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BRO. LAMONBY'S NOTICE OF MOTION.

We do not see how at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 6th instant Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGECUMBE, D.G.M., Acting Grand Master, could have adopted any other ruling than he did in respect of Bro. W. F. LAMONBY'S notice of motion. That notice was, in brief, to the effect that the District Grand Secretaries of certain dissolved District Grand Lodges should forward to our Grand Secretary, for retention among the archives of Grand Lodge, "all books, returns, and documents relating to registrations" formerly belonging to such dissolved District Grand Lodges. On this motion being submitted, the Grand Registrar immediately rose to order, and pointed out briefly, but clearly and unmistakably, that it was not competent for Grand Lodge to entertain such a motion. His first reason for this proposition was that it was not District Grand Secretaries, but District Grand Masters to whom our Book of Constitutions referred specifically as being responsible for the returns mentioned in Article III., and that being so, that Grand Lodge would make itself ridiculous if it called upon the former to do that which they were not legally competent to do. His second, and principal, reason was that, as the said District Grand Lodges had been dissolved, Grand Lodge no longer had jurisdiction in this or any other matter. True, Grand Lodge might call for these returns, just as Glendower was able to "call spirits from the vasty deep," but the point to be considered here is whether the returns, any more than the spirits, would come when it did call for them. It is approaching perilously near to the region of metaphysical discussion when we hear of a brother proposing with all due solemnity that Grand Lodge shall elicit something out of nothing. It is, at all events, in direct contravention of the old Latin adage—*Ex nihilo nihil fit*—and we may, therefore, safely uphold the Grand Registrar when he lays it down absolutely that it would be useless for our Grand Lodge to ask for something it cannot obtain from bodies which no longer exist. Our worthy Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., does not appear to have realised the full force of Bro. PHILBRICK'S advice and suggested that the motion would be in order if the words "District Grand Masters" were substituted for "District Grand Secretaries." We are unable to admit the merit of this suggestion. Is it Bro. EVE'S opinion that these District Grand Lodges will be less entirely dissolved than they have been if application is made for these Returns to brethren who are officially as non-existent as those they appointed, when in office, to be their District Grand Secretaries? Or is it his firm and unqualified belief that a District Grand Master retains a certain amount of official vitality long after the dissolution of his District Grand Lodge? Even if this were so, it will not help us much. Our Grand Lodge will be able to address itself to the District Grand Master, who, according to this theory, is to be found existent somewhere in one of the recesses of Bro. EVE'S most fertile brain; but how will this wonderful District Grand Master, any more than our own Grand Lodge by direct application, be able to obtain returns from a body which everyone allows is non-existent? Moreover, though by Article 80 of the Book of Constitutions "in the event of the death, resignation, removal, or suspension of a District Grand Master, the District Grand Lodge shall continue to exercise its functions," it is nowhere enacted in the said Book—it would be impossible indeed to make any such enactment—that when a District Grand Lodge has undergone the pangs of dissolution—the District Grand Master remains and is competent to perform his functions. On the contrary, Article 81 provides that "a Provincial or District Grand Lodge consists of the Provincial or District Grand Master, the Present and Past Provincial or District Grand Officers," &c., &c., &c. Thus when the District Grand Lodge is dissolved the District Grand Master, as a constituent part thereof, must be dissolved likewise. Therefore, though we have been at considerable pains in providing a variety of pleas in extenuation of Bro. EVE'S thesis, we have no alternative but to revert to the original proposition which the Grand Registrar submitted to Grand Lodge the other evening with all his usual perspicuity—it is no good requesting a dissolved body to do anything. Capable as our Grand Secretary is, he must in the nature of things experience enormous difficulty in addressing an official letter to "nothing," and even if he succeeded in carrying out his part in the programme, our postal authorities would experience equally serious difficulty in conveying the letter to "nowhere"; nor has it yet succeeded in establishing postal communication with Hades, where, as the place of happy departed spirits, our dissolved District Grand Lodges may be supposed to dwell.

As for the other principal contention of Bro. EVE'S, that the notice of motion was in order because the Board of Masters had allowed it to be included in the agenda, we do not attach to it any importance. Let us assume for the sake of argument that, on this ground, it was in order: the difficulties we have already enumerated as arising out of the non-existence of the persons to whom application was to be made would still remain. On

the other hand, if it was not in order, it would not, in ordinary circumstances, have been allowed to appear among the agenda. But in this particular case it has been pointed out that the notice of motion was handed in to the Board of Masters at the last moment, when there was no time to consider whether the motion was a proper one or not. There appears to be no doubt upon this point, and, as it is a reasonable plea in extenuation of an admitted oversight, we see no reason why it should not be accepted. The Board of Masters say—Bro. LAMONBY'S notice of motion should not have been included in the agenda, but it was laid before us at the last moment, when it was impossible to decide whether it was a proper motion or not to be submitted to Grand Lodge. Since our meeting we have come to the conclusion—informally, of course—that the motion ought not to be submitted. We therefore declare it, by the mouth of the Grand Registrar, to be out of order, and invite the Grand Master in the chair to rule in accordance with this declaration. We fail to see how any reasonable brother can object to this plea or to its adoption the other evening by the Acting Grand Master and its endorsement by Grand Lodge. Finally, it has not been shown that the Returns which Bro. LAMONBY proposed to ask for were not made in due course; but, even if they were not so made, it is too late to apply for them now that the said District Grand Lodges have ceased to exist.

ANCIENT FREEMASONRY IN MADRAS.

The *Indian Masonic Review* for August, 1893, contains an article on "Athol Masonry in Madras," from which I extract the following, with the form of warrant referred to:

"Lodge Perfect Unanimity, No. 150, is the lineal descendant of the old Athol Lodge, No. 152, which was established in Madras in the year 1768. This old lodge, the mother lodge of the district, exercised the functions of a Provincial Grand Lodge, and granted warrants for the foundation of other lodges long before the existence of our present District Grand Lodge. We give here, as a matter of interest to our readers, the form of warrant which was used in establishing new lodges on the Coast. Two lodges, at least, at St. Thomas' Mount and Vizagapatam, and, perhaps more, were warranted in this way."

"Form of warrant granted to the subordinate lodges on the Coast of Coromandel.

"To all whom it may concern, we, the Provincial Committee of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Institutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York Anno Domini nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six, in ample form assembled, by virtue of the power and authority vested in us by a *commission* bearing date the twenty third day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, and Masonry five thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, from the most Noble Prince, John the Third Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond, and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask, Heitable Captain and Constable of the castle and Constabulary of Kenclavin, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and Rt. Wor. Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction therewith belonging. The Rt. Wor. William Dickey, Esq., Deputy Grand Master; the Rt. Wor. Robert Davy, Esq., Senr. Grand Warden; and the Rt. Wor. George Stewart, Esq., Junr. Grand Warden. We do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and beloved Brethren the Wor. A.B., one of our Master Masons, the W. C.D., his Senior W., the W. E.F., his Junior W., To form and hold a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at _____, upon the Coast of Coromandel, in the East Indies, on the _____ day of _____, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons according to the Most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, A.B. and C.D., with the consent of the members of their lodge to nominate, choose, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this dispensation, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free and Accepted Masons, and such successors shall in like manner choose and install their successors, &c., such installations to be upon or near every St. John's Day during the continuance of this lodge, providing the abovenamed Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Rt. Wor. Provincial Committee or Lodge, otherwise this *dispensation* to be of no force or virtue. This *dispensation* is to hold and continue in full force for twelve calendar months. Given under our hands and the seal of our Provincial Grand Committee in Madras this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, and in the year of Masonry five thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

"JOHN SYKES, President.
BASIL MONTEITH, } Members.
BENJAMIN GOURD, }

The foregoing being altogether new to me, induced me to communicate with Bro. Sadler on the subject, who, with his usual courtesy, at once supplied me with the following extract from the "Transactions of the Athol Grand Lodge," under date 4th March, 1778:

"Brother Monteith P.M. of No. 152 at Madras in the East Indies represented to the Grand Lodge the great disadvantage the Ancient Craft in that part of the World lay under for want of a proper person to undertake the business of a Provincial Grand Master to act accordingly, he observed that many bodies of Masons that were Inclined to belong to the Ancient Craft, were induced to receive authority from a Provincial Grand Lodge of Moderns, Therefore humbly requested that the Grand Lodge would take the same into consideration. Upon which the Grand Lodge unanimously Resolved & ordered that the Grand Secretary do forthwith (*sic*) make out a proper warrant empowering Bro. Monteith & two other persons (which Bro. Monteith should appoint Members of Lodge 152) to act & transact all manner of business appertaining to a Provincial Grand Master, until a proper person could be found to take upon himself that Office."

This shows conclusively that the "Ancient" Grand Lodge practically constituted a Provincial Grand Lodge for Madras, by delegating the authority and privileges of a Provincial Grand Master to a Committee, Bro. Monteith, the applicant, being one of such Committee specially named in the document itself.

We must await further information, if any is forthcoming, as to the constitution of other lodges in Madras, in addition to the two mentioned at St. Thomas's Mount and Vizagapatam respectively. It may, however, be safely asserted that neither of them were returned to the Grand Lodge, inasmuch as no entry or reference to them of any kind appears in the Grand Lodge registers.

It may not be undesirable to note that Lodge 152 was only warranted, as "No. 1 Provincial, Fort St. George," on 5th January, 1768, less than three months prior to the date of the "Commission." A "Modern" Lodge—No. 389—appears to have been constituted at Fort St. George in 1767, although not in our lists until 1770.

The "Ancients," however, issued a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge at Fort St. George, No. 218, on 5th September, 1781, and it may be inferred that the authority vested in the Committee on 23rd March, 1778, was thereby superseded. Whether there was any need for this "Ancient" Provincial warrant is extremely doubtful, inasmuch as No. 152 had ceased to belong to that organisation for several years, the members having gone over to the "Moderns" in 1786, and were reconstituted as a new lodge on 7th October, 1787, being No. 1, Coast of Coromandel (now No. 150). Five other lodges on that Coast were warranted about the same period, 1786-87, namely, No. 2, at Arcot, Nos. 3 and 6 at St. Thomas's Mount, and Nos. 4 and 5, at Trichinopoly, all under the "Modern," or premier Grand Lodge.

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, September 8th.

THE TEACHINGS OF SYMBOLISM.

Any member of the Craft who desires to understand the true significance of Masonic signs, symbols, forms, and ceremonies, the knowledge is within his reach; while it is true it will not come to him unsought, yet if he asks he will receive, if he seeks he will find, and if he knocks it will be opened unto him. If a brother, of his own free will and accord, desires to remain in ignorance of Masonic teachings and requirements, no actions of Grand or subordinate lodge, or diffusion of Masonic light by the Worshipful Master, will avail, as far as he is concerned, so long as he persists in remaining in his benighted condition.

One of the most essential and best among the many lessons to be drawn from the symbols of Masonry may be found in the teachings of the "trowel," an instrument to be used by Freemasons to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which, when properly used, will unite all into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree. The sentiment, "A band of brothers among whom no contention should ever exist," has been so often reiterated, and so firmly impressed upon our minds, that we have come to accept it as a truism, an undisputed fact.

It is beautiful as a theory, and should be a fact undoubted and unquestioned. It constitutes the Fraternity of Masonry, and upon it more than anything else depends the usefulness and stability of the Institution.

