! Thus speaks
This jewel of a by-gone troublous time,
When men put trust in God. The voice is sweet
And plaintive, yet it thrills our very soul!—
"Tis heav'n-sent joy that breaks through sorrow's
tears!"

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

[We are not able to give an illustration of the jewel, and therefore depart from our usual rule with regard to contributions of verse to our pages by inserting Bro. Riley's graceful effusion].

PRESENTATION TO BRO. B. FOLSOM.

The members of the Sheffield Masonic Club met on Friday evening, the 14th instant, to take leave of Bro. B. Folsom, the retiring United States Consul, who has been an honorary member during his residence in Sheffield, and has taken great interest in the club.

Bro. J. F. Moss, P.M. 296, P.P.G.D., presided, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bingham, J.P., P.M. 296, P.P.S.G.W., occupied the vice-chair.

After dinner, the PRESIDENT, in the name of the members of the Club, handed to Bro. Folsom a parting gift, in the shape of a silver tea and coffee service of exquisite design, in Queen Anne style, and tray—beautiful specimens of Sheffield art workmanship. The service bore no inscription save the letter "F," but along with it was handed to Bro. Folsom by the Vice-President an illuminated record to the following effect: "Sheffield Masonic Club, 14th July, 1893.—To Bro. Benjamin Folsom, United States Consul.—The members of the Sheffield Masonic Club, in asking you to accept a silver tea and coffee service on the occasion of your leaving Sheffield, wish to place on record their high appreciation of your many excellent qualities, and of your sterling worth as a man and as a Freemason. The esteem and affection with which you are regarded are such that whatever distance may divide you from Sheffield in the years to come, you will often be present in the thoughts of those who have enjoyed your society in this fraternal circle. None can more fervently wish you and yours every blessing which the Great Architect of the Universe may be pleased to vouchsafe than those whose names are appended hereto."



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The above grand old centenary lodge held its installation meeting on the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Matthey, and Bro. G. A. Gordon, 1100, was elected a joining member, and Bro. Littlewood passed. Bro. G. B. Davies, P.M., then, by request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and installed Bro. A. Deans, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair. Bro. Deans appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Matthey, I.P.M.; W. J. Barnes, S.W.; W. A. Anson, J.W.; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Hutton, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Russell, S.D.; A. McQueen, J.D.; G. B. Davies, P.M., D.C.; H. Jacobs, A.D.C.; B. J. Hancock, F.C.O., Org.; J. A. Bailey, Asst. Org.; and A. Cleall, P.M., James Quick, John Horne, and G. Dennison, Stwds. Bro. Davies then recited the charges admirably, and was accorded a vote of thanks for his excellent working of the ceremony. Bro. Matthey was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, and Bro. Hutton 10 guineas for services rendered to the lodge for some years past as Treasurer, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant, and among the other brethren present were the following: Bros. W. P. Applebee, P.M.; G. W. Reed, P.M.; N. Brown, P.M.; H. Guice, P.M.; J. K. Blakey, P.M.; C. Jolly, Hon. P.M., and P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; and a numerous body of the lay brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. C. J. Clapham, W.M., and Dr. E. Bryceson, S.W., of 913 G. H. Taylor, W.M., W. Lawson, S.W., and W.M. elect, H. Tufnell, J.W., S. E. Southgate, P.M., G. H. Porter, S.D., and H. Garland, of 700; T. Hastings, P.M. and Treas. 829, and P.P.G.T.; B. C. Curtis, W.M., J. Glading, S.W., J. Delo, J.W., and C. Stamford, of 1472; J. Bilton, W.M., and J. Lee, S.W., of 2399; W. Sayle Edwards, W.M., and E. Sinnett, J.W., of 1539; Sidney Horton, S.W. 706; G. Dunstan, 1949; A. Knoblanck, 392; W. Brickford, 1185; and F. Korb, 33.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," saying that among the list of toasts to be proposed, that was the most important one of the evening. They had seen a little that day in the lodge, and that evening at their social board, of what their esteemed W.M. was capable of, and it would give them an idea of what they might expect of him when, at the commencement of their winter session, he assumed the reins of government as Master, the working Master of their lodge. Under his rule their grand old lodge would glide into the harbour of prosperity, and his year of office would be a red letter one in its history, famous as it was for its pure and unsullied traditions and its good workings. He asked them to drink the toast heartily, and wish Bro. Deans a happy and prosperous rule.

The W.M., who was received with great cheering, said, in the course of a lengthy and brilliant speech, that he had not words sufficient at his command to thank them for their kind reception of his name, so eloquently put by their esteemed I.P.M. They had honoured him by placing him in the chair of the grand old mother of every lodge in the district. They had been in existence for over a hundred years, and in a hundred years' time, when they were departed, a W.M. would, as he had been that day, installed in the chair of the Union Waterloo Lodge, and so he trusted for many hundred years to come the grand old lodge would go on and hand down to posterity its record of good deeds, and its unblemished charter to succeeding Masters from generation to generation. He came into office with a roll of 119 members, and felt sure that if the brethren would only support him, the sunshine of prosperity would so beam upon the lodge, that instead of as now, having the handsome balance in hand of £130, he would be enabled to hand over to his successor a largely increased and handsomer balance than he had that day received at the hands of his predecessor. He again thanked them for their generous reception, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to secure the continued prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Installing Officer," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," &c., and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Madame Florence Logan and Miss Gwendoline Martin, Bro. E. C. Cell, and Mr. Hengler contributed ballads and part songs, and Bro. A. Cunningham played violin solos. Bro. Hancock presided at the piano.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—One of the most successful meetings of this lodge took place at the regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 6th inst. The W.M., Bro. John Niven, in honour of the Royal wedding, had invited the brethren, their wives and sisters, to take tea with him and Mrs. Niven at the lodge rooms. The brethren in goodly numbers attended the duties of the lodge at half-past six, and the ladies assembled at half-past seven o'clock. The invitations, as might have been expected, were generally accepted, and the arrangements for the happiness of the guests were carefully carried out by the W.M. and his better half.

Amongst the members of the lodge who attended to support the W.M. during the evening were Bros. S. A. Auty, P.M., Chap., as I.P.M.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as S.W.; John T. East, Treas., as J.W.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; Chas. H. Ellis, S.D.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., as J.D.; Robt. S. Hird, as I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. E. Harris, S. of W.; John W. Bland and John A. Drake, Stwds.; Richard Harland, John Harland, Albert Gwaine, John J. Whitaker, John Morton, R. J. Marsland, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Durant, W.M. 1648;

A. T. Akeroyd, P.M. 1432, P.P.G.D.C. Salop; Jas. Tilley, 600; Henry Waddington, Sec. 603; and A. Sellar, P.M. 414, P.P.G.D.C. Berks.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. On the motion of the W.M., a resolution was unanimously passed adopting a telegram to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., conveying the hearty congratulations and fraternal greetings of the W.M. and brethren on the marriage that day of H.R.H. the Duke of York and the Princess May.

In due course the W.M. received the following telegram from the Grand Master:

"Marlborough House.

"To Worshipful Master Lodge Acacia, 2321, Masonic Hall, Bradford.

"I sincerely thank you and brethren for kind congratulations.

"ALBERT EDWARD."

The lodge by-laws were read, and the recommendation of the lodge given to a petition on behalf of a daughter of a deceased member for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Notice of a proposition of a candidate for initiation and apologies from several absent brethren were tendered.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the reception room, where the ladies had already assembled.

After a substantial tea had been discussed, under the able presidency of the W.M., the usual loyal toasts (including "The Royal Bride and Bridegroom") were given from the chair.

"The Visitors" was ably proposed by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., the senior P.M., who, on behalf of the lodge, gave the ladies and also the visiting brethren a very hearty welcome. He referred to the fact that the members of the lodge had entertained their lady friends on previous occasions, but that was the first time the brethren had been joined by the ladies on a regular lodge night; the W.M. had found the Royal wedding a peg to hang the invitations on, and it was very gratifying to see such a goodly number of visitors present, and he hoped they would all enjoy themselves.

Bro. F. W. Durant, W.M. 1648, responded on behalf of the visitors, and stated that it was a pleasing duty to acknowledge the generous hospitality of the W.M. He (Bro. Durant) looked upon the gathering that evening as somewhat of an innovation, but it was nevertheless a splendid innovation worthy of imitation, and he complimented the W.M. for having had the distinction of being the first W.M. amongst the lodges in the town to have invited the ladies to join the brethren at refreshment after the duties of the lodge, and he was delighted to see that the experiment had been so eminently successful.

"The W.M." was ably proposed by Bro. Durant, W.M. 1648, who expressed the pleasure it had given him and his wife to accept the W.M.'s invitation that evening, and he gladly undertook the duty and privilege of submitting the toast of the W.M.'s health. He had, as a visitor, from time to time with much interest watched Bro. Niven's progress step by step until he had reached the chair of the lodge, and he was glad to know that the W.M. was so highly esteemed by the brethren.

The toast was very heartily received.

Bro. Niven, W.M., in responding, tendered his warmest thanks to the brethren for the very cordial manner in which the toast of his health had been received. He was proud to preside over the lodge, and since his installation he had been waiting for a fitting opportunity for inviting the ladies to join them at refreshment. This had been most opportunely furnished by the fact of the Royal wedding occurring on the day of the regular meeting of the lodge, and he accorded to the ladies a most hearty welcome. He was glad to see them present on such an auspicious occasion. When he first suggested this gathering it was by one or two discouraged as an innovation and out of order. He had, nevertheless, persisted in it with such a happy result that he sincerely trusted that the innovation would become a precedent, and that all the future Masters of the lodge would, on suitable occasions, give the brethren pleasure by inviting the ladies in like manner to join their assemblies. He had no doubt that the ladies were alike curious to know something of their secrets, and he thought he might, perhaps, disclose to them this much, that the brethren acting up to the secrets or principles, they, as Masons professed, were calculated to be better husbands, better men, and better members of Society. The W.M. concluded by inviting all the ladies and brethren to a garden party at his residence the following Saturday.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

Bros. Auty, Wilson, Tilley, Harland, Waddington, Akeroyd, and Harris, and several of the ladies contributed to promote the harmony of the evening by music, songs, and recitations.

The Worshipful Master's garden party, at Osborne House, Clayton, on Saturday, the 9th inst., was well attended by the brethren and the ladies, who spent a very enjoyable afternoon. The Host and Hostess spared no pains to promote the pleasure and comfort of their guests.

HAMPTON COURT.

Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).—The third installation meeting of this flourishing lodge—the junior lodge in the province—was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Saturday, the 15th inst., when the steady progress made during its short career was found to be maintained, and a happy augury given for its continuance. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. W. Lee, W.M., supported by Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., S.W.; B. Forster, P.M., as J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., Treas.; Geo. R. Langley, P.P.G.D., I.P.M., Sec.; W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. W. Castle, S.D.; C. Frien, P.M., I.G.; S. H. Latham, D.C.; J. G. Galbraith, jun., S.W.; W. T. H. Mayer, P.M.; J. J. Newland, H. W. Weston, Mus. Bac., C. R. Cutler, J. Dams, M.D., and others. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Roberts, P.M. 1293, P.P.G.W.; V. Orchard, W.M. 1293; J. Ellinger, W.M. 2222; W. Martin, P.M. 871; J. Lightfoot, I.P.M. 1901; E. A. Francis, P.M. 1833; G. Pritchard, I.P.M. 9; J. G. Garson, P.M. 1691; R. Hearnsum, P.M. 167; D. McNish, S.W. 1902; H. J. Gardiner, J.D. 1261; H. Yates, I.G. 2395; B. H. Dames, 449; Nash, 1558; Holden, 60; and J. A. May, 1901.

The minutes were confirmed, and the balance-sheet, showing substantial balances on the General and Benevolent Accounts and no amounts due to the lodge or liabilities outstanding, was received and adopted. It was unanimously

resolved that in future the installation should take place at the September meeting. Bro. Arthur Blenkarn, P.M., S.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by the retiring Master. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Geo. W. Castle, S.W.; H. Hooper, P.M.; J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., Treasurer; Geo. R. Langley, Prov. S.G.D., Secretary; Chas. Fruen, P.M.; S.D.; S. H. Latham, J.D.; J. G. Galbraith, jun., I.G.; J. J. Newland, D.C.; H. W. Weston, Muc. Bac., F.C.O., Org.; C. R. Cutler and B. Foster, P.M., Stwds.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and briefly acknowledged.

The lodge was closed, and after an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were given.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Prov. G.M., in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said the W.M. had, in proposing it, almost exhausted its reply. In the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master they had two very good Masons, who were backed up well by the executive officers. The Grand Officers were a body of men who were loyal to the Craft, and their sole object was to advance its prosperity. As he should not have another opportunity, he should like to say one word as their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and express the pleasure it had given him to visit that lodge and see it was prospering so well. He thought the reasons it was prospering were, first of all, the harmony that seemed to exist among the members, and, secondly, the splendid working of the officers. He had noticed a very good thing in the opening of the lodge, which was to make the subordinate officers answer for themselves, and state why they were so pleased. He did not think he had ever heard the ritual rendered better, or with more force and intelligence than by the I.P.M. that evening, and the W.M. had invested his officers in an excellent manner. If the members would rally round the W.M. and give him all the support they could, not only in finding new work, but in doing their duties thoroughly and well, and in continuing to work in harmony, there was a bright future before the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said their newly-appointed Prov. Grand Master had given good promise of a great future, and they hoped to see him amongst them evincing his interest in Freemasonry. The name of Bro. Thrupp, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was a household word in Middlesex as the very essence of a Mason and a gentleman.

Bro. Dr. H. W. Roberts, P.P.G.W., in reply, said the working in the lodge that night had already been referred to by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who took a keen interest in Freemasonry, and who would doubtless make a good report to the Prov. Grand Master of what he had seen. The Bushey Park Lodge possessed such good officers that a spirit of emulation would necessarily arise among the members to keep up the character it had already gained. The Prov. Grand Officers would be at all times happy to visit them, and, speaking personally, he hoped to visit them again in the future, and find that the junior lodge in the province had set an example to some of the older lodges.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by the I.P.M., who observed that the lodge was indeed fortunate in possessing a Master of the calibre of Bro. Blenkarn. That brother had already filled the chair of an important London lodge in a praiseworthy manner, and was therefore not new to the duties of his office. Bro. Blenkarn was moreover known and respected in South London and Metropolitan Masonic circles, a fact which was testified to in a substantial manner at the election of the Board of General Purposes, when he was elected third on the list of Past Masters. That was a remarkable tribute to Bro. Blenkarn's popularity and Masonic qualities, and as the W.M. of their lodge for the ensuing year the members could confidently leave its high reputation in his hands.

Bro. Arthur Blenkarn, W.M., said he had one of the most difficult tasks to undertake in returning thanks for his own health, for words would not flow as smoothly as he should like. The I.P.M. had alluded to him in a very kindly manner, but he could only say that whatever he took in hand he tried to make a success. He could not do anything more, and as a result his friends seemed always pleased to see him. He had to thank a great many brethren for their kind support at the election for the Board of General Purposes. His success was not so much due to his own popularity, as alluded to by the I.P.M., but to the efforts of many of the brethren sitting round the table that night. He was not going to enumerate them, but only say he was sincerely thankful to those who assisted in placing him third on the list of Past Masters. His position as Master of the lodge was somewhat unique, as for the first time in the history of the lodge there was no initiate for the newly-installed W.M. It was probably due to the fact that when he was helping to found this lodge he did his best to support it with members. They had not, however, established themselves as a lodge for the purpose of getting any quantity of initiates. They wanted a happy family party, and quality not quantity. They were now a very happy family, and he hoped would long remain so. As the W.M. he would do the best he could to support the lodge in a continuance of its steady progress.

"The I.P.M." having been given in cordial terms by the W.M. and duly acknowledged,

"The Visitors" toast afforded the occupant of the chair an opportunity, of which he readily availed himself, to offer a hearty and fraternal welcome to the visiting brethren present.

Bros. V. Orchard, J. Ellinger, Walter Martin, Dr. Garson, and D. McNeish replied, thanking the lodge for the hospitality extended to them, and expressing their appreciation of the admirable working witnessed.