The Masonic use of the trowel has been taught every member of our Fraternity, and its application has been impressed upon their minds by the most solemn ceremonies. There are, we know, exceptions to all rules, and, unfortunately, unworthy members may be found in every society, "black sheep in every flock." Yet we are convinced that among the Fraternity, as a whole, this idea is something more than an idle sentiment. It is a recognised fact, and made, to a greater or less extent, the rule of life. There is a tie which binds Freemasons most closely together. That tie is composed of brotherly love and affection. While individual members are cultivating this sentiment, and, as the years roll around, are more thoroughly applying the trowel and exemplifying the results of its use in daily life. Yet we regret that too often when organised as a lodge, which is but an integral portion, an individual branch of the one universal family, this cement is sometimes laid aside, and the use of the trowel, as between themselves and their neighbours, to a large extent forgotten. Mankind is by nature selfish. In the early ages of all the world's history, when the animal nature was in preponderance, following the natural law of evolution—"the survival of the fittest"—it was the strong against the weak. But with the advancement of civilisation and the cultivation of the intellect, the moral nature of the man came to the front. The common brotherhood of man and his equality became more and more recognised and acted upon. To disseminate this truth and make it practical in everyday life has been the chief mission of Masonry. Uniting as it does men of every country, sect, and opinion, it finds every regulation upon the one idea of Brotherly Love, and everywhere inculcates the broadest charity and toleration for the opinions as well as the failings of a brother.

This being the true principle of Masonry, that to which she requires a strict adherence on the part of all her followers, why should it not be made equally obligatory upon her lodges and other organised associations in their relations each with the other?

The lodge is but the aggregate of the individual, governed by the same ends, but united only for their better dissemination.

How often is this fact overlooked and forgotten. The records of every Grand Lodge, and our own is not an exception, will show that from this

cause more or less trouble is continually arising among their constituents, causing ill-feeling, jealousies, and unkindness between them, extending sometimes to personalities among the members.

The source of such dissensions may be traced almost invariably to that innate selfishness which in the individual we are striving to overcome, but which is allowed full scope in the lodge, and where no one in particular is responsible.

Lodges in this jurisdiction are more and more becoming acquainted each with the other, and by means of occasional visitations and the mingling together in schools of instruction the officers and members are becoming more social. They can visit and work with and for each other. Eat, drink, and be merry together, but let one of them unintentionally and ignorantly, by the least fraction, invade the territorial jurisdiction of another, and how quick is the "old Adam" in their natures around. Their pockets are touched, and, it may be, their dignity. The early lessons taught them as Masons are forgotten, and too often a spirit is manifested quite the opposite from that of brotherly love.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

RIGHT OF OBJECTION.

An equitable use of the ballot will go far to ensure the successful administration of Freemasonry. On the one hand, it will bar out unworthy applicants for the Degrees; and, on the other hand, it will approve, not infrequently, the admission of candidates when the personal feeling might not be cordial in their support. It is well understood that Masonic law and usage impose no small responsibility upon an individual member, and that the "one man power" in this country is recognised to the utmost extent. This is well; we would not have it otherwise as regards the first admission of those on the outside to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. They must all pass the test of the secret ballot, and we have no desire for any change in the provisions of the ballot as thus applied. All credit to the brother of resolute purpose, who for principle and right bars the way of approach in the case of an applicant believed to be unworthy. An adverse ballot in such an instance, even if cast solitary and alone, may constitute the best service that can be rendered the lodge and the institution. It must be respected. It should not be made the cause of reproach to an objecting brother. Only when such a ballot expresses personal prejudice and the motive of an obstructionist, does it become an act open to just criticism—seemingly reflecting upon the character of the institution and the good faith of Masons. Seldom, indeed, is there any cause of complaint in the application of the secret ballot to those who stand outside of the institution.

In our opinion, however, the "one man power" is more liable to abuse in the different stages of Masonic advancement. It is after a man has been initiated—after he has gained a footing among Craftsmen—that there is at least the appearance of hardship in subjecting him to the rigid provisions of the secret ballot, again and again repeated. The law and usage generally recognised provides that a single objection is sufficient to stop the brother anywhere along the way of advancement. Is this quite fair? Does it accord with all the equities involved? Some years ago we knew of a case where a brother, because of a single objector, was held back for several years from receiving the Second and Third Degrees, only gaining them at last when the Grand Master of Masons in that jurisdiction stepped in, and exercised the prerogative of his office in conferring the Degrees. In such a case—in all similar instances—something more than a single objection, in our opinion, ought to be required to hold back a brother from advancement.

And the principle is much the same when we consider the chapter, commandery, and the other so-called "higher" bodies, in their relation to Freemasonry. It seems that a member of a lodge should be regarded somewhat differently from a "profane." If the law does not differentiate in its requirements for the first ballot and those that succeed—if a single objection has the same force all along the line—we still maintain that there should be a stronger cause to justify the adverse ballot or objection in the case of advancement. There is some difference we think between an applicant for Degrees in the lodge and an applicant for preferment by a brother Mason. Surely the last named is entitled to something more of generous consideration.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS.

A Mason who would command the respect of his brethren, and who would bring no discredit upon the Fraternity, must have strongly developed characteristics of manliness. With these he can everywhere find recognition as one worthy of the friendship and confidence of the people, and without these elements in his character he will not be considered as a worthy associate of those who strive to represent the Masonic standard of life. According to the older law, he should be physically perfect in so far as to conform to the ancient physical ideal of perfection, but it is now required that he should have more than this side of his being developed; he must be a well-balanced man, mentally endowed as well as physically perfect, and so morally developed as to understand his relations with his fellows, and he must also be so spiritually quickened as to exhibit in his life the influence of a religious spirit and a personal conception of his obligations to the Supreme Architect of the Universe. As a well-balanced man, possessing these four traits of character, he is a fair representative of the harmony of being, and entitled to the favourable consideration of those who love to look upon the perfect man. The physically perfect ideal of the old masters is an impossibility. No man is physically perfect. In some way or other nature will have tired in her labours, and there will remain a want of development in some part or organ or in some muscle or nerve, or in some of the various and numerous members which make up the whole of physical life, which will prevent him reaching the physical perfection which the old masters deemed desirable. It is no longer an unalterable rule and landmark that perfect development of the physical man be considered absolutely essential to membership in the Order. If one be so far physically perfect as to be able to conform to the ceremonial requirements, he is considered to come fairly up to the standard of excellence required. But mental equipment must be of a far different type from the endowments which were satisfactory in initiates in the years long gone by. No man is now fit to become an honoured member of the Order in whom the mental powers have not reached a certain amount of development, and he, by study and thought, rendered himself capable of understanding the system of which he is to become a part. And it is also true that essential and indispensable has become the requirement of moral excellence on the part of every candidate. If there be lacking this element, though a man possess all other things, he is utterly unfit for Masonry, and will be immediately rejected, if Masons do their duty.—*The Rough Ashlar*.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided, and there were present Bros. J. Harrison, A. R. Trew, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Hugh Cotter, S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; W. Fisher, Geo. Mickley, C. Sheppard, G. E. Fairchild, A. Mullord, R. D. Cummings, C. Kempton, F. H. Bird, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, Thos. Long, S. Cochrane, G. Treas.; R. A. Gowan, James Spiller, A. H. Hickman, James P. Fitzgerald, A. Moore, James Boulton, A. Durrant, T. B. Daniell, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of one widow annuitant and three male annuitants, of whom Bro. George Barrett, the Senior Vice-President and a Past Trustee was one, the Committee very gracefully passing a vote of condolence with the family of our deceased brother. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the application of the widow of a deceased annuitant for the half of her late husband's annuity was acceded to. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Royal Arch.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—There was a well-attended convocation of this chapter at the Pump Room, on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. R. Stevenson, M.E.Z.; T. Ryder, P.Z.; J. Abrey, H.; R. Martin, J.; A. H. Tester, Allan, Clanville, Willmott, Grover, Hoodley, Fletcher, S.E.; and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, a report of a very satisfactory nature was given as to the recent Provincial Grand Royal Arch Festival, and a special vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. J. S. Fletcher, S.E., for the excellent and able way in which he carried out the arduous duties on that occasion. Congratulations were tendered to Comp. Ryder, P.Z., on his recovery from illness, and also on his receiving provincial honours, for which he suitably responded. A balance-sheet of the Festival was produced, and Auditors appointed. Comp. R. J. Langley, 40, was balloted for, and unanimously elected, as a joining member. The M.E.Z. notified that a chapter of emergency would be held in November to exalt two members. Several apologies for non-attendance were read.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the "Frascati," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. E. Styles, W.M.; A. Becker, S.W.; H. Matthews, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; H. Sillis, S.D.; F. Klein, J.D.; F. Hewson, I.G.; E. J. Gittins, P.M.; W. J. Forrester, F. Haswell, and W. C. Berry. Bro. Edwin Styles, P.M. 704, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Forrester being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Haswell 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. Haswell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Styles was unanimously elected a joining member, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the able and efficient manner in which he fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Earl Russell, 2, Pancras-road, N.W., when there were present Bros. Styles, P.M., W.M.; Becker, S.W.; Dixon, J.W.; Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; Taylor, S.D.; Ward, J.D.; Rutherford, I.G.; and G. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Smith answered the questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Ward acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. Bro. Mulvey, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Becker, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, when there were present: Bros. A. Reeves, W.M.; H. Wilkinson, S.W.; T. Lewis, J.W.; Binnie, P.M., Preceptor; Garrod, P.M., Treas.; B. Stocker, Sec.; Bartrop, S.D.; Leghorn, J.D.; P. Ruthven, I.G.; Dexter, J. L. Driscoll, Courtman, Barnes, Stephens, Everdell, P.M.; Parsons, P.M.; Scar, Blower, Reynolds, and Graham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Courtman acting as candidate. Bro. Dexter gave the charge. The questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by the brethren generally. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. F. Ruthven was elected

W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., S.W.; J. Banks, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Clark, S.D.; E. Nash, J.D.; H. Bone, I.G.; J. A. Dennis, and H. Blackman.

Lodge was opened in due form in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Dennis offered himself as a candidate for raising to the Third Degree, and, having given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony appertaining thereto was duly rehearsed. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. Milton Smith, W.M.; G. T. Chretien S.W.; E. H. Moore, J.W.; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D. Herts, Sec.; E. G. Young, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; J. T. Frost, I.G.; D. C. Ritchie, R. P. Upton, H. J. Kembell, jun., M. T. Tuck, W. H. Smith, E. J. Harrison, J. Greenfield, P.P.G.S.B. Berks; R. Loomes, and H. B. Harding.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Ritchie answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Ritchie being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. Harrison answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Harrison being the candidate. Bros. Greenfield and W. H. Smith were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. E. W. Dennis, W.M.; A. J. Turner, S.W.; C. G. Hatt, W.M. 865, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, S.D.; J. J. Rumbell, J.D.; J. G. Gentle, I.G.; W. H. Dresden, P.M.; A. Williams, W.M. 834; and J. H. Neville.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. A brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having been duly examined and found proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of that Degree rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. R. H. Williams, the questions being put by Bro. Hillier. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; T. Kington, J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (pro tem.); L. F. Lundy, S.D.; J. P. Pickett, J.D.; R. H. Catling, I.G.; G. E. Higginson, W.M. 1791; C. J. Jacobs, G. H. Milford, R. N. Larter, and R. H. Williams, P.M., &c.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Williams offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, having been duly examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Barber was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

The Craft Abroad.

MASONIC CEREMONIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It is not often that the Craft in the cities of the far West have two days of Masonic celebration together, but such was the case on July 17th and 18th last, in the City of Nanaimo. On the first-mentioned day, the M.W.G.M., assisted by other officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia constituted Doric Lodge, No. 18, and installed the following officers: Bros. W. H. Sandow Perkins, W.M.; Fred. McBain Young, S.W.; Robert Scott, J.W.; Rev. D. A. McRae, Chap.; M. R. Counter, Treas.; J. H. Pleace, Sec.; James Crosson, D. of C.; Wm. H. Morton, S.D.; F. Meakin, J.D.; Dr. Smith Davis and T. Wylie, Stwds.; Alex. Anderson, I.G.; and J. Paulson, Tyler.