In submitting "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. said that since that lodge was started it had done wonders for the Charities. Bro. Langley was second on the Middlesex list when representing the lodge at the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with 200 guineas, and the I.P.M. at the recent Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys took up £100, by far the largest amount contributed by any Middlesex Lodge. He (the W.M.) intended serving as Steward for the Girls' School, making a strong appeal to the members to excel any previous effort they had made.

Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M., responded, and, as the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, asked the assistance of the latter in securing the election of a very deserving case for the Boys' School.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was next given, and

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D., in reply, said it was a great gratification to him, as the father of the lodge, to see the success which had attended it and its present high position. The pleasures of the evening had been considerably enhanced by the fact that he had seen his son install his successor, whilst another son occupied the position of junior member of the lodge.

Bros. G. W. Castle, S.W., and B. Forster, P.M., acknowledged "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast announced the conclusion of one of the most successful and enjoyable gatherings yet held by this lodge.

During the evening Bro. G. Pritchard, P.M., gave several of his well-known humorous sketches, and other musical items were rendered by Bros. Nash, Fawkes, and W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Bro. H. W. Weston, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., the Organist of the lodge, presided at the piano-forte.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 14th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. J. A. Macnab, W.M.; W. Davey, S.W.; A. B. Booty, J.W.; R. G. Howson, P.M., Chap.; G. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; W. P. Bell, Sec.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; F. D. Gass, D.C.; Wm. Child, Tyler; H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler; R. H. Walters, I.P.M.; T. A. Marsh, P.M.; Thos. Lawrence, P.M.; F. Smith, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. W. Lowe, and Max Blume, P.P.G. Org., P.J.G.W. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Holland, P.M. 1891; E. A. Robinson, 1891; J. E. Wilkinson, P.M. 1891; P.P.G.P.; C. C. Trim, 50; W. E. Tindall, 1248; and J. C. Malcolm, 306, P.P.G.R.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a communication was read from Grand Lodge that the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., had been appointed Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire. A ballot was then taken for Bro. C. C. Trim, 50, as a joining member, which was declared unanimous. Bro. Lowe, F.C., was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., Bro. Macnab, who performed the ceremony most admirably, Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., Treas., giving the charge.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when Bro. John Haynes was duly installed W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. H. Leake, assisted by Bro. J. Duncan, P.P.G.D.C.

Among the numerous brethren present were: Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; W. Savage, P.G.T.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Geo. Harradon, P.P.G.T.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. Patterson, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Thos. Salter, P.P.G.D.; A. Kirkpatrick, P.P.G.S.B.; T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G.T.; R. Warriner, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Bucknell, P.P.A.G.D.C. Staffordshire; J. R. Day, W.M. 1094; J. Pittaway, P.M. 1182; C. A. Trevitt, W.M. 2316; W. McLachlan, P.M. 241; W. H. Whittington, P.M. 78; Edwin Kite, W.M. 823; J. Stopford, I.P.M. 1713; J. Fletcher, I.P.M. 1070; W. Griffiths, W.M. 2114; C. Nigel Stewart, P.M. 2374; Hy. Recis, P.M. 1620; Hy. Round, P.M. 1609; J. H. Tyson, P.M. 1182; R. C. Asbery, P.M. 1620; T. G. Marsh, S.W. 78; F. T. Parry, Sec. 1620; and J. B. Antwis, S.D. 697. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. H. Leake, I.P.M.; J. W. Hughes, S.W.; C. H. Eaton, J.W.; J. H. Parker, P.M., Treas.; Edward B. Godden, Sec.; C. G. Beechey, S.D.; George Barrett, J.D.; Hy. Isaac, P.M., D.C.; Frank Isaacson, Org.; J. D. Walsh, I.G.; and George Haynes, Alfred Clough, and Frank Williams, Stwds.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, where a banquet was served, under the personal direction of Bro. T. J. Fletcher.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, being interspersed by an admirable musical programme contributed by the following: Bros. Josef Cantor, S. Kirkham, Ben. Roberts, Edward Grime, Thos. Shaw, C. H. Eaton, Geo. Watson, Frank Isaacson, and others.

In the course of the proceedings the W.M. presented, on behalf of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Leake, as a mark of respect and appreciation of the work during the past year.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 481).—This lodge met on Monday, the 10th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Bro. J. Macphail Bruce, W.M., in the chair.

This being the annual, the lodge was called for the purpose of installing Bro. Frederick Turnbull, S.W., W.M. elect, who had been unanimously elected at the June meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, about 100 being present in lodge. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and there being three candidates for initiation, they were duly balloted for, elected, and initiated by the W.M. The W.M. elect was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. E. Turnbull, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., by Bro. C. B. Ford, P.M., D.C., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a most impressive and able manner in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering over 30. On being placed in the chair of K.S., the W.M. invested Bro. J. M. Prince as his I.P.M., and the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Cornwall Smith, S.W.; J. A. Stelling, J.W.; J. Spearman, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Turnbull, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Leonard Nixon, S.D.; Joseph Sutton, J.D.; C. B. Ford, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D. of C.; R. F. W. Liddle, P.P.G.O., Org.; A. Kinghorn, I.G.; Tom Tickle and Robert Plumpton, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. J. M. Bruce, in a most impressive manner, then delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren.

The Worshipful Master announced that instead of the usual annual banquet, there would be an excursion, or picnic to Ripon, Studley Royal, and Fountain's Abbey, on the following Wednesday, the 12th inst., and he cordially invited as many of the brethren, with their wives and families, as could make it convenient to accompany him. The party, which numbered 80 or 90, proceeded by saloon

carriages to Ripon, where brakes awaited to carry them to the Unicorn Hotel, where a splendid cold luncheon was provided by Bro. Evans, the worthy host of that ancient hostelry, who, with his wife, did all they could to make the visitors comfortable. Studley Royal and Fountain's Abbey were then visited, and a photo of the group was taken by Mr. Watson, at the Old Abbey. The weather was all that could be desired, and a most enjoyable day was spent, and at six o'clock the party returned to the Unicorn, and did full justice to a capital dinner, returning by express, leaving Ripon at 8.45, and arriving at Newcastle at 11.30, all expressing their delight at having enjoyed a grand day's outing.

PRINCETOWN.

Benevolence Lodge (No. 666).—The annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Wesleyan School Room, when Bro. Richard Baker, W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. C. H. Cooper, P.M. and Sec. 105, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Stapledon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Holdstock, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. H. Johns, P.M.; H. A. Caunter, P.M.; J. H. Weekes, P.M.; W. H. Gray, P.M.; E. Ellis, P.M.; C. Whiter, P.M.; and W. Male, P.M.

The ceremony of installation was very impressively and ably performed by Bro. E. M. Ellis, assisted by Bros. Male and Holdstock. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Weekes, I.P.M.; A. Rowe, S.W.; Thomas Balkwill, J.W.; T. Robinson, S.D.; S. J. White, J.D.; W. Male, Treas.; E. M. Ellis, Sec.; J. W. Buckner, Org.; D. Stawt, I.G.; W. Holdstock, D.C. and Charity Steward; J. Harris, Chap.; R. Blatchford and W. G. Johns, Stewards; and T. E. Knapman, Tyler. Bro. E. M. Ellis was elected to represent the lodge at the Committee of Petitions.

At the close of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Duchy Hotel, where a capital banquet was provided by Bro. A. A. Rowe.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with songs rendered by Bros. Robinson, Knapman, and others.

Bro. Dr. Strickland, P.M. 140, Malta, entertained the brethren by relating some of his experiences in foreign climes.

Letters expressive of regret at being unable to attend the meeting were read from Bros. Major Tracy, P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.S.; and the Masters and Wardens of the Tavistock Lodge.

SHEFFIELD.

Wentworth Lodge (No. 1237).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. A. E. Drury, W.M.; C. Stokes, S.W.; M. J. Dodworth, J.W.; T. E. Barker, Sec.; T. Rowbotham, Asst. Sec.; Thomas Frith, S.D.; W. Cole, J.D.; J. A. Rodgers, Org.; Thos. Green, Stwd.; Thos. Leighton, Tyler; E. E. Holiday, P.M.; Isaac Eyre, P.M.; J. P. Hewitt, P.M.; F. S. H. Wilson, P.M.; John Broadhead, P.M.; Fearnhough, Wetherell, Hutchinson, Johnson, Senior, Shearstone, Sissons, Walker, W. Slater, W. Slater, junr., H. M. Slater, Whiteley, Beck, Fisher, Ward, Hastings, Adrain, and C. Barker. Visitors: Bros. Isaac Ellis, P.M. 296; H. E. Mayger, W.M. 1386; J. J. Parker, J.W. 2268; and H. R. Hayles, S.D. 757, Bombay.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, Mr. Wm. Froggatt was admitted to the mysteries and privileges of the Craft in a very impressive manner by the W.M., the working tools being also explained by the W.M. In the absence of Bro. A. E. Kirkham, I.P.M., the proposition standing in his name—"That a carved wood frame be purchased at a cost not exceeding ten guineas, to hold the names of the Past Masters of this lodge from the time of consecration in 1868"—was proposed by the W.M., and was carried. The W.M. announced that designs for the frame had been submitted, and a very handsome design had been selected by the committee. Bro. T. E. Barker, next proposed "That the lodge be closed in August," which was carried. The ballot was next taken for Mr. Horace Cawood as a candidate for initiation, which proved to be in his favour. Apologies from absent members were read, and the visitors present tendered their "Hearty good wishes." The lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, after which a very happy evening was spent.

The visiting brother from India expressed the great pleasure he had had in visiting an English lodge, and gave every brother present a very cordial invitation to visit Lodge Concord, No. 757, Bombay.

Royal Arch.

Aldersgate Chapter (No. 1657).—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Comps. John Larkin, M.E.Z.; A. B. Hudson, II.; George Kenning, Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.Z., S.E.; George Rawlinson, S.N.; James Shotter, P.S.; G. Couchman, Janitor; Horace Brooks Marshall, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; P. F. R. Saillard, P.Z.; Edward Anderton, P.Z.; and George Hand. Visitors: Comps. Fred. Foss, Mayor of Croydon; J. M. Hodder, P.M. 1572; and S. Whitaker.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Comp. S. Whitaker installed Comp. A. B. Hudson as M.E.Z. The following officers were appointed and invested: Comps. John Larkin, I.P.Z.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.Z., S.E.; G. Rawlinson, S.N.; George Kenning, Treas.; J. Shotter, P.S.; S. F. Staples, 1st A.S.; George Hand, 2nd A.S.; and G. Couchman, Janitor. A valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. John Larkin.

A banquet afterwards took place, presided over by the M.E.Z., when the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

SALFORD.

Starkie Chapter (No. 935).—The regular meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street. Present: Comps. F. W. Lean, M.E.Z.; John Williams, II.; Fletcher Armstrong, J.; E. Meggett, P.S.; W. Craig Royle, S.E.; and a

number of other companions. Visitors: Comps. R. Walker and J. Clulow, 993.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. J. H. Clarke, 325, as a joining member, and declared favourable. Comp. Clarke was then admitted and presented to the Principals by Comp. Royle, S.E. The ballot was then taken for Bros. R. Thomas, 935; T. Wood, 1011; and J. Jackson, 2156, and, being declared favourable, these brethren were duly admitted, obligated, and exalted by the Principals.

The companions having duly honoured the usual toasts, separated at their usual reasonable hour.

SHEFFIELD.

Paradise Chapter (No. 139).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present: Comps. I. Eyre, M.E.Z.; V. G. S. Dearden, H.; J. Robertshaw, J.; F. S. H. Wilson, Scribe E.; W. Middleton, Scribe N.; M. J. Dodworth, Principal Soj.; T. E. Barker, 1st A.S.; C. Stokes, 2nd A.S.; T. Leighton, Janitor; W. H. Brittain, P.Z.; E. Drury, P.Z.; Fred. Cleaves, P.Z.; J. P. Hewitt, P.Z.; G. A. Tandy, A. E. Kirkham, George Wragg, S. Wetherill, A. J. Forsdyke, James Pickering, and J. T. Thompson.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Walker, Bro. Sissons having already been elected, these brethren were exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch in a very satisfactory manner by the M.E.Z., the work in this chapter generally being excellently done and musical throughout. Bro. Albert Davison was balloted for and elected.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to supper, when a very happy evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

DERBY.

Derby Lodge (No. 302).—On Monday, the 10th inst., the anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated with great success at the Masonic Hall. The attendance was a good one, amongst those present being Bros. Abraham Woodiwiss, P.G.O. England; Percy Wallis, P.G.D. England; Orme, W.M. Duke of Connaught Lodge; Thompson, W.M. William Kelly Lodge; Holland Rowbotham, W.M. St. Martin's Lodge; John Walker, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Webster, P.M.; J. O. Manton, P.P.G.O.; Edgar Horne, P.P.G.W.; James R. Fielding, S.W. 414; Sep. Stone; and many others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Beadon Woodforde, was duly installed by Bro. Percy Wallis, who performed the ceremony with much impressiveness. Subsequently Bro. Woodforde appointed and invested his officers in the following manner: Bros. Walter J. Piper, I.P.M.; W. Cooper, S.W.; T. E. Yeomans, J.W.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, M.O.; Thomas Henry Harrison, S.O.; W. H. Wheelton, J.O.; J. O. Manton, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. Thomas Orrell, Chap.; C. D. Hart, R. of M.; T. C. Eastwood, Sec.; Raymond Slater, S.D.; W. H. Wright, J.D.; Edgar Horne, P.M., Org.; John Jones, D. of C.; George Sutherland, I.G.; H. Slater, and W. Eaton, Stwds.; and T. Day, Tyler.

After the formal business, dinner was provided by Bro. T. Day, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were warmly received.

"The Health of the new Worshipful Master" was acknowledged with great cordiality.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 11th inst., at the "Frascati," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. A. Becker, W.M.; F. Hewson, S.W.; W. Frieman, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; A. Watson, S.D.; J. Watson, J.D.; M. Burgoyne, I.G.; F. Klein, P.M.; E. J. Gittins, P.M.; Kauffman, P.M.; J. Cizzio, A. Pettit, Lambert, J. Beynon, Forrester, W. Shales, H. Matthews, and J. G. Thompson. Visitors: Bros. J. D. Phillips, 604 (New Zealand); E. Warner, 2265; and W. B. Jeffery, 2021.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Klein answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Klein being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Matthews being the candidate. Bro. Marx worked the 4th Section of the Lecture. Bros. Phillips, Warner, and Jeffery were unanimously elected joining members. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint 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, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. Lamigeon, W.M.; Baker, S.W.; Gellion, J.W.; Thom, P.M., Preceptor; Douglas Smith, acting Treas.; Albert Todd, acting Sec.; Hume, S.D.; Walter Squier, J.D.; Shubbrook, I.G.; Notting, Emery, Solchberg, and Herbert Rollason.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Todd answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Todd being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Albert Todd. Bro. Lamigeon answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lamigeon being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HARROW LODGE (No. 1310).—The first meeting was held at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, on the 13th inst. Present: Bros. Geo. Griffiths, W.M.; Lynn,

P.M., S.W.; Dewson, P.M., J.W.; Weston, S.D.; Zach, J.D.; and West, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hemming, P.M. The Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary being already appointed, they were then invested with the collars of their respective offices. The following were then elected joining members: Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; I. Hemming, P.M. 1287; W. W. Halliday, P.M. 1305; S. Drewill, 2042; C. Muddle, 1563; W. C. James, 141; J. N. Bate, 72; W. Rudrum, P.M. 1977; A. Zache, 1512; R. D. Smith, P.M. 27; J. Emanuel, 1563; R. T. Godfrey; T. Drinsmore, 1425; R. Sandland, 2398; D. Erento, 1744; A. Eady, 1425; J. Ackman, 2331; J. Thom, P.M. 2331; Trott, 1310; H. R. Dewson, P.M. 1310; M. McVey, 1310; T. West, J.W. 1310; G. Griffiths, W.M. 1310; E. T. Lynn, P.M. 1310; H. J. Weston, S.D. 1310; Harris, Treas. 1310; J. A. Hawey, P.M.; Teague, J.D. 1310; J. Rowe, 2191; and Aubery, 1310.

The lodge was called off, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, provided by the host, Bro. Rudrum, P.M. After the usual toasts a very enjoyable and musical evening was spent.