After the installation ceremonies, which were performed in a most impressive manner, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented to Bro. Craig, P.D. D.G.M., who had occupied the East during the time the lodge had been under dispensation, with a handsome gold watch and chain, suitably engraved, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the Craft in Nanaimo, and as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services. After short speeches from many of the distinguished brethren present, among whom we noticed Bros. Sibree Clarke, M.D., G.M.; Wolfe, P.G.M.; Judge Eli Harrison, P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec., Grand Representative of Grand Lodge of England; Bate, P.D.D.G.M.; Craig, P.D.D.G.M.; S. B. Pearson, P.D.D.G.M.; H. A. Dillon, P.M.; J. M. Brown, P.M.; J. Frame, P.M.; A. Lindsay, P.M.; C. C. McKenzie, P.M.; and others,

The lodge was then closed, and the Grand Lodge and visitors were entertained at a banquet in the Windsor Hotel.

After full justice had been done to the inner man, Bro. PERKINS, W.M., proposed "The Queen and the Craft," the Craft which is so dear to all of us, and the Queen, whose health is drunk with the greatest enthusiasm wherever Masons are, the daughter of a Mason, the sister of a Mason, the mother and grandmother of Masons, and the supporter and encourager of our Institutions in one of its noblest branches in the motherland, viz., the Masonic Charities.

After this toast the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia."

In replying, the M.W.G.M., Bro. SIBREE CLARKE, M.D., stated that the lodge which had that night been constituted made the 18th on the register of British Columbia, and that there were two more under dispensation. He wished Doric Lodge every success and felt sure that if it prospered during the next year as it had during the one gone by, the first of its existence, it would have nothing to be ashamed of at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Bro. WOLFE, P.G.M., also responded in a few well-chosen words.

Bro. CRAIG, P.D.D.G.M., then proposed "The Sister Lodges," which was ably responded to by many of the visitors.

The next toast on the list was "The Past Masters," which was proposed by Bro. Rev. D. A. McRAE, and responded to by Bros. CRAIG, BATE, FRAME, and others. The toast of "The Visitors" brought a host of able speakers to their feet.

Bro. Judge HARRISON, P.J.G.W., Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, &c., then rose to his feet, and proposed "The Health and Prosperity of Doric Lodge," and in a few concise remarks traced the progress of Masonry in British Columbia since the days when he first received light in one of the old Scotch lodges in Victoria, down to the formation of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in 1870, and to its present prosperous condition.

The W.M., Bro. PERKINS, in responding, thanked the brethren for their attendance, and also the members of Doric Lodge for the honour they had done him in electing him to the chair, and hoped that he would be able to keep Doric Lodge up to the high standard that Masonry had attained elsewhere in British Columbia.

The toast was also responded to by Bro. F. YOUNG, S.W., and others.

The last toast on the list, that of "The Ladies," was proposed in a most glowing tribute of admiration from Bro. J. H. PLEACE, Sec., and responded to in a speech full of affection and humour and beautifully combined from Bro. J. E. R. TAGART, Org.

The evening was brought to a pleasant close by the singing of "God Save the Queen" and then "Auld Lang Syne."

Music was furnished by the Corley String Band, and the speeches were interspersed by songs and recitations from many of the brethren.

On the second day the M.W.G.M. laid the foundation-stone of a new Presbyterian Church. Grand Lodge was opened in the Masonic Hall at 3 p.m., with the following Grand Officers: Bros. Sibree Clarke, M.W.G.M.; R. B. McMicking, D.G.M.; L. Johnston, S.G.W.; Marcus Wolfe, P.G.M., J.G.W.; W. H. Sandon Perkins, as G. Treas.; W. J. Quinlan, G. Sec.; John Brown, as S.G.D.; J. Frame, as J.G.D.; J. W. Coburn, G.D. of C.; and M. Bate, as G. Tyler.

A procession was then formed in the usual order, and the brethren proceeded to the site of the new edifice, where a large platform had been erected for their accommodation.

After the singing of a hymn by the choir, the ceremony was proceeded with, and the stone laid. The M.W.G.M. was presented with a very handsome silver trowel by the congregation of the church.

Addresses were delivered by the M.W.G.M.; Bro. Rev. D. A. McRae, the pastor; Bro. Rev. E. G. McLaren, G. Chaplain; Bro. Rev. G. E. Good, Rev. J. B. Good, Rev. J. Young, and others.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the procession returned to the Masonic Hall, where the Grand Lodge was closed.

In the evening the M.W.G.M. paid an official visit to Ashlar Lodge, and witnessed the conferring of the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and expressed himself delighted at the accuracy with which the work was done.

At the close of the lodge a banquet was tendered the Grand Lodge and visitors by Ashlar Lodge, the W.M., Bro. Coburn, occupying the chair.

A few impromptu speeches were made, and a pleasant day brought to a close at about midnight.

The Grand Master left for Victoria the next morning, after what had been a very enjoyable time for all the Masons of Nanaimo.

MELBOURNE.

Collingwood Chapter (No. 13).—The companions of this chapter assembled on Thursday, the 29th June, at the Freemasons' Hall, to celebrate the installation of the three Principals elect, viz., Comps. S. G. B. Fox, Z.; G. Bishop, H.; and T. Lee, J. The Installing Principal having performed the ceremonies, the following officers were invested: Comps. C. Fox, Scribe N.; H. Weedon, Scribe E.; P. Cohen, P.Z., Treas.; J. A. Clark, Principal Sojourner; A. Kemp, 1st A.S.; A. Philips, 2nd A.S.; and J. Paul, Janitor. At the conclusion of the addresses a handsome Past Principal's jewel was presented to the retiring Z, Comp. A. L. Perfect, to commemorate his exertions.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

We can well understand that Bro. Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M., and our Devon friends must have been delighted with the proceedings which took place at the recent annual meeting at Plymouth of their Prov. G. Lodge. There was an unusually numerous attendance, and the several reports which were submitted showed that, though there had been a slight falling off in the matter of numbers during the past year, the province had every reason to be gratified with what had taken place.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report was eminently satisfactory. The receipts, including the balance of £254 from previous year, amounted to close on £655. Of this 160 guineas had been paid over to the Central Masonic Charities, 15 guineas to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and 66 guineas to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, while the balance remaining in hand was £278.

According to the report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, there are now six annuitants on the fund who receive each £30 per annum, and, after providing for this liability and investing £95 in the Devon and Exeter Savings Bank, there remained in hand the sum of £39. A revised code of by-laws was also submitted, but it was decided that these laws as revised should stand over until the lodges had had an opportunity of considering them.

Bro. J. B. Gover, as Honorary Secretary of the Committee of Petitions, likewise submitted a long and elaborate report as to the voting strength of the Province, and what had been done during the past year in behalf of candidates from Devonshire for the benefits of the Central Charities; and regret was expressed by the Committee that several lodges had omitted to send their votes during the year. On the recommendation of the Committee, the sum of £21 was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £21 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The annual meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Cheshire and of the Western Division of South Wales were held on Wednesday, as announced last week, that of the former taking place at Nantwich under the banner of the King's Friends Lodge, No. 293; and that of the latter at Narberth under the banner of the Narberth Lodge, No. 2001. There was a full attendance at both meetings, and in both cases the proceedings were of a gratifying character.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Whythead's letter, and your leading article thereon, come very appropriately at the present juncture, and I trust the outcome will be an alteration—a much-needed alteration—in our "Book of Constitutions," in the direction so ably, logically, and impartially indicated during the last two weeks in your columns. I may, however, at the outset of this communication, be permitted to differ from your views, with regard to the cases of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, and the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne. You infer that the trouble connected with the former lodge "is due to a misunderstanding re Article 219 and other matters," whilst the Combermere Lodge "remains on the roll of our Grand Lodge in consequence of the usual stipulation as aforesaid." Now, the fact is that the Combermere Lodge owes its existence at the present day, as an English lodge, fairly and squarely to Article 219. The warrant, as I have on sundry occasions stated in the *Freemason*, was removed by the majority of the seceders; but the Grand Master of the then newly-inaugurated Grand Lodge of Victoria ordered its restoration to the loyal brethren, under the provisions of Article 219. In other words, the reservation stipulation of recognition of the new Colonial Grand Lodge, by the Grand Lodge of England, was outside the question, seeing that recognition had not been accorded at that time. The Cambrian and Combermere, therefore, up to a certain point, are strictly on all fours, and I beg leave to assert most emphatically that the interminable Sydney complication—it has now been running nearly five years—would have been impossible, had the Grand Master of New South Wales—his Grand Lodge, mind you, not being then acknowledged by England—taken the bull by the horns himself, instead of leaving the settlement of the difficulty to the insular prejudices and local animosities of his subordinates. On the other hand, we should now have had a single flourishing English lodge working alongside the powerful New South Wales Constitution, in complete harmony and amity, as is the situation

between the Combermere Lodge in Melbourne and the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Returning to Article 219, and the extreme necessity for its immediate amendment, so as to avoid the possibility of misunderstandings, heartburnings, and injustices in the future, I am content to leave the elaboration of legislation thereon in the hands of far abler brethren. My contention, however, has all along been that, so long as the said Article is one of our statutes, it strictly applies to the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, because mere personal opinions, however valuable they may be, ought not for a single moment to be permitted to override or abrogate our written and printed laws. At all events, nothing has yet been produced in black and white throughout the whole of the controversy to show that minorities cannot claim their rights under the provisions of Article 219. Common sense must therefore dictate that it would be exceedingly dangerous for us to permit anything to the contrary, even though exigencies and inconveniences be pleaded in extenuation, as have been done in the matter of the Cambrian Lodge.

Knowing as I do something about the practical side of this question, that is to say, Colonial Grand Lodges and their recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, I have no hesitation in asserting that in every one of the four Australasian instances in which we have been concerned, our proceedings have been far too hasty and unbusinesslike—hasty and unbusinesslike, as compared with the calm deliberation of the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, New York, Pennsylvania, and others of the more important supreme jurisdictions of the United States. And then, as to details, the cancelling of warrants has been delegated to authorities other than our own, whereas the cancellation should have been done in our own Grand Lodge. This and other like blunders—committed on the spur of the moment, of course, and distinctly attributable to the unreasonable hurry of our recognition procedure—rendered the reservation stipulation an absolute nullity.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

September 11.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1043] AN OLD MASONIC CERTIFICATE.

My old friend, Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., has done more good service to the Craft, and the right thing in presenting the Universis Certificate, copy of which Bro. Sadler has kindly sent to the *Freemason* of the 9th inst., to the Grand Lodge Library. I think it is the rightful custodian of such documents, and congratulate Bro. Sadler on this accession, which is the most important contribution of this kind ever made to the collection. There are a number of these certificates known of course, but all of later dates, and I consider every one of them valuable on account of the extreme scarcity. The one in question, however, besides being the earliest engraved certificate of the Ancients so far known to exist, brings us within two years (perhaps only one year, as the date is doubtful) of the issue of the document! Personally, I had fixed such issue at 1766, but it might be 1765; however, as Laurence Dermott himself wrote out the certificates in 1764 (which he would not have done had there been any engraved forms then in use), this treasure is undoubtedly nearer the fountain-head than Bro. Sadler supposes. The SEAL, I have no doubt, was engraved in 1760, and it is on wholly written certificates of similar character in 1764 and earlier. I appreciate much the fraternal mention of my book by Bro. Sadler, and also thank him sincerely for making known the possession of important certificates. The information is not only of value to those specially interested, but is one of the best methods of concentrating interest on many long-neglected parchments in lodges, and, let us hope, bringing them, as in this case, into the Grand Lodge collection.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

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With reference to the very interesting engraved certificate, recently presented by Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., to the Grand Lodge, and transcribed by Bro. Sadler for publication in last week's issue of the *Freemason*, it would seem from the "Table of the Grand Secretary's Fees" for the year 1756, which will be found in the earliest Athol Minute or Record Book, that certificates in "English and Latin" were first issued by the Ancients in that year, the fee payable to the Grand Secretary for such a certificate being set down as 2s. In the Tables for 1751 and 1755 respectively the entry is for a "Certificate in English," 1s. I imagine that Bro. Sadler's conjecture—that the plate from which this early certificate was printed was engraved "about 1760"—is not very wide of the mark. In the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge on the 3rd June, 1761, there is an entry among the disbursements of "£1 11s. 6d." having been paid "To the G. S. Dermott for a new seal which he got engraved in the year 1760." Provision is made in the Table of Fees for 1755 for the payment of 10s. 6d. to the Grand Secretary for a warrant on parchment with Grand Seal attached, and the employment of the word "new" in the entry referring to the 1760 seal points to an earlier seal having been in use; but I am not aware of any record showing that such an earlier seal was engraved and paid for. This, of course, applies only to the seal and not to the engraved plate from which the certificate

was printed. As regards the use of certificates, there is appended to the minutes of the Grand Lodge held on the 27th December, 1755, the following memorandum: "This year 1755 the Modern Masons began to make use of certificates: Though the Ancient Masons had granted Certificates time immemorial" This assertion seems a bold one until we realise that "time immemorial" takes us back only to the year 1751, when the so called "Ancient" Masons organised themselves into a Society, under the rule of a Grand Committee.