The lodge was called on. The W.M. rose for the first time. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. West, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Bro. Hemming, P.M., the same to be recorded on the minutes, for having so kindly rendered his assistance to the brethren of the Harrow Lodge in the absence of their Preceptor, Bro. Geo. Wood; also that he be elected honorary member of the Harrow Lodge of Instruction." Carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. Stiles, P.M., seconded by Bro. Hemming, P.M., "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded and entered on the minutes to Bro. Geo. Griffiths, W.M. of the Harrow Lodge, for the great amount of trouble he had taken, and congratulating him on the success in having obtained permission from the P.G.S. and G.S. to allow him to allow him to use the warrant of his own lodge for a lodge of instruction in London; also to Bros. West and Weston for the very able manner they had assisted the W.M. in his duties, the same to be recorded on the minutes." Carried unanimously. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Weston, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded, the same to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Rudrum, P.M., for the great amount of trouble he had taken in the welfare of the members of the Harrow Lodge of Instruction." Carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the second and third times. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Cummings, P.M., W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Whiteley, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, Sec.; Reid, S.D.; Powell, I.G.; Craggs, P.M.; Kirkham, Lee, and Bone.

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 lodge was opened to the Third Degree. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Davies, P.Z. 733, M.E.Z. and Treas.; W. Hillier, S.D. H.; J. Cruttenden, 779, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, P.S. 862, S.N.; J. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1602, P.S.; G. March, P.Z. 733; and J. C. Tilt, N. 862.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Tilt being the candidate. Comp. Hillier was elected M.E.Z. for the next two convocations. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

YORK.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—An emergency meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Friday, the 14th inst. The E.P., Sir Knight W. P. Cochrane, was supported by V.E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, V.E. Sub-Prior N. and E. Yorks, P.G. Capt. of Guards England; the officers of the preceptory; and by the following distinguished visitors: V.E. Sir Knights J. J. Wilkes, V.E. Sub-Prior Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed; Col. J. Monks, P.E. Sub-Prior Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed; and J. T. Armstrong, P.E.P. 20.

After the preceptory was duly opened, Sir Knight Whytehead welcomed the visitors in appropriate terms, who, after being saluted, acknowledged the courtesy of the fratres. A ballot was then taken for Comp. Willoughby Douglas Rudyard, 236 (Craft and Royal Arch), and, it being successful, he was duly admitted, obligated, and installed by the E.P., assisted by the V.E. Sub-Prior, the Registrar acting as Sub-Marshal.

Apologies having been tendered by several absent fratres, and the alms collected, the preceptory was closed, the E.P. and visitors retiring under the arch of steel.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

FERSEY.

De Carteret Chapter (No. 108).—The quarterly convocation of this very flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Temple on the 14th inst. Bro. Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier occupied the chair of M.W.S., with Bros. G. M. Robertson, as Prelate; Dr. Le Cronier, 1st Gen.; Fred. Godfrey, 2nd Gen.; Balfour Cockburn, 32, Marshal; and Bois, Raphael.

The chapter having been opened, a ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Manger Richard, P.M. 243, which proving favourable, Bro. Richard was duly perfected, the ceremony being admirably conducted by the M.W.S., Bro. Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier. Bro. G. M. Robertson having been

duly presented by Ill. Bro. Balfour Cockburn, 32, was installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, the appointment and investment of officers taking place immediately after.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren proceeded to Bro. Bree's Hotel, where the usual banquet was prepared. Ill. Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, 31, was present both in chapter and at the banquet.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

George Andrews Conclave (No. 11).—

A meeting of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. N. Brokenshire, S.R.; A. C. Dandridge, C.; John J. Pakes, Sec.; J. G. Volmann, Stwd.; W. W. Wright, V.D.; A. Ball, Sentinel; and several others.

The conclave being opened, Bro. A. C. Dandridge was unanimously elected S.R. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. Andrews was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Ball re-elected Sentinel. A notice of motion was given that the usual P.S.R.'s jewel be presented to Bro. N. Brokenshire, P.G.C., as a slight token of esteem for his valuable services during the year.

The conclave was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments, when the usual loyal and other toasts were honoured.

Royal Order of Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF YORKSHIRE.

The members of the above Order held a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Friday, the 14th inst. The P.G.M., Bro. Rev. W. Valentine, M.A., was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge.

A successful ballot was taken for Comp. Willoughby Douglas Rudyard, of the York Lodge and Zetland Chapter, No. 236, and he was afterwards admitted, obligated, and duly dubbed a knight of the R.S.Y.C.S. The Treasurer's report, showing a favourable balance in hand, was presented and adopted.

Bro. Halliwell was unanimously elected P.G. Treas. The P.G.M. then appointed his officers as follows:

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| Bro. T. B. Whytehead | ... | D.P.G.M. |
| " Col. J. Monks | ... | P.S.G.W. |
| " J. T. Seller | ... | P.J.G.W. |
| " F. W. Halliwell | ... | P.G. Sec. & Treas. |
| " T. J. Armstrong | ... | P.G.S.B. |
| " J. J. Wilkes | ... | P.G. Std. Br. |
| " C. E. L. Wright | ... | P.G. Marischal. |
| " W. H. B. Atkinson | ... | P.D.G. Marischal. |
| " C. Hollander | ... | P.G. Examiner. |
| " T. S. Brogden | ... | P.D.G. Examiner. |
| " W. D. Rudyard | ... | P.G.G. and In. |

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, the brethren afterwards dining together at the Masonic Hall.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Richard Eve, Past G. Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, Alexander Howell, James Brett, C. H. Webb, Geo. Plucknett, H. Massey, Geo. E. Fairchild, George Beech, Geo. Everett, J. Terry, E. Letchworth, J. Percy Fitzgerald, J. S. Cumberland, Robert L. Cummings, Charles E. Keyser, Charles Pulman, W. Russell, William Hollis, J. J. Thomas, and J. Morrison McLeod, Secretary.

After the formal opening business of the meeting, the presentation took place of a testimonial to Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., and Treasurer of the Institution for 20 years.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, in making the presentation, said that a vote of thanks to Bro. Plucknett for his services had been unanimously passed by the Quarterly Court, and a part of the resolution was that the minute recording the vote should itself be engrossed on vellum and presented to Bro. Plucknett. The pleasing duty of presenting it now fell on him as Chairman of the Quarterly Court, and he could assure the brethren that it was a great pleasure to him to ask Bro. Plucknett to accept from the brethren who had such a deep interest in the Institution that expression of their feeling towards a brother who had performed such great duties to the Institution in the past. They felt that he had performed his duties with efficiency and zeal; he had thereby merited their thanks which they felt they could sincerely and thoroughly express. However, they presented some small mark of their appreciation of the kind way in which Bro. Plucknett had acted towards the Institution. In asking Bro. Plucknett to accept that testimonial, he trusted that although Bro. Plucknett was not a young man, he would still take an active interest in the welfare of the Institution. They felt that he still had a considerable amount of grit and stuff about him, and they hoped long to have among them his genial face and his valuable assistance. Bro. EVE then read the address, which was beautifully engrossed in illuminated writing on vellum, and handsomely bound as a book.

Bro. PLUCKNETT, whose emotion prevented him immediately replying, at a later period of the evening, said he must apologise for his feelings not enabling him to make an immediate acknowledgment of that handsome testimonial, but he begged now to tender to the brethren his most grateful thanks for the vote unani-

mously accorded him. He naturally felt that it was not owing to his own merits that he was awarded that testimonial; it was due to the kind feeling which always prevailed in the lodges and in the Institutions. He had belonged to the Masonic Boys' School many years. When he was first elected 40 or 50 years ago to be a Mason, he could remember what very pleasant meetings he used to take part in. But, although at that time they had most agreeable meetings, there was not much benefit arose out of them to the boys or the other Institutions. After Bro. Binckes became Secretary of the Boys' School, he very soon raised the subscriptions, and that good step had been followed up consistently to the present time. There was no one in Masonry had ever done so much in that direction as Bro. Binckes, for he had inaugurated the system by his ability, his energy, and his social qualities. All these tended to produce the magnificent results, which were now regularly attained. In retiring from the position he (Bro. Plucknett) had had the honour to hold for 20 years he naturally felt in his mind a strong hope for the future success of the Institution. He sincerely rejoiced in the success it at present enjoyed. The Institution had the power of being of immense service to the Craft, and the reason that it enjoyed its present success was that Freemasons were quite sure they got value for their money. From his experience of Freemasons he knew that no matter how much money was required, provided the Craft felt they would have value for it, they raised the required amount. He might say in the presence of Bro. McLeod how great was the pride he felt in the success of the Institution achieved under Bro. McLeod's exertions at the latest Festival. They did not yet know the power they possessed in the large subscriptions, but they did know that the Institution had the confidence of the Craft, and that Bro. McLeod had their esteem. He hoped that Bro. McLeod would not work too hard, though they knew it was to him a labour of love. He knew that Bro. McLeod was able to keep up the big subscriptions. He hoped he would raise them for many years, but he (Bro. Plucknett) could scarcely expect to see that result. At the same time the Institution had his most heartfelt wish that it would be so, and Bro. McLeod his most sincere feeling that he would receive the reward of his exertions. He (Bro. Plucknett) would say for himself that he had never regretted being a Freemason, and having the opportunity of becoming connected with men who worked so hard for the Institutions of Masonry. Such co-operation did not exist in any institution in the world.

On the motion of Bro. Major J. E. LE FEUVRE, J.P., Vice-President of the Institution, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, the Court adopted, with slight alterations, the laws relating to the Institution as lately revised by the Board of Management, and submitted to the Council on April 7th and May 26th, 1893. Bro. Le Feuvre went through the laws *seriatim*, and explained them.

The next business was the consideration of a motion by Bro. George Beech, Life Governor, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. Warwickshire—"That the right to the presentation of a properly qualified boy in perpetuity for admission to this Institution, as unanimously granted by the Quarterly General Court of 10th January, 1876, be secured to the Province of Warwickshire on payment to the funds of the Institution of 1000 guineas (£1050); on the same terms as previous agreements of a like nature, and subject to the condition that the presentation shall be available only for sons of Warwickshire Masons."

Bro. Beech had been compelled to leave, and it was moved on his behalf, whereupon Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND opposed it on the ground that Warwickshire was reviving an old motion which they had not acted on for 17 years.

Bro. W. RUSSELL supported Bro. Cumberland, and said it was his opinion that a presentation should not be bought for £1050, as the Institution would lose £10 a year by it.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT said it was done last year.

It was then agreed to strike out the words "as unanimously granted by the Quarterly General Court of the 10th January, 1876."

On the motion of Bro. W. RUSSELL, Prov. G. Treas., Kent, 1000 guineas was altered to 1200 guineas, Bro. J. P. FITZGERALD seconded.

The Court afterwards declared vacancies for 25 boys at the October election, for which there will be 46 candidates.

On the motion of Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G.T., seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., the following motion was carried: "That this Quarterly Court desires to place on record its high appreciation of the excellent manner in which the arrangements for celebrating the 95th Anniversary Festival, at Brighton, on the 28th June last, were carried out by the Secretary, Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, and further, recognising his indefatigable exertions in obtaining the large number of 526 Stewards, which resulted in the magnificent sum of £21,340 being added to the funds of the Institution, tenders to him its expression of sincere thanks."

Bro. BRETT would like the motion to be as they had it in the other Institutions, where a vote of money was embodied.

The CHAIRMAN, however, pointed out that any money vote required a notice of motion.

Bro. McLEOD thanked the Court, and hoped as years went on he would be able to prove, as he had already tried, to deserve the kind words of the motion.

The Court sat for three hours.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' chairs were occupied by Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, and C. J. R. Tijou, Asst. G. Purst. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee attended from the Grand Secretary's office. Among the other brethren who attended were Bros. Wm. Vincent, Charles Dairy, David D. Mercer, George R. Langley, James Bunker, George Graveley, S. V. Abraham, Henry Garrod, Charles Fredrick Hogard, W. P. Brown, A. C. Woodward, George Head, S. H. Goldschmidt, Henry J. P. Dumas, Thomas Minstrell, George A. Read, Charles Sheppard, F. W. Crohn, George P. Carter, Richard W. Fraser, William George Poole, W. Gilbert, C. H. Webb, H. Massey, W. Belchamber, E. M. Money, Thos. Simmons, A. Lefebvre, Thos. Beecroft, R. Perry, H. J. Light, Max Mendelssohn, John F. Jones, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the June meeting, to the amount of £405. There were 26 cases on the new list. These were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Hampton Court, Deal, Boston, Port Louis, Stretford, Gosport, Chingford, Waltham Cross, Singapore, Truro, Constantinople, Newport, Isle of Wight, South Shields, Plymouth, Dartford, Calcutta, and Leamington. In the course of a three hours' sitting, one of these was dismissed, and three were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £565. This amount was composed of six recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and four of £30 each, seven grants of £20 each, four of £15 each, and one grant of £5.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The results of the South Kensington Examination in Mathematics show that the Boys have risen to a higher standard in greater numbers, although there is a falling off in the lower stage and amongst the younger boys. The enforced extension of the holidays for a month at Christmas, coupled with the fact that the candidates in the first stage must now reach the standard of what was last year a first class, has materially affected the result at the Boys' School. Of course, all schools will suffer considerably from this raising of the standard.

The actual results are:

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| First Stage | ... | 11 Passes. |
| Second Stage | ... | 2 First Cases. |
| | ... | 5 Second Classes. |

At all events, the higher work has been done creditably.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE SUTHERLAND LODGE OF UNITY, No. 460.

Bro. T. Edwards, Worshipful Master of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, Newcastle, on Thursday, the 29th ult., signalled his year of office by organising and carrying out a picnic, in which the brethren, their wives, and friends took part. Altogether the gathering numbered upwards of 90 ladies and gentlemen, and was one of the most enjoyable and pleasant which could be imagined. Shortly after two o'clock, four well-filled brakes left the Market Cross, and proceeded through Trent Vale and Hanford to Trentham. The park was driven through, and Trentham Hotel was reached about half-past three, the ride, under most favourable conditions, having been greatly appreciated.

Arrived at their destination, the party broke up into sections, some of the gentlemen engaging in bowls, and the ladies busying themselves in various ways. Many people made the journey by train, and when tea was announced shortly after five o'clock, the company was one of a very representative character.

Bro. EDWARDS, at the close, in the course of a brief speech, expressed his unfeigned regret that the Mayor, himself a Mason, was unable, owing to indisposition, to be present as he had hoped to be. He read a telegram which he had received from his Worship, wishing them success. That gathering, observed Bro. Edwards, was not only a social function, but had a definite object. The proceeds would go to the Masonic Charities. Freemasonry was not a mere form of words or ritual, but was something which, by means of its Charities, did a grand and noble work. He referred with pleasure to the presence of Mrs. Hyslop, and called for three cheers for the Mayoress.

These were cordially given, and the compliment was acknowledged by the Town Clerk, Mr. J. GRIFFITH.

Amongst the brethren present may be mentioned the following office-bearers of the Sutherland Lodge: Bros. T. Edwards, W.M.; T. W. Eardley, I.P.M.; F. Skerrett, P.M., S.W.; J. G. Ainsworth, P.M., P.P.S. G.D.; R. C. Downs, S.D.; J. G. Howson, I.G.; and W. H. Robinson, Assistant Organist.

After tea an adjournment was made to the grounds, where dancing was indulged in on the green, Bro.

Edwards having provided a string band of eight performers. Towards dusk the party again assembled in the large room, where dancing was continued, interspersed with songs and glees.

The glee party was composed of Miss Goldstraw, Miss Godfrey, Bro. Downs, and Bro. Ainsworth, who also gave solos, as did also Mr. Tildesley. Bro. Ainsworth also acted as the hon. sec., and helped in a large measure to secure the success of the gathering.

At 10 o'clock the return journey—by rail—was started, and Newcastle was reached shortly after 11. This was the first picnic which the Masons of Newcastle have arranged, and that it may be the forerunner of many more was the wish, we are sure, of all who participated in a charming outing.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE LODGES IN DEPTFORD.

The fifth annual summer outing of the Deptford Masonic lodges was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of Bro. T. Dawson Leng, W.M. 147.

The party, consisting of about an equal number of ladies and gentlemen, assembled at Waterloo Station, and left for Reading by the 9.38 train, arriving at 11.34, and at once proceeded on board Captain Maynard's steam launch, "My Queen," which was awaiting them at Caversham Lock.

A very excellent lunch was provided on board the launch by Bro. Symonds, to whom the best thanks of the company were due for his untiring zeal on their behalf.