G. BLIZARD ABBOTT.

Reviews.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, ITS WORK AND ITS FUTURE.

This brochure is by the esteemed Secretary, Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, and really represents a paper he read to the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation. It has been printed by desire, and will doubtless be not only largely circulated, but carefully read and appreciated. The subject is one of great interest to the Craft generally, and as the pamphlet is by a brother who has the best of facilities, not only for forming his own opinion, but also to obtain the opinions of others, we may be assured that the recommendations are well worthy of consideration, and are based on the possible future needs of the Institution. The matter of removal, the use to the utmost of the present building, and the boarding and education of an increased number of boys outside the establishment, as well as additional assistance to prominent and deserving lads, either before leaving or after leaving school, are all duly mentioned, and as fairly stated. The historical portion is both interesting and accurate, and in the few pages allotted to that department Bro. McLeod has contrived to compress all the leading facts concerning the origin and progress of the Institution from six Boys in 1798 to 268 Boys in 1893; over 2000 having received the benefits of the School. The centenary will soon be here, and hence this able and judicious paper is both opportune and suitable to afford light where such is needed, and thus promote the continued prosperity of this noble and beneficent Institution. Bro. McLeod has done well and wisely in acceding to the wishes of his friends by publishing this most useful paper.

DEVON MASONIC REGISTER FOR 1893-4.

This useful and excellently printed annual is always later than the majority, but coming as it does when annuals are almost forgotten, it seems to get more attention and all the more notice accordingly. There are 52 lodges, 28 chapters (a large proportion to the number of lodges), 24 Mark lodges (two being inactive), five working preceptories, and four Rose Croix chapters, so that the particulars as to all these bodies occupy many pages, and must have required considerable labour to obtain. Some features are peculiar to this calendar, such as "A List of Brethren Officially Connected with the Province, with their addresses." This is a capital page, and cannot fail to prove of utility to all who consult the register. The information respecting the "Fortescue Annuity Fund," the "Devon Masonic Educational Fund," and other organisations is most ample as well as most interesting, and adds considerably to the value of the compilation. There is also an elaborate table of the votes for the Central Masonic Charities, exhibiting a total of 3533, about one vote on an average for each member. There should be double this number, and hence it is clear that the Stewards have a large field in which to extend their operations. There are eight in the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," costing some £300 per annum. It is not desirable to state what amount the province voted to that Institution, but the curious can easily find out. There are two in the "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and very many annuitants on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so that the brethren have every reason to warmly support all these admirable Institutions. The editor and publisher is Bro. W. Frank Westcott, Frankfort-street, Plymouth, from whom copies may be had at 1s. (postage id.). The register deserves a large circulation because of its conspicuous usefulness and general accuracy.

HANDBOOK OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA. P. CALLAGHAN, 134, Swanston-street, Melbourne.

Printing and the enterprising journalist and photographer were non-existent when Rome was founded, and we have to be content with the story of Romulus and the Wolf; not so with the cradles of modern Empires—the camera—the interviewers, and modern journalism have changed all that, and vast territories which are probably destined to eclipse Rome itself, are now opening up under the almost microscopic view of the present generation. This does not necessarily mean that the romance of discovery and travel is over, only that facts give place to legends and sober truths to "travellers' tales." The discovery and opening up of the Australian Continent will furnish future generations with material for absorbing interest and study, and the Handbook of Western Australia, although unpretentious in form and bulk, will provide the average reader with a mass of facts and figures, well condensed and strung together, with reminiscences and anecdotes of early explorers, glimpses of social life in the early days, startling accounts of life at the diggings, and a historical record of the founding of Western Australia. Numerous illustrations and plans are added, and altogether, the brochure is of considerable interest to all who take an interest in greater Britain.

THE WHYMPER MEMORIAL FUND.

The following circular has been issued by the W.M. of No. 1960, and is meeting with a most gratifying response, nearly three-fourths of the sum having already been subscribed:

"Rawal Pindi,
"August 15th, 1893.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"It has been suggested that, instead of founding scholarships as a 'Whympier Memorial,' it would, with the concurrence of the subscribers, be more desirable to purchase the Masonic library of our late brother

and present it to the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab as 'The Whympier Library.' I, therefore, write to ask if such suggestion commends itself to you.

"The acquisition of this extremely valuable library for the use of Freemasons in the Punjab cannot be over-estimated, and by purchasing it with the money raised for the 'Memorial Fund,' we should, at the same time, be rendering very great assistance to the family of our late brother. If purchased, the library would be placed in the hands of trustees to be held by them for District Grand Lodge. The purchase, however, must be made at once, or the chance may be lost.

"If you approve of this suggestion, I trust you will help in the matter yourself, and use all your influence in getting others to help—both lodges and individuals. I shall feel obliged if you will send me an early reply, as the matter is one of urgency.

"Believe me, dear Sir and Brother,
"Yours fraternally,
"J. H. LESLIE, W.M.
"Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, E.C."



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

St. Luke's Lodge (No. 144).—The first meeting of the session of this very old established lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Alfred Saunders, W.M.; F. Stutfield, S.W.; B. Bridgman, J.W.; T. H. Bennett, S.D.; J. W. Sharpe, J.D.; J. H. Beauchamp, I.G.; H. Troteré, Org.; E. Wits, P.M., Sec.; T. Markland, P.M., Stwd.; W. H. Tucker, I.P.M.; T. Bowler, Tyler; W. J. Forscutt, P.M.; T. A. Markland, G. E. Morrell, C. Mallous, V. Honour, S. E. Storr, R. Bartholomew, F. Thomas, John Pulling, P.M.; and R. J. Taylor, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Wm. W. Bird, P.M. 858; Mat Kennally, 795; W. Ward, 1257; T. J. Kinsley, and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the W.M. passed Bros. C. Mallous, T. A. Markland, and G. E. Morrell. The working of the W.M. was carried out in an excellent manner. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. A. Saunders, W.M., for his able and efficient services in the chair. Bro. Saunders suitably replied, remarking that he had done his utmost to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. Bro. Stutfield was elected W.M., and Bro. T. Bowler, for the 13th time, re-elected Tyler. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and a joining member for the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with a few appropriate remarks.

Bro. Tucker, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. Saunders, in reply, observed that the brethren would prefer harmony to long speeches.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. stated that they had only a few guests that night, but he gave them all a very hearty welcome.

Bro. W. W. Bird, in responding, stated that it was in the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction where he first learnt what he knew of Masonry, and congratulated the W.M. on the excellent quality of the members that had been initiated during his happy year of office.

Bro. Mat Kennally also replied. He said that he always took particular notice of the lodges he visited, and he was more than satisfied with the admirable working that night, and he urged the younger members to join lodges of instruction to learn how to conduct themselves.

Bro. Kinsley also responded, remarking that he had spent a happy time in the lodge, of which he was once a member, but having to go abroad was the cause of his resigning. He hoped, however, to rejoin the lodge at an early date.

Bro. Ward also suitably replied. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of our representative, Bro. R. T. West, who responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The W.M. Elect," stating that it was patent to all the members that Bro. Stutfield was one of the most ablest, and would work the ritual with perfection, and the lodge would prosper under his genial presidency.

This toast was drunk with acclamation. Bro. Stutfield, in reply, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception, and the W.M. for the nice things he had said of him, and if, when he was installed, he could conduct the business of the lodge as it had been done by Bro. Saunders, he would be more than pleased.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," remarking that they were esteemed for the great services they had rendered to the lodge.

Bro. Tucker, I.P.M., in reply, stated that the W.M. had not required any assistance from him. He was Secretary of the lodge of instruction, and he would be pleased if all the members would join, where they would learn more than in open lodge.

Bro. Wits, Secretary, also responded. He said that he had spent a happy time while he had been associated with the lodge, and hoped that the next year would be as successful as the present one had been, for which the W.M. was to be congratulated.

Bro. Taylor, P.M., also replied, observing that the lodge was noted for its good working.

Bro. Markland, P.M., in responding, said he would always try to serve the lodge by taking any office or otherwise assisting.

Bro. Forscutt also replied in suitable terms. In giving the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. said that he took this opportunity to thank them for their great assistance, for without which his term of office would not

have been the success it was. He also thanked Bro. Bartholomew for having introduced so many new members. Bro. Bartholomew replied, as deputy for the J.W., in a happy speech.

Other responses were made. The Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant evening. During the evening Bros. T. A. Markland, Storr, Mallous, Bartholomew, Thomas (violin solo), Wits, Saunders, and H. Troteré, vocally and otherwise, entertained the brethren, the last named deserving special mention for "The Deathless Army," which he gave with marked effect. Bro. Troteré presided at the pianoforte.

Highgate Lodge (No. 1366).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras. Present: Bros. E. Wareham, W.M.; E. S. Ryde, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Treasurer; Charles Shephard, P.M., Sec.; R. Pain Walkden, S.D.; W. Wheeler, J.D.; T. Goodman, I.G.; J. J. Marsh, P.M., Tyler; R. G. Thomas, Org.; Jos. Sugg, P.M.; R. W. Galer, P.M.; E. Hullyrde, P.M.; W. Lewis Lewis, John Chapman, T. Andrew, F. G. Baker, J. R. Farndell, W. Mitchell, Thos. Bishopp, G. Burch, J. Levy, F. P. Medrington, J. Culverwell, C. W. Dixon, M. Symonds, A. Evers, C. Cheesley, J. C. Yates, and P. Merberth. Visitors: Bros. S. Cochrane, G. Treas. Eng.; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M. 1642; W. G. Hildruth, 1185; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Thos. Sandilands, 2319; W. J. Holmyard, 1068; F. S. Priest, 1637; S. Hussey, 1637; C. Penny, 2029; H. Holmes, 2246, P.P.G.D. Herts; C. Annington, 1602; W. W. Williams, 834; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; J. Cox Dear, 2182; J. Milroy, 2255; G. H. Edis, 228; W. Thompson, 1743; S. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642, 511; Burgess Perry, 1185; C. Pattman, 1185; H. Peirce, 1599; R. Grill, 1399; W. J. Mason, P.M., P.P. G.O. Surrey; W. R. G. Emerson, 45; A. Williams, W.M. 834; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; C. J. Ozanne, W.M. 1765; W. Norman, and many others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was read, and proved a very satisfactory one. Bro. William Hillier was admirably installed W.M. by the out-going W.M., Bro. Wareham, to whom a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. E. Wareham, I.P.M.; R. P. Walkden, S.W.; W. Wheeler, J.W.; James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; T. Goodman, S.D.; J. G. Baker, J.D.; R. G. Thomas, Org.; S. Bishop, I.G.; J. R. Farndell, D.C.; T. Andrew and W. Mitchell, Stwds.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. Some routine business was transacted, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been accorded, the lodge was closed.

After the banquet the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given.

Bro. S. Cochrane, G.T., responded, and thanked the brethren for the way the toast had been received. It was the first opportunity he had had of putting his Grand clothing on. He had watched the career of the W.M. from "the door to the chair," and he knew that he would carry out the duties well. He had been connected with Grand Officers for years, and now as one himself valued the manner they had received him, and alluded to the long time Bro. Terry had served the lodge.