The journey from Caversham Lock to Maidenhead Bridge through the lovely scenery of the Thames was most enjoyable. The beautiful gardens on both banks, together with the magnificent woods in all their various hues with the gaily decked house-boats in the foreground, made a picture which could not probably be surpassed in any country in the world.

At Skindle's Hotel, Maidenhead Bridge, a very sumptuous banquet was provided, to which both ladies and gentlemen did justice.

The chair was occupied by Bro. Leng, W.M. 147, having on his right Mrs. Leng, and supported by Bros. Thomas, Stringer, Greener, and others, and on the left Bros. Pakes, Jones, Fielder, Taylor, and others.

Bro. T. Williams, W.M. 871, occupied the S.W.'s chair, supported by Bros. Dealer, Symonds, Sopit, and others.

Bro. E. G. Bax, P.M. 871, occupied the J.W.'s chair, being supported by Bros. Newell, Walden, Cooper, and others.

After Grace had been said the PRESIDENT, in a very eloquent speech, proposed "The Health of H.M. the Queen," Bro. Newell kindly singing the Anthem in his usual excellent form.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales," Bro. LENG alluded to the recent happy event which had called forth such an outburst of loyalty throughout the land.

Bro. PAKES proposed "The Health of the President, Bro. Leng, W.M. 147," and congratulated the company upon the success of the gathering, which was, of course, due to the popularity of the W.M. of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147.

Bro. LENG, in returning thanks, stated that when he found it was the turn for the W.M. of the Lodge of Justice to preside, he determined to do all that he could to make the ladies and brethren happy, and he was very glad to find his endeavours had met with their approval.

Bro. LENG then proposed "The Health of the Vice-Chairman, Bro. T. Williams, W.M. Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, and Bro. E. G. Bax, P.M. 871," both of whom, he stated, had helped very considerably to make the outing a success.

Bro. LENG next proposed "The Health of the Ladies" in a very happy speech, and stated that as Bro. Pakes was the only unprotected male present, he would call upon him to respond.

Bro. PAKES thanked the brethren on behalf of himself "and the other ladies," but regretted that time would not allow them to express their thanks for the present, or "ask for more" in the future, as a messenger had arrived from the launch stating that the party must start at once to enable them to catch the Windsor train.

The journey from Maidenhead to Windsor occupied about one-and-a-half hours, a slight shower during a portion of the time driving the ladies to the shelter of the saloon, but long before Windsor was reached the rain ceased, and the ladies gladdened the hearts of the brethren again with their presence, and the party landed under the shadow of the noble Castle in time to catch the 8.35 train to Waterloo, thus ending one of the most enjoyable "outings" that has been held in connection with these combined lodges.

WEDDING OF BRO. H. J. MACFARLANE.

On Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Hornsey Rise, with choral service, the wedding took place of Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, of the Mozart and Egyptian Lodges, and Miss Alice Amelia Stevens, the youngest daughter of Mr. Wm. Stevens, of Hornsey Rise Gardens.

The bride, who was attired in a rich cream satin gown, was given away by her father, and a younger

brother of the bridegroom was "best" man. There were three bridesmaids—Miss Stevens, Miss Macfarlane, and Miss Benge. The bridegroom was also supported by three groomsmen.

The full choral service was under the able direction of Bro. H. J. Dean. The anthem, "See what love," was admirably performed by a choir consisting almost exclusively of brethren of the Craft and choristers of Holy Trinity Church, Stroud Green, where Bro. Dean is Organist. This was preceded by the solo, "Be thou faithful," from "Elijah," which was most sympathetically and artistically rendered by Bro. Reginald Groome, of the Mozart Lodge. Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G. Organist, presided at the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Hornsey Rise Gardens, which was largely attended by friends and visitors, who had an opportunity of inspecting the many costly and valuable presents given to the happy pair, amongst which were the following: From the Mozart Lodge, a very handsome spirit stand, presented on behalf of the brethren of that lodge at its last meeting, by Bro. Col. Noel Money, Prov. G.M.; Bro. Thos. Powell, an oak silver mounted writing case; Bro. M. H. Hale, P.M., 27, a chased silver hot water jug; Bro. Horace Reynolds, a silver breakfast cruet; Bro. H. J. Cureton, a pair of unique china vases; Bro. Jas. Hinds, of Coventry, a plush scent casket; Bro. Wm. Pulley, a silver sauce cruet; Bro. Frodsham, a silver fruit dish.

Amongst the guests, who numbered considerably over 50, were Bros. Dr. Lott, Past G. Org.; Reginald Groome, 1929; Thos. Powell, Horace Reynolds, H. J. Dean, H. J. Cureton, Tegetmeier, R. T. West, 1744, and many other distinguished and personal friends of the bridegroom.

After several toasts, which were all given with musical honours, the happy pair drove away amidst the heartiest congratulations and the good wishes of all to spend the honeymoon in the South of England.

UNVEILING A MASONIC MONUMENT AT MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY, TORONTO.

On Saturday, the 24th of June, the Craft of Toronto celebrated the Festival of St. John by a procession and the unveiling of a monument to the Masonic dead, which has just been erected in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Seldom has there been such a gathering of the Craft in this city, and, perhaps, never has the city seen such an imposing procession of the Order. The programme had been under consideration for a long time, and all the preparations were of a thorough character. The city lodges were in sympathy, and the enthusiasm of the members was thoroughly enlisted. The leaders of the Craft were invited to deliver addresses, and nothing had been left undone that could possibly make the event an unqualified success.

The procession started from Toronto-street, and upon entering the cemetery reformed and opened up as the monument was reached, the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, &c., passing through, reversing the original order.

At the monument the Craft were met by the trustees of the cemetery.

Mr. KENNEDY delivered an address of welcome to the "Worshipful Grand Master and Gentlemen of the Craft of the Order of Masons."

Bro. J. M. GIBSON, M.W.G.M., in reply, said: Mr. Kennedy, and Trustees of this cemetery,—On behalf of the Masons here assembled, I desire to return thanks to you for the cordiality of your welcome this afternoon. We have come here, as has been explained to you, for the purpose of unveiling this monument, and formally devoting this portion of your cemetery to the purpose for which it was intended. We know, sir, that you are very proud of this cemetery. I have had an opportunity in another capacity of observing how zealous you are of this cemetery and of all its interests, and how carefully you guard it. You are to be congratulated, to be complimented most highly upon what has been done here for the city of Toronto in the cause of humanity in providing so beautiful, so well-appointed, and in every way so well-adapted a spot as the last resting-place of your dead.

Bro. Rev. W. W. BATES, District Chaplain, then led in prayer.

The quartette sang "All hail to the morning that bids us rejoice."

Bro. H. A. COLLINS, District Deputy Grand Master, said: Most Worshipful Sir, and brethren of the Craft, it must indeed be particularly gratifying to me, as the District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th Masonic district, to see such a large congregation here, not only of the members of the Craft, but of the citizens of Toronto. Referring to the history of the past, he said: "You know that for over 70 years there has scarcely been a place where we could inter the dead. Nay, you will remember it is now 100 years since the first lodge was opened in the city of Toronto, and 80 years ago, my brethren, in the old churchyard of St. James' cathedral, was interred a brother who died in our midst who had lately come on a visit to this city. My brethren, by the generosity of a member of the Craft, whose name is enshrined in the heart, I dare say, of every Mason here, we have now this plot of ground. I refer to our illustrious brother and Past Grand Master, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, who gave this magnificent plot of ground to the Masons of the city of Toronto. He deeded it to the Craft and to R.W. Bro. Bernard Saunders and V.W. Bro. James Spooner, as Trustees, and your board having charge of this plot feel it their duty to perpetuate the memory of those who lie here

by garlanding their graves with those flowers which I hope will ever bloom above their graves."

"Nearer my God to thee" was then sung by the quartette."