Bro. Terry, in response to calls, announced it was the anniversary of his wedding day, and as doubtless he would be called upon later on to respond in his official capacity, he could then only concur in the thanks expressed by his friend, Bro. Cochrane.

The Immediate Past Master, in proposing "The W.M.," congratulated him on the grand way he had gone through the various offices until he had now become W.M., and if the brethren would find the work to do, it would be done as became a W.M. of the Highgate Lodge, and felt sure at the end of his term of office they would accord to him the same kindly feeling that they had to himself.

The toast was very warmly received. The Worshipful Master, in the course of his reply, thanked them, and said it was of many proud moments he had experienced the proudest of his life. Five years ago that day he was raised, and he had no doubt the position he had then attained was due to the training he had received from some of the brethren present and to his own perseverance. He had some time ago been asked if he ever attended lodges of instruction, and also what he had done in them? To which he replied, "Why ask me such a question? I have done all the work," and, no doubt, that was the reason he was appointed D.C., and felt delighted to occupy it. He had worked hard since, and hoped he should carry out the work and duties to their satisfaction and credit to himself.

The Worshipful Master, in the course of the toast of "The I.P.M.," remarked on his excellent qualities, and the tact shown by him, and stated that it had been a pleasure to all to work under his gavel, and he felt considerable pride in proposing his health, and, at the same time, asked him to receive from the brethren, through his hands, a beautiful diamond ring and a lamp for his wife, and hoped they might live long to enjoy the kind feeling of the brethren.

Bro. Wareham, the I.P.M., with very considerable feeling, expressed his thanks for the gift to himself as well as to his wife. It would call to mind many happy years he had spent among them. The I.P.M.s. had to give way to better men, and in due course take their place in the ranks of the Past Masters, and enjoy their evenings without the cares of actual office, although the Past Masters of that lodge always considered themselves in office.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. Frye and Holmes.

Bro. Frye thought the W.M. might have selected a more distinguished Mason to reply. He was delighted to be present, and if the Highgate Lodge valued their W.M. as much as they did in Kensington, they had done the right thing to elect him to rule over them. He recollected spending a very pleasant evening with the lodge many years ago at Highgate. The presentation they had made to their I.P.M. was something out of the ordinary way, and concluded by returning thanks on behalf of the visitors.

Bro. Holmes also expressed his warm thanks; he had known the W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary many years,

and with such a W.M. and officers matters would go right. Bro. Ozanne, W.M. 1765, also responded.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" followed, all of whom responded.

Bro. Terry, who had been elected 23 years in succession, in a very humorous speech, regretted he had to follow so good a speaker as Bro. Garrett, P.M.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toasts followed.

The musical arrangements, under Bro. Emmerson, were everything that could be desired. The following lady and brethren were those who followed his baton: Miss Phillips, Quartette party, Bros. A. Williams, Marryott, and Dixon. Bros. Millroy, and Peirce recited.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 1607).—The 18th installation meeting of this popular and prosperous lodge was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Saturday afternoon, the 6th inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. Frank W. Rose, W.M., supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. Hattersley, I.P.M.; Geo. S. Denney, S.W.; W. B. Vaile, J.W.; J. R. Large, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Wilkinson, S.D.; W. L. Barker, J.D.; T. F. Hodgson, I.G.; F. Carr, P.M., and F. King, Stwds.; J. Very, Tyler, J. Newton, P.M.; E. Holsworth, P.M.; T. Jones, P.M.; A. J. Clark, P.M.; C. H. Halford, P.M.; W. F. Darnell, P.M.; A. R. Olley, P.M.; W. Jameson, H. M'Lachlan, A. J. Sanderson, E. Godfrey, E. H. Etherington, T. Cole, G. Cunningham, and R. E. Ellis. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Wheeler Brown, P.M. 171; Edmund J. Morgan, I.P.M. 1571; G. Clark, P.M. 1679; Wright, W.M. 1981; J. Hattersley, jun., 2262; Pottinger, S.D. 2262; Harley, 1056; Peart, 11; W. T. Johns, S.W. 1571; Butcher, S.W. 174; Powter, J.W. 1228; Small, 2242; Dipple, 2242; and Hearn, W.M. 1613. Letters regretting their absence were received from Bros. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting unanimously confirmed, the Auditors' report was received and adopted, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. George S. Denney, was presented to the W.M. for installation. The usual obligation having been taken, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, Bro. Denney was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. Needless to say, the ceremony throughout was performed in that perfect and impressive manner for which Bro. Frank W. Rose is distinguished. The newly installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Frank W. Rose, I.P.M.; W. B. Vaile, S.W.; G. E. Wilkinson, J.W.; J. R. Large, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; W. L. Barker, S.D.; T. F. Hodgson, J.D.; J. Lawson, I.G.; F. King, D.C.; E. Godfrey, Org.; F. Carr, P.M., and M. W. Jameson, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. The ballot for Mr. Robert Alfred Ellis proving unanimous, he was duly initiated by Bro. Denney, W.M., in an able and masterly manner. The pleasing duty then devolved on the W.M. to present to Bro. Frank Rose, the I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel unanimously voted by the brethren of the lodge, and in doing so Bro. Denney, in kindly terms, referred to the great services rendered to the Lodge of Loyalty by Bro. Rose, and tendered to him the best wishes of the brethren for his future happiness. A very feeling reply was made by Bro. Rose, who thanked the brethren for this further mark of their esteem, and trusted that he might long remain connected with Lodge No. 1607. The W.M. having announced his intention to serve as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School, the sum of 20 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list.

After dispatch of the remaining business, and tendering of "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

Due justice having been done to the creature comforts, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The R.W. Pro-Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured,

Bro. Rose, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," eulogising Bro. Denney as being strong in all those characteristics which were most requisite for the efficient discharge of the duties of the important office to which he had that night been appointed. He (Bro. Rose) congratulated the brethren upon their choice of the W.M., and, in the name of the lodge, he assured Bro. Denney that he should be loyally supported during his term of office.

In reply, Bro. Denney, W.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. His best efforts would be put forth to promote the prosperity of the lodge, and, with the assistance and co-operation of his officers and the brethren, he hoped when his year of office had expired to hand to his successor the charter of the lodge as unsullied as he had received it.

In asking the company to honour the next toast—"The Installing Master"—the W.M. said that Bro. Rose had, by his unflinching courtesy, endeared himself to the brethren of the Loyalty Lodge. No words of his were necessary to commend the toast to the hearty acceptance of the brethren. The working during the past year had been excellent, and Bro. Rose on retiring from the chair of the Loyalty Lodge carried with him the very best wishes of its members for his future happiness.

Bro. Rose, I.P.M., in reply, tendered his warm thanks to the brethren for the kindness and forbearance which had been shown to him during his year of office. He had done all that he was able to do to maintain the prestige of the lodge. Whatever may have been his shortcomings in regard to the ritual he was proud to know that at any rate he could hand over to his successor untarnished and unbroken the noble heritage of a loyal and united lodge.

"The Initiate" next claimed the attention of the brethren, the W.M. giving Bro. Ellis a hearty welcome, and trusting that he might long be spared to remain a member of the Loyalty Lodge.

Bro. Ellis suitably replied, and thanked the brethren for his election.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," heartily greeted the visiting brethren who had honoured the lodge with their presence that evening, and trusted that they might see them at the Loyalty Lodge on many future occasions.

Bros. Butcher, S.W. 174; Edmund J. Morgan, I.P.M. 1571; Dr. Wheeler Brown, I.P.M. 171; and Wright, W.M. 1981, responded.

The time-honoured toast of "The Masonic Institutions," to which the Loyalty Lodge had ever been a generous contributor, was then given from the chair, Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec., replying in his able manner, and giving interesting statistics respecting the Institutions.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" received a warm welcome, Bros. J. Hattersley, C. H. Halford, A. J. Clark, and W. F. Darnell ably replying.

"The Officers of the Lodge" followed, Bro. Vaile, S.W., stating that the W.M. had so recently been removed from the ranks of the officers that he needed no assurance from them of the interest which they had in the lodge. They would loyally do all in their power to maintain the ancient traditions of the Lodge of Loyalty for good work and good fellowship.

Bro. Wilkinson, J.W., also responded.

The Tyler's toast brought a highly successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. E. Dipple, assisted by Bros. C. H. Halford, J. R. Large, F. Small, T. Jones, A. J. Clark, and Mr. T. Shears.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).—

Last Saturday evening witnessed a most agreeable assemblage of the brethren of the above lodge to do honour to the installation of a W.M. as the successor of Bro. J. Culver. They met in the De Grey and Ripon Room, Freemasons' Hall, and consisted altogether of some 60 brethren. Bro. Culver, W.M., presided, having Bro. J. Bladon, I.P.M., on his left, Bro. C. Mussared, P.M., S.D., on his right, with Bros. W. H. Foot, as S.W.; W. H. Lowry, as J.W.; and Bros. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Brooke, P.M.; C. H. Fox, P.M.; and H. Cattermole, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Barrette, P.M. 245 and 590; Rev. W. T. Jones, P.P.G.C. Kent; H. Pick, P.M. 1920; C. J. Davison, P.M. 1897; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; O. Cooper, P.M. 211; J. Spencer, 765; A. M. Phillips, W.M. 1812; J. Dyer, 754; G. H. Nyburg, 188; David James, 1706; A. P. Fynn, 1381; and H. H. Mardell, 32.

There were three raisings to be performed in addition to the installation, and Bro. Culver gave the Third Degree to Bros. Elithorn, Toon, and King. Bro. Culver also performed the installation, and, on presentation by Bro. Corpe, P.M., Treas., acting as D.C., formally placed Bro. W. H. Foot in the chair of the lodge. Bro. Culver was invested as I.P.M., and the other appointments and investitures were conferred on Bros. W. H. Lowry, S.W.; C. Mussared, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; C. Heinekey, S.D.; C. H. Knuth, J.D.; W. Wright, I.G.; A. T. Baschinski, D.C.; F. H. Stollery and W. A. S. Staley, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. Culver was presented in lodge with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

After the banquet which followed the working of the lodge, a musical entertainment was given by the Lyric Vocal Quartette—Messrs. Bailey, David James, Arthur Butlin, and Holden Walker—with Madame Evans-Warwick and Bro. Walter Perrins, who had the direction of the music.

Bro. Culver proposed "The Health of the W.M.," describing Bro. Foot as a brother whose one motive was to further the interests of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. He said his duties would be carried out with ability and to the satisfaction of the brethren—an example he hoped would be imitated by all who followed in Bro. Foot's wake. In such a lodge as that it was a pleasure to know that there were so many brethren who would discharge their duties in a faithful and honourable manner.

Bro. Foot, W.M., in the course of his reply, which was a graceful acknowledgement of the hearty reception given to the toast, said when he saw so many old friends who were initiated about the same time as he was, it was a pleasure to find that but few had fallen out of the ranks. He should do all in his power to bring credit to the lodge. Having been initiated in it, he never accepted office in another; he was like the man in "H.M.S. Pinafore"—he would "remain an Englishman" to the end of his days. Intending to do that he thought he could not go very far wrong.

Bro. Foot, in giving the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Culver," referred, as an evidence of the admirable way in which the subject of the toast had performed his duties, to the balance-sheet, and to the complete unity and accord which prevailed in the lodge, and to the performance of the ceremonies, amongst which he might mention the three raisings of that evening and the installation.

Bro. Culver, I.P.M., replied, and spoke with gratification of the kindness and support which had been extended to him by the brethren of the lodge.

Bros. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, P.M. 181, Davison, and Philips replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Williams, Cattermole, Bladon, and Cox responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

In the absence of Bro. Corpe, Treas., who had been obliged to leave for Brighton, Bro. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec., replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." He was the sole representative present of those who originally formed the lodge, Bros. Cooke and Corpe having left. He had viewed with great pleasure the progress the lodge had made under successive Worshipful Masters. The W.M. possessed great power in building up the success of the lodge, and he had looked with infinite delight on the success which had crowned the efforts of the Masters of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. The power of the other officers was only limited, but still, they could all do something in the same direction as the W.M., and he had had great satisfaction in contributing his small quota to assist in promoting the good of Masonry.