Bro. J. M. GIBSON, M.W.G.M., then delivered the following address. He said: Brethren, when some 10 years ago M.W. Bro. Robertson procured this plot, having in view its use for the purposes to which it has been dedicated, he gave evidence of possessing a largeness of heart which we have during succeeding years become quite accustomed to. He displayed good judgment in making the purchase, as well as liberality, and those qualities of mind as well as of heart have become so well known not only in connection with acts of that kind, but in connection with his two years' administration of the Grand Lodge of Canada, over which I preside at the present time as his humble and unworthy successor. Perhaps there are few—I am not sure there are any—on the roll of Past Grand Masters on this continent who are better known and more favourably known than our own John Ross Robertson is to-day. It is a pleasure, indeed, to be present on such an occasion as this, and to see the wide-spread interest taken by the brethren, and not only that, but the kindly and generous interest taken by the ladies and gentlemen whom we see around to-day in such large numbers, I know of no more kindly and more pathetic act that a Mason can be engaged in than in taking care of all that is mortal of his unfortunate brother, who, perhaps without friends, without relations, stranded, perhaps without ambition, or without care as to the affairs of this world, passes away, leaving none to look after his remains save possibly his brother Mason. There is no sentiment which remains more strongly implanted in the bosom of those who are thus unfortunate, those who are, so far as worldly affairs are concerned, entirely without ambition, than the feeling of satisfaction that after they are gone from this world all that is mortal of them will be decently, carefully, and affectionately placed underneath the sod. That is a strong sentiment: we all know it in our nature, that whatever may become of us while we are alive, we look forward to a decent and an appropriate interment. Now when I think of the case of those who are without friends and who happen to die in this community—not members of lodges, because I understand that many of the city lodges have their own burial plots, but members of the Fraternity—who have never been connected with our Masonic lodges in this community, die in penury, in want, and in distress, and are carefully laid away in this beautiful spot in this beautiful cemetery, then, brethren, I think the Masons of Toronto have been engaged in a good and a praiseworthy work. Long may the brethren of Toronto continue to exemplify and practically carry out those principles which we hold so sacred and so dear. I thank you for listening to me so patiently.

Bro. ROSS ROBERTSON, P.G.M., on coming forward to speak, was greeted with applause. He said: My brethren of the Craft and the citizens of Toronto, on this glorious June day, beneath this beautiful Canadian sky, and surrounded by those who sympathise with us in the mission of the Craft, we are assembled to mark with fitting ceremony the unveiling of this hewn column of granite, on which are indented familiar words which indicate our regard and reverence for the dead of the Craft who lie deep down beneath the blades of grass that cover this hallowed ground. The occasion is one that calls but for few words. And were it not that it was deemed specially fitting to mark this event in Craft history, the simple withdrawal of the drapery which clings to this column of granite would in itself be evidence that we, on this summer Festival of St. John, had placed here a memorial that would keep for ever green in our memories the faces of those who are now watching for us on the other shore. While we, as Freemasons, may not be able to claim a direct connection with those who carved and cut the massive stones that stood in that edifice, palatial in magnificence, which stood on Mount Moriah 3000 years ago, we can at least claim kinship with those of later date. May we not look back with pride on those British ancestors of ours, in the Mother Land across the sea, who, under the folds of the great Union Flag of Britain, that symbol of all that is good, have fitted for the whirl of busy life the orphans of the Craft, the sons and daughters of those who sleep in the "tent whose curtain never outward swings," whose greeting in life was fraternal, whose companionship was valued, and whose life-work is remembered in memorials fashioned by the hands of the operative Mason. To-day we are assembled to honour the memory of those who answered the call and entered the valley as they sojourned with us. They were strangers in the land, but they were brethren of our Craft. Others were taken as they climbed into manhood; some left us in the sere and yellow leaf of old age; and all, if not rich in this world's goods, had the kindly hand of the Craft to comfort them as they said their last farewell. All the world over, in the eastern lands, in the centres of civilisation and art, in continental Europe, in our own Britain, in the land south of the lakes, we find memorials of veneration for the dead, whether it be in the parks or squares of the great cities or in the sacred acres where human harvests grow. With this view in mind, we halt for an hour this summer afternoon in the great journey, and under the auspices of the Masonic Monument Association, and by the liberality of the lodges and Freemasons of Toronto, we dedicate this memorial to our comrades who have fallen in the battle of life, and may it forever remain here as a memento of the eternal principles upon which our Craft of Masons is founded—as a link of brotherly love, binding one generation with another, cemented by

that real true fellowship that brightens the path of humanity, and makes every man's life better.

Bro. Robertson then uncovered the plinth of the monument, around which was entwined the Union Jack, and drawing two strings the drapery was withdrawn and the monument exposed to view.

The Zetland Quartette then sang "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

The Grand Honours were given, led by Bro. E. T. Malone.

Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, P.G.M., then said: On behalf of the Craft of Toronto, I hereby hand over to you, W. Bro. Bernard Saunders and W. Bro. James Spooner, this plot to your keeping, knowing that as in the past you have taken care of the plot, you will in future, for all time to come, take care of the plot and this memorial.

Bro. BERNARD SAUNDERS, in reply, said: Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,—During my life I have had many trusts, but none that has given me more pleasure than the trust confided to me, the lot on which we now stand, and I assure you it is a great pleasure to me to-day to see the completion of that trust, as far as man's hand can go, and the work of a brother Mason here to-day; I assure you, I say, that nothing has given me greater pleasure than to know that this trust so far has been completed. I assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that while I hold this trust it shall be respected, and when my time comes to pass away I can only hope that it will go into the hands of those that will take care of it as well and think as well of it as I have done.

The Benediction was then pronounced by the Dist. G. Chap., Bro. the Rev. W. W. BATES.

The monument, which is a tall shaft of grey granite, surmounted by the symbolical globe and the square and compass, rests on a large pedestal of the same material, and the pedestal bears the legend—"In memory of the Craft, by the Freemasons of Toronto, 24th June, 1893," and a little lower down is the inscription—"This burial plot was presented to the Masons of Toronto, 1883, by J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M."

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

The following new lists and additions to lists have been reported since our last issue.

| Lodge | LONDON. | £ | s. | d. |
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| 1614 | Bro. G. H. Foan, new list | ... | 60 | 18 0 |
| 1816 | " H. Sinclair, new list | ... | 21 | 0 0 |
| 1839 | " C. H. Knuth, additional | ... | 11 | 11 0 |
| (making his list £27 6s.) | | | | |

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

Bro. W. Maple's list now amounts to £31 10s.

PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

| Province | | £ | s. | d. |
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| Bro. Lord Amptill, additional | ... | 23 | 12 | 6 |
| (making his list £73 12s. 6d.) | | | | |

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

| Lodge | | £ | s. | d. |
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| 2244 | Bro. H. G. Hipwell, new list | ... | 2 | 12 6 |

DERBYSHIRE.

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| 502 | Bro. D. W. Bardill, additional | ... | 2 | 0 0 |
| (making his list £40-) | | | | |

ESSEX.

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| 2374 | Bro. H. G. Herman, new list | ... | 10 | 10 0 |
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HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

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| Unattached | Bro. Major J. E. Le Feuvre, additional | ... | 5 | 5 0 |
| (making his list £82 18s.) | | | | |

OXFORDSHIRE.

| Lodge | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| 1330 | Bro. Gordon L. Bland, new list | ... | 6 | 2 6 |

SURREY.

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| 1982 | Bro. F. Sydney Smyth, additional | ... | 0 | 11 0 |
| (making his list £114 9s.) | | | | |

The following deductions have also been reported:

DERBYSHIRE.

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| 1739 | Bro. John Hall | ... | 4 | 4 0 |
| (reducing his list to £58 16s.) | | | | |

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

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| 1331 | Bro. T. Greener | ... | 2 | 2 0 |
| (reducing his list to £21 18s.) | | | | |

SUFFOLK.

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| 959 | Bro. A. R. Trew | ... | 1 | 4 6 |
| (reducing his list to £68 15s. 6d.) | | | | |

Obituary.

BRO. TOM MAYES.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Tom Mayes, of the Goldsmith's Arms, Gutter-lane, and Royal-terrace, Southend-on-Sea, an esteemed and much beloved member of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, where he was a regular attendant for many years. Bro. Mayes died at St. Mary Cray on the 14th inst., and was buried in his own vault, whither two children had preceded him, at Manor Park Cemetery. His death was the result of an unfortunate accident which occurred on July 6th on his business premises. Bro. Mayes leaves a widow and baby daughter to mourn his loss.

Death.

CANHAM.—On the 15th instant, at 64, Hackford Road, Brixton, Bro. John Canham, in his 90th year.