The toast of "The Officers" having been proposed and responded to, a hearty drinking of the Tyler's toast, which was given by Bro. Bowler, closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRIGHTON.

Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).—A large gathering of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Thursday, the 7th instant. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. J. Carpenter, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. Packham, I.P.M.; J. Flinn, S.W.; E. M. Fennell, J.W.; H. W. Bedford, Treas.; T. Shrivell, Sec.; G. E. Burton, J.D.; F. B. Colbran, D.C.; E. Garrett, I.G.; W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Olliver,

T. H. Tuxford, and W. Insell, Stewards; W. Stanton, Tyler; and A. Coe, Asst. Tyler. The members of the lodge present included also Bros. H. Cheal, P.M.; W. Gill, P.M.; C. Baguley, P.M. 431; E. A. Buchanan, W. P. Smith, C. B. Palmer, T. Bonner, J. L. Wheeler, W. Raston, J. Sinclair, W. G. Hazell, N. Lloyd, J. Clapshaw, W. W. Peachey, A. Kemsley, G. E. Laws, H. W. Butler, T. Bovey, J. W. Penfold, J. C. Flint, J. W. Holloway, G. Wilderspin, T. Bonner, R. K. Farrant, A. M. Grist, W. E. Stace, J. Spratt, F. W. Moore, J. Mercer, W. Bolingbroke, and W. T. Nye. The visitors present included Bros. J. Edwards, 315; T. Grevatt, 1821; J. Sears, 2187; A. W. Payne, Stwd. 315; J. A. K. Campbell, 1523; T. E. Fox, Chap. 207; W. T. Evershed, 315; W. Venner, 901; T. Berry, P.M. 1821; W. Burnes, 1821; G. W. Ashdown, 315; W. Edwards, 2264; F. Hart, 1821; E. W. Towner, 1821; J. Shepherd, Stwd. 1636; T. Conningham, 2200; G. Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.O.; W. Swain, 315; A. J. Crouch, 1636; B. W. Drury, J.W. 315; G. Proctor, 2187; and E. J. Miles, 1821.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Flinn, W.M., and H. W. Bedford, Treasurer.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to supper, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. A. J. Carpenter.

The customary loyal toasts were honoured, when Bro. W. Gill, P.M., P.P.G.O. of C., proposed "The Worshipful Master." Twelve months ago Bro. Carpenter, he said, was elected W.M., and the brethren had the fullest confidence in him, believing that he would reflect credit upon the lodge and upon himself, and the manner in which Bro. Carpenter had carried out the duties of his office proved plainly that their confidence in him was not misplaced. Bro. Carpenter had, in fact, done all he could to further the interests of the lodge and promote the happiness of the members. Unanimity characterised the work of the Burrell Lodge. They had that evening shown unanimity in the election of their Worshipful Master and Treasurer, and this unanimity of feeling in the lodge during the past year had never been excelled. Bro. Carpenter had won, or rather he had retained, the respect and high esteem of the brethren. Before their next meeting their W.M. would celebrate his silver wedding, and the brethren were anxious that on such an auspicious occasion they should express their respect for their W.M. in some tangible form. He therefore had pleasure in calling upon their S.W. to address the brethren.

Bro. J. Flinn said it was his pleasing duty to make a presentation, on behalf of the brethren, to their W.M. Every member of the Burrell Lodge warmly appreciated the excellent work shown by Bro. Carpenter as W.M., and also the manner in which he had carried out the duties of other offices he had filled. They all wished most heartily that Bro. Carpenter and his good wife would live for many years to look upon the testimonial, and to realise the good feeling and friendship of the brethren of the Burrell Lodge. He had great pleasure in presenting the W.M. with a silver tea service and an illuminated address, the latter the excellent work of a member of the lodge, Bro. H. W. Butler.

The address, read by Bro. H. Cheal, P.M., acting Secretary, was as follows: "Presented, with a silver tea service, to W. Bro. Alfred Joshua Carpenter and Mrs. Carpenter, in commemoration of their silver wedding day, September 24th, 1893, by the Burrell Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1829. This happy event occurring during W. Bro. Carpenter's year of office as W.M., the brethren, in presenting this token of their esteem, heartily wish him and his wife long life and happiness. Signed on behalf of the brethren and Committee, Bro. J. Flinn, S.W., Chairman; Bro. H. W. Bedford, Treasurer; and Bro. T. Shrivell, Secretary."

Bro. W. Gill, remarking that upwards of 50 members of the lodge had subscribed to the testimonial, said he was sure Mrs. Carpenter would be gratified. He was, however, afraid that wives did not realise the sublimity of Freemasonry, feeling that Masonic banquets induced their husbands to lightly appreciate home catering. Mrs. Carpenter would now have golden opinions of Freemasonry, and would not only urge Bro. Carpenter to show increased zeal in his Masonic duties, but would do her best to induce him to join two or three other lodges. He then asked the brethren to drink heartily the toast of "The W.M. and Mrs. Carpenter."

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was warmly applauded. He said he had never in his life felt more difficulty in responding to a toast, and words failed him in attempting to adequately thank the brethren for their great kindness to him. Since he had become a Mason he had experienced the motive power of Freemasonry—brotherly love—on all hands and from all the brethren of the Burrell Lodge, but he had never thought of being the recipient of such kindness as that shown him that evening. He had endeavoured to do his duty as W.M. of the Burrell Lodge, and had met with nothing but brotherly love. The present to his dear wife and himself would be highly valued, and when, in time to come, they used the tea service they would not forget the esteem and brotherly love which had prompted such a handsome presentation.

During the evening an impromptu musical programme was sustained by several of the brethren present. Master Fennell also contributed a piccolo solo. Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G. Org., carried out the duties of accompanist with great success.

BROUGHTON.

St. Thomas Lodge (No. 992).—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at the Griffin Hotel. The following were present: Bros. W. Hawkins, W.M.; W. C. Royle, S.W.; T. W. McGill, J.W.; J. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Southern, I.P.M.; T. M. Johnson, S.D.; W. Martin, J.D.; A. B. Wightman, I.G.; H. Fisher, P.M.; T. Southern, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. J. Rutter, P.M.; J. Johnson, P.M.; W. Ollier, P.M.; G. Owen, Org.; J. Mummy, W. L. Clark, A. Morton, A. Percival, C. Owens, C. Fernby, J. J. Millson, J. Taylor, W. Robertson, and C. H. Wheeler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. Turner, P.M. 1011 and 2156, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Morgan, 94; T. Smith, 1055; and T. Bradbury, 852.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were two raisings, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. and Bro. J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec. Bro. W. Hawkins also gave the traditional history. The lodge was then closed.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—A regular meeting of this successful lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Crown Hotel. The W.M., Bro. H. T. Nell, Prov. G. Steward, being unfortunately prevented from attending, his place was filled by the I.P.M., Bro. C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D. There were present Bros. J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B., Treas., as I.P.M.; T. Wye, S.W.; E. H. Moore, J.W.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; G. T. Chretien, J.D.; N. Pearce, as I.G.; W. E. Goodwins, Org.; H. T. Hipwell and J. W. Rattenburg, Stewards; T. Williams, Tyler; E. N. Benningfield, C. C. Renaud, A. Ingram, J. R. Bickers, A. J. Robinson, and W. Kennedy. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Parsons, I.P.M. 1564; A. Streeter, J.D. 2157; T. F. Bell, I.G. 973 and 263; F. W. White, 1471; and C. Wright, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. E. N. Benningfield was passed to the Second Degree. It was decided that the lodge shall not meet in July, but in October instead. After the name of a candidate for initiation had been submitted, the lodge was closed.

Later in the day the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, under the presidency of the I.P.M., Bro. Coxon. The usual toasts were given, "The Health of the absent W.M." being heartily received.

The visitors, who responded individually to the toast of their health, expressed themselves as being pleased with what they had witnessed in the lodge and the warm welcome they had received.

The musical portion of the evening's entertainment was ably carried out by Bros. Moore, Benningfield, Kennedy, Wye, and Hipwell. Bro. W. E. Goodwins, Org., accompanied with his usual ability, and also contributed vocally. A very pleasant evening was spent, and regret was expressed that the W.M. had unavoidably been detained in the country, and consequently unable to take part in it.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren as usual. Bro. George Alfred Myers, P.M., W.M., presided. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Towell presented to the lodge a life-like portrait of Bro. Fred. Stretch, P.M., and Bro. Fred. Stretch presented one of Bro. Towell, both of which were joyfully accepted, as being good ornaments to the lodge. The result of the picnic showed a balance of £1 19s., which was voted towards the Alpess Fund. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. A. Myers, W.M.; F. Stretch, I.P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M., D.C., P.G.D. East Lancs.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; J. M. Veal, J.W.; J. Walker, Sec.; F. Thomas, S.D.; Jos. Ward, J.D.; Jas. Sharples, I.G.; Wm. Sharples, J. Laurisch, and W. W. Wilkinson, Stwds.; Geo. Metcalfe, Tyler; W. Barker, E. H. Baldwin, Jos. Dearnley, H. A. Kay, J. H. Norris, R. J. H. Savers, H. Shuter, F. J. Ratchford, F. B. Ratchford, Jos. Smith, and Worstencroft. Visitors: Bros. J. Woodward, P.M. 1325; and Glenn, 1219.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 8th 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.; Wm. P. Bell, Sec.; A. J. Spinks, S.D.; T. Linskill, J.D.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; J. Wood, Stwd.; W. Child, Tyler; H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler; T. Marsh, P.M.; W. T. Marshall, P.M.; R. H. Waters, I.P.M.; F. Smith, P.M. 837, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. R. H. Naylor, A. W. Lowe, C. C. Trim, W. P. Lawrence, 673; W. E. Tindall, 1248; Thos. Holland, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; and H. Coxon.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. A. Macnab, W.M., supported by his officers, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Trim was invested as Steward, and Bro. Lowe presented with his certificate from Grand Lodge, after which Bro. Coxon was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Davey, S.W., and the second tracing board by Bro. Booty, J.W. Very considerable interest was then given to the meeting by a lecture from Bro. Thos. Holland, P.M. 172, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., on "The Great Pyramid of Egypt in connection with Freemasonry; its Rituals and Emblems"—a subject on which he had spent considerable time and study. The time at his disposal proved much too short for the information he had to impart, the completion of the lecture having to be deferred to a future meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Holland for the pleasure he had given the brethren, to which he responded.

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

LONGSIGHT.

Longsight Lodge (No. 2464).—The first regular meeting after the consecration took place at the Club, Birch-lane, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. The following were present: Bros. Thos. Uttley, P.M., P.G.D.C., W.M.; H. Grimshaw, S.W.; Wm. Gadd, J.W.; F. G. Berry, P.M., Treas.; John Phythian, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Wilson, Asst. Sec.; Ald. Lloyd Higginbottom, S.D.; H. Sheard, J.D.; E. H. Ritson, I.G.; F. Whean, P.M., P.D.G.D.C.; George Makin, and T. Plumpton. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Geo. Sam Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; John Moffatt, P.M.; Henry Clulow, Wm. Keating Taylor, Thos. Glynn, Tom Smith, Jas. E. Smith, James Hamer Crossley, E. Loebell, and Charles Kay.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the consecration and installation meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for four candidates for initiation, and in each case they were successful. Three were present, they being initiated respectively by the W.M., Bro. F. W. Lean, P.M., P.S.G.D., and Bro. F. G. Berry, P.M. The lodge was then closed.

PORTISHEAD.

Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel on Saturday, the 9th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. P. Billing, who was supported by the

following officers and brethren of the lodge: Bros. A. J. Tonkin, S.W. and W.M. elect; C. Hazell, J.W.; J. R. Thebridge, P.P.G.D., Treas.; C. L. Thomas, P.P.G. S.B., Sec.; H. M. Appleton, P.M., D.C.; T. Turner, A.D.C.; A. Jefferies, S.D.; E. Tedder, J.D. (*pro tem.*); J. W. Hall, Stwd.; E. Davey, I.P.M.; W. Rice, P.P. G.D.; George Dando, P.P.G.P.; W. K. Thomas, P.G. S. of W.; F. G. Dimery, P.M.; the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, P.G. Chap.; W. Glasspole, P.P.G.S.; W. T. Shapland, P.M.; R. O. Coleman, W. Roberts, G. Daltry, F. J. Warren, T. Lowther, J. Southwood, Josiah Green, C. Morgan, and M. Maby. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. and P.G. Deacon Eng.; E. Fry Wade, P.P.J.G.W.; John Gard, P.P.S. G.W. Bristol; E. J. Grabb, P.P.G.D. Bristol; W. J. Wilcocks, W.M. 1388; C. Pfeiffer, P.M. 1833; W. J. Rorke, I.P.M. 1704; D. Edwards, P.M. 1052; Ernest G. Machon, J.W. 68; A. J. Mott, 68; J. Stoate, 610; C. Sundry, 610; W. H. Frankham, S.D. 973; F. V. Braizier, Sec. 1206; R. H. Shrapnell, S.W. 1833; Herbert Fielding, S.D. 326; and J. W. Powell, A.D.C. 103.

The ceremony of installation was performed in the able and impressive manner for which the revered D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, is so celebrated, the beauties of the ritual being intensified by his earnest and graceful delivery. The newly-installed Master, Bro. A. J. Tonkin, then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. C. P. Billing, I.P.M.; C. Hazell, S.W.; E. W. Harvey, J.W.; the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, Chap.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Shapland, P.M., Sec.; A. Jefferies, S.D.; F. G. Moore, J.D.; E. Davey, P.M., Org.; T. Turner, D.C.; J. W. Hall, I.G.; E. Tedder and F. J. Warren, Stwds.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler.

After labour the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where they sat down to a really sumptuous repast prepared by the hostess, Mrs. Boulter, the W.M., Bro. Tonkin, presiding.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." being proposed by Bro. Rice, P.P. G.D., who congratulated the W.M. upon the high honour that day conferred upon him, and said he felt sure from his knowledge of Bro. Tonkin that he would be a worthy successor of a long line of eminent Past Masters who had preceded him in the chair, and had no doubt but that the lodge would prosper under his guidance.

The Worshipful Master replied in a few well-chosen words.

During the course of the evening a very capital selection of songs and recitations were given, amongst those contributing to the enjoyment in this way being Bros. Tonkin, W.M.; Billing, I.P.M.; W. K. Thomas, P.M.; F. G. Dimery, P.M.; C. Pfeiffer, P.M.; R. H. Shrapnell, and others.

REDHILL.

Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1362).—On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the members of this lodge held their quarterly meeting in the Market Hall. Bro. W. Markham, Worshipful Master, took the chair, and the business of the meeting was, after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, "to receive the reports of the meeting of the Permanent Committee of August 10th and 17th respectively, relative to the motion of Bro. E. G. Feild, I.P.M., passed at the last quarterly lodge meeting on June 3rd: 'That in compliance with the recommendation from the meeting on improvements, it is desirable to form a proper lodge of instruction in connection with this lodge, and that the necessary steps be taken for carrying into effect this proposition.' To elect a Tyler in place of Bro. C. K. Heather, resigned, as provided for in Rule 140 of the Book of Constitutions; that Arthur Room, caretaker, Market Hall, Redhill, aged 22, be balloted for, and if approved be initiated as Serving Brother in the place of Bro. C. K. Heather, resigned."

After the business of the lodge, the brethren dined together in the Market Hall, refreshments being provided by Bro. W. Laker.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Adelphi House, on Tuesday, the 5th instant. Bro. E. Webb, W.M., presided. There were also present Bros. G. S. Smith, P.G. Org., I.P.M.; B. Eckersley, S.W.; Charles Driver, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; John Ogden, J.D.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Martin, I.G.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D. of C.; A. W. Atkinson, John Gray, J. Green, J. H. Brown, and J. Simpson.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the lodge was then closed.

SHEFFIELD.

Wentworth Lodge (No. 1239).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, on Monday, the 4th inst. The W.M. Bro. A. E. Drury, presided, and was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Chas. Stokes, S.W.; M. J. Dodworth, J.W.; T. E. Barker, Sec.; A. J. Forsdyke, as S.D.; W. Cole, J.D.; S. Wetherill, as I.G.; J. A. Rodgers, Org.; T. Green and E. Rowbotham, Stewards; T. Leighton, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; A. E. Kirkham, I.P.M.; J. Robertshaw, P.M.; F. S. H. Wilson, P.M.; J. Broadhead, P.M.; E. E. Holliday, P.M., Charity Stwd.; J. P. Hewitt, P.M.; J. T. Thompson, W. Fearnough, J. S. Thompson, P. Wild, T. Shearstone, W. Froggatt, A. J. Brooks, E. G. Whiteley, A. Davidson, W. Walker, G. W. Hutchinson, W. H. Dixon, H. E. Schnezler, J. Hastings, H. Townsend, C. Barker, J. Stringer, and H. Adrain. Visitors: Bros. W. Middleton, Sec. 139; the Rev. G. Leighton, M.A., Chap. 1256; W. C. Fox, W.M. elect 2263; and W. B. Snow, Stwd. 1309.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Afterwards Mr. Horace Cawood was admitted to the privileges of ancient Freemasonry in a most excellent manner by the W.M. The working tools were presented to the candidate by Bro. T. E. Barker, Sec., and the charge was very impressively given by Bro. J. Robertshaw, P.M. Bro. the Rev. G. Leighton, at the request of the W.M., kindly acted as Chaplain. Bro. E. E. Holliday, P.M., Charity Steward, moved the following resolution, viz.: "That this lodge do present from its general funds the sum of 50 guineas, or such other sum or sums as may be deemed advisable, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, or such other Masonic Charity or Charities as may be agreed upon by a

majority of the brethren of the lodge then present and voting." This was seconded by the W.M. Bro. Drury, and was unanimously carried. The usual proclamations were made, and "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors, and, the business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Turner, the Hall Steward, and Mrs. Turner, awaited them, and to which hearty justice was done.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in a very hearty manner, and responded to with much heartiness.

"The Newly-initiated Candidate's Health" was proposed by Bro. Hutchinson.

Bro. Cawood responded, and expressed the great pleasure it gave him on being admitted a member of the Order.

The brethren then parted, having spent a very happy evening.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel on Monday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. W. A. Cocks, W.M.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Harper, I.P.M.; C. Mead, W.M. 382, S.W.; W. Freemantle, J.W.; A. J. Hanson, Treas.; C. C. Sanger, S.D.; A. L. Butters, J.D.; E. H. Moseley, I.G.; R. G. Pontifex, Stwd.; G. L. Duffin, Tyler; S. Meech, P.M.; T. S. Hardman, J. Webb, A. A. Hardy, W. T. Harvey, W. H. Matthews, L. H. Walker, W. Roaks, and F. W. Noakes. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Nicholson, P.M. and Sec. 382, P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. H. Reed, J.W. 382; Twamley, 382; and Jacobs, 1612.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the brethren learnt with regret that Bro. J. R. Whittle, a candidate for the Third Degree, was unable to be present owing to serious illness. A business engagement also prevented the attendance of Bro. Tidmarsh, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., Secretary of the lodge. A hearty vote of sympathy with Bro. Whittle was unanimously passed. The lodge then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Mead, S.W., not having completed his year in the chair of the Royal Union Lodge, would not stand for election this time, and the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon Bro. W. Freemantle, J.W., who returned thanks for the honour thus conferred upon him. Bro. A. J. Hanson was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. G. L. Duffin to that of Tyler. It was unanimously agreed to present Bro. W. A. Cocks, the retiring W.M., with a Past Master's jewel, as a slight recognition of his services, and, on the proposition of Bro. Mead, S.W., a sum of money was voted for that purpose. The visitors tendered "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed.

Refreshment followed labour.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

In responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers of Middlesex," Bro. Howard H. Room, P.G. Sec., regretted he had not been able to attend the meetings of the lodge so frequently as he could have wished. The chief reason was that they fell on an evening in the week that generally was an inconvenient one for him. However, he knew that the lodge was in good hands. He considered the province exceedingly fortunate in having so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Lord George Hamilton appointed to rule over it. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was untiring in the discharge of the duties of his office, and the other Provincial Grand Officers were always ready in their respective positions to accord him their support. At the last Provincial Grand Lodge he was very pleased to see one of the principal collars given to the Secretary of the Jersey Lodge, who well deserved the honour. Bro. Room concluded by expressing his satisfaction at the manner in which the S.W. had retired from the contest in the election of W.M.

Other toasts followed, and before the brethren dispersed the W.M. presented each with a portrait of himself taken in Masonic clothing, as a memento of the very pleasant year they had all spent together.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 419).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, when there were present Bros. F. T. Beck, W.M.; E. Berry, S.W.; T. Seddon, Chap.; E. F. Coleman, Sec.; T. C. Bigwood, S.D.; W. Skett, J.D.; C. A. Newham, P.M., P.G. Treas., D.C.; T. E. Lowe, I.G.; H. M. Lord and F. N. Lester, Stwds.; T. Lyne, Tyler; Corke, P.M., P.G.R.; T. Beattie, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; T. Bradney, P.M.; P. de la Haye, H. Vale, T. Knight, W. Howell, A. C. Skedmore, W. B. Mears, F. H. Skedmore, H. M. Lord, and S. Deans, Org.

The lodge was opened, and on account of the absence of the J.W. through illness, Bro. Coleman, Sec., was requested by the W.M. to act as J.W., and Bro. Bradney, P.M., was requested to act as Secretary. Bro. H. Vale was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the work being done most admirably by the W.M. Councillor A. Hollingworth was proposed as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. gave notice to propose Mr. T. Dobbs as a candidate at the next meeting. Several other items of business having been concluded, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, and afterwards they were treated to a musical evening of a high class, for which special thanks were due to Bros. S. Dean, Org., and W. Howell.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to send 290 bottles of wine and 40lbs. of cast linen for the use of the patients in the London Hospital.

According to previous arrangements, the Queen laid the foundation-stone of the new parish church at Crathie on Monday. Her Majesty was accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and the Duchess of York, the Duke of York, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their children, and the Princess Victoria of Battenberg. Sir Henry Ponsonby and several members of the household were in attendance, while the clergymen who took part in the ceremony were her Majesty's Chaplains, the Rev. Drs. Norman MacLeod and J. M. Mitchell. An address was presented to the Queen, who graciously acknowledged it, and also a trowel to be used in the function. At the close of the proceedings the Queen and the members of her family returned to the Castle. The cost of the church is estimated at between £5000 and £6000.



The sum of £1421, being the amount collected at Devonport towards the relief of the sufferers of the loss of H.M.S. Victoria, has been remitted to the Lord Mayor as an addition to the Mansion House Fund.

Dunkirk was *en fête* early in the present week, when the centenary celebration to commemorate the departure of the English army under the Duke of York in 1793, was begun. Patriotic addresses were delivered, and a monument of victory was unveiled by General de France.

The Welsh Land Commission, of which Bro. Lord Carrington is the Chairman, opened its proceedings under the presidency of his lordship on Tuesday. Lord Kenyon, Professor Rhys, Mr. Brynmor Jones, M.P., and other of the Commissioners and several witnesses were examined.

Bro. Sir Massey Lopes, Bart., who resides at Maristow on the Tavey, after assisting in the rescue of a man, horse, and cart, which had been swept into the river, was himself thrown off the quay into 10 feet of water. He was, however, rescued, and brought to land none the worse for his immersion.

It is said that Bro. the Duke of Portland has appointed certain commissioners to go and inspect his Caithness estates with a view to ascertain the amount of damage done by the hailstorm of the 28th July, and that those of the tenants who suffered will in all probability receive full compensation.

A party of engine drivers and guards belonging to the South-Eastern Railway were boating on the Thames off Port Victoria, on Sunday evening, when the boat capsized. Those who could swim assisted their less fortunate fellows to the river bank, but an underguard named Humphreys, living at Greenwich, was unfortunately drowned.

At a meeting of the Town Council of Edinburgh held on Tuesday, the Duke of York was unanimously voted the freedom of the city. It appears that the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, who was admitted to the freedom in 1853, is the senior burghess on the roll, Lord Moncrieff standing next in order, and then the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Prince of Wales, having concluded his visit to Homburg, where he has been drinking the waters, arrived at Dover on Monday, and at once proceeded by special train to Charing Cross, and thence to Marlborough House. Later on, after his Royal Highness has visited Scotland, the Prince will join the family gathering of the King and Queen of Denmark at the Castle of Fredensborg.

Captain William Richey, the City Marshal, to which office he was appointed in 1889, has just died after a somewhat protracted illness. The deceased, after 22 years' service in the ranks of the Royal Horse Artillery, received his commission as Quarter-master in 1875, and ten years later was made an honorary Captain. The post thus rendered vacant has attached to it a salary of £350 a year.

Lady and Miss Gorst will leave England for New Zealand on the 12th October, but Bro. Sir John Gorst will be unable to accompany them in consequence of the autumn sitting of Parliament. Lady Gorst is the daughter of the Rev. Lorenzo Moore, of Christchurch, while Bro. Sir John Gorst commenced his public career in the colony as Civil Commissioner of Warkato from 1861 to 1863.

Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood will return to Aldershot at the conclusion of the autumn manoeuvres in order to clear off the remaining duties of his command and will assume the duties of Quartermaster-General on the 6th October. The Duke of Connaught has been appointed Sir Evelyn's successor, and after a sojourn on the Continent will return to England and take up his new duties at the commencement of next month.

The attraction of so many peers to the House of Lords towards the close of last week has been almost immediately followed by their dispersal to various parts of the country. Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire having returned to Bolton Abbey, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon to Gordon Castle, Bro. the Duke of Athole to Blair Athole, Bro. the Duke of St. Albans to Alt-na-Craig, Argyllshire, Bro. the Marquis of Zeland to Scotland, Bro. Earl and Countess Amherst to Montreal, Sevenoaks, Bro. Lord Carrington to Wycombe Abbey, Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Herschell to Deal Castle, and Bro. Earl Cowley to Woodside Cottage, Maidenhead.

The anniversary of the comparatively newly established Dorothy Vernon Lodge was held at Haddon Hall, Bakewell, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., many visitors being present. Bro. Victor C. W. Cavendish, M.P., was expected, but at the last moment sent a telegram expressing his regret that he was unable to attend. He was, notwithstanding, invested as Junior Warden, the collar being received on his behalf by Bro. H. B. Taylor. The chief ceremony of the day was the installation of Bro. Stanley Orme, as Worshipful Master, after which a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dr. Fentem, who has occupied the Worshipful Master's chair for two years in succession. The newly-installed Worshipful Master's brother-in-law, Bro. W. H. Marsden, Mayor of Derby, G. Swd. Br. Eng., also took part in the ceremony of installation. At five o'clock in the evening a sumptuous dinner, placed on the table in first-class style by Bro. J. Quail, of the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, was given at the Town Hall, to which the Duke of Devonshire and the Duke of Rutland both sent presents of game. Bro. the Marquis of Granby sent (through Bro. A. E. Cockayne) a letter regretting his inability to respond to the invitation of the lodge to be present.

A GRAND SPECULATION, in these days of financial unrest, is a rare thing for people with spare capital to come across. It is, therefore, refreshing to know that in purchasing a box of Holloway's Pills good value for money can be obtained. They never fail to give instant relief from pain, and no disease can long withstand their purifying influence. A few appropriate doses at the proper period will prevent many a serious illness. Their primary action is upon the blood, stomach, liver, kidneys, and bowels. Their secondary action strengthens the nervous centres. No drug can be so harmless yet so antagonistic to disorders caused by brain worry. The most perfect reliance may be placed upon their regulating and renovating virtues.

A very appreciative sketch, written more especially from the philanthropic standpoint, of the life of the late Bro. J. Derby Allcroft is published this week in the *Christian*. An excellent likeness accompanies the article.

Bro. John Holliday (of the firm of Messrs. J. Holliday and Sons, Little Britain, upholstery and trimming manufacturers and shippers) has joined the board of the Furniture Press (Limited).

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris's Italian Opera Company opened its provincial season at Edinburgh on Monday with a performance at the Lyceum Theatre of "Orfeo" and "Pagliacci." The house was crowded in every part, and the operas were enthusiastically received.

Confirmatory evidence has been received and published in the Belgian newspapers of the death of Emin Pasha, who is said to have been murdered by Arabs only four days' march from Stanley Falls. His journal has also been found, and his botanical collection.

On Monday last at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, was opened an exhibition—the first of its kind—of machinery and utensils connected with that important domestic institution, the laundry; with shirt, collar, dyeing and cleaning trades; textile machinery; also appliances connected with sanitation, ventilation, disinfectors, baths and wash-houses, &c. The exhibition will remain open for a fortnight.

There was an excellent display at the Royal Horticultural Society's Show at the Drill Hall, Westminster. Messrs. Paul, of Waltham Cross, secured first prize for cut roses, and Messrs. Cannell, of Swanley, a silver Banksian medal for cactus dahlias. Prizes also were awarded for orchids, asters, and violas, while Messrs. Paul and Son, of Chestnut, received a prize for roses, cannas, and herbaceous plants.

The regular meeting of the Britannia Mark Lodge, No. 53, was held at the Masonic Hall, Sheffield, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Bro. M. J. Dodworth, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M.; P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. T. Leighton was re-elected Tyler. The installation takes place on the first Thursday in October.

The new Drury Lane Drama by Bros. Henry Pettitt and Sir Augustus Harris will be produced on Thursday next. It is entitled "A Life of Pleasure," and is described as a spectacular drama of modern life. The cast includes Mrs. Bernard Beere, Miss Lily Hanbury, Miss Laura Linden, and Miss Le Thiere, while amongst the old favourites we find the names of Bros. Henry Neville and Harry Nicholls.

The bronze medal and certificate of the Royal Humane Society were presented on Tuesday to Francis Mansfield, a house painter, living in Paddington, for having rescued a cabman who had been flung into the Grand Junction Canal by some roughs in July last. Mansfield witnessed the outrage, and at once plunged into the canal, and after several attempts succeeded in landing the unfortunate man, who, however, died shortly afterwards. The presentation took place at the Paddington Coroner's Court.

The veteran Mr. Sims Reeves appeared at the Promenade Concerts, which are being held at Covent Garden Theatre, on Monday evening, and experienced a most enthusiastic reception. The first song, "Tom Bowling," was encored, but Mr. Reeves did not respond to the invitation. In the second part, however, he sang "Come into the Garden, Maud," and, on being called upon to repeat it, gave "The Jolly Young Waterman." His success was complete in every way.

The Kentish Town Club of Instruction commenced their second session on Sunday morning last, when Bro. Chas. Quicke, Preceptor, rehearsed the Third Degree. The officers were Bros. Charles Dettmer, S.W.; J. Percy W. Husk, J.W.; H. G. Davenall, I.G.; F. A. Baldwin, Treas.; Thomas Upton, Org.; and G. F. Wheeler, Sec. The brethren meet every Sunday morning during the season, shortly after 11, at the Milton Hall, Kentish Town-road, N.W.

The Exhibition Military Band at the Gardening and Forestry Exhibition, Earl's Court, is well worth an afternoon's sitting to lovers of instrumental music. It is under the able conductorship of Bro. J. R. Wellington, of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, and his varied programmes of choice selections from the best composers invariably give satisfaction. Bro. Wellington, whose name is well known in South London musical circles, has evidently chosen his artists from amongst the most talented of their respective classes, and the result is perfect. The cornet (Bro. Gay), clarinet, and piccolo soloists deserve special reference for the quality of their respective performances.

Bro. Councillor John Taylor, F.C.S., F.L.S., &c., of Torquay, was "sworn in" last week as a Justice of the Peace for that newly-formed borough, and is one of the first so honoured. Bro. Taylor is an esteemed P.M. of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, and also the indefatigable Secretary. He is also a member of the "sister" Lodge St. John, No. 328, and founder and member of the Galen Lodge, No. 2394, London, besides being an active member of the "Correspondence Circle" of the "Quatuor Coronati"; M.E.Z. of the St. John's Chapter, No. 328; W.M. of the Jordan Mark Lodge, No. 319; P.E.P. Royal Sussex Preceptory, all of Torquay; 2nd General, Coryton Rose Croix, Exeter; Royal Order of Scotland; the Allied Degrees, &c.; and the present H. of No. 710, Totnes. He is well known locally as a hard worker for the county and Central Masonic Charities.

THE NEW MASTER CUTLER OF SHEFFIELD.—On Thursday, the 7th inst., Bro. Geo. Howson, of the firm of Harrison Brothers and Howson, cutlery manufacturers, was duly installed Master Cutler of Sheffield by Bro. Robert Bellitt, Past Master, the retiring Master Cutler, Bro. J. F. Atkinson, J.P., being at present in America, he having been appointed a judge at the Chicago Exhibition. Bro. C. H. Bingham was appointed Senior Warden, and Bro. H. H. Andrew, Junior Warden, and Bro. Rev. J. G. Williams, Chaplain. The time-honoured ceremony, as usual, took place at the Town Hall with the quaint ceremonial usual on these occasions. The business at the Town Hall being completed, the members attended the Parish Church, where a short service was conducted by Bro. Rev. J. G. Williams, Chaplain. On returning to the Cutlers' Hall luncheon was served, and this concluded the ceremonial of the day. The banquet is postponed for the present, but will probably take place the last Thursday in October or the first Thursday in November.

Lady Tenterden, who is staying at Heath's Court, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, with the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Coleridge, met with an accident on Thursday. She was driving in a dog-cart, when the horse fell. Lady Tenterden was thrown out and sustained a fracture of one arm. Her ladyship was removed to Heath's Court, where she was medically attended.

Spiers and Pond, Limited, notify that the share transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants for the first instalment of 4s. per share (less Income Tax) on account of the dividend for the year ending 31st March, which will be posted to the shareholders on the 1st October next.

Arrangements are being made for the reception at Guildhall on Friday next, the 22nd inst., by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London, of the Institute of Journalists. The reception itself will take place in the Art Gallery, and there will be a ball in the Guildhall as well as a concert in the Council Chamber. There will also be an exhibition of objects of journalistic and general interest in the Library. It is anticipated that quite 3500 guests will be present on the occasion.

After hearing the officers of the Navahoe and Britannia as to the circumstances attending the close of their race on Tuesday for the Brenton Reef Cup, the Committee of the Royal Yacht Squadron reversed their previous decision and awarded the prize to the American yacht. The mark vessel was some two miles away from her proper post when the competing boats came in, their arrival not being expected for some hours.

Bro. C. D. Wise, Grand Secretary of A.S.F.I., in replying to the toast of his health after the recent communication of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, said: "We should have some difficulty in describing what Freemasonry is. It has a nameless charm for those who take an interest in it. I always took an interest in it from choice long before I became Grand Secretary, and I may say that the prosperity and success of Freemasonry is a matter which is, and always will be, very near to my heart."

Bro. Egbert Roberts, the well-known "bass," announces his intention to give high-class concerts at Myddelton Hall, Almeida-street, Upper-street, Islington, every Saturday evening, commencing on Saturday evening, the 30th inst., with the unrivalled Pompadour Band, ladies' orchestra (conducted by Miss Eleanor Clausen), assisted by eminent vocalists, including "The Schartau Part Singers." We trust he will receive sufficient patronage to encourage him in his endeavour to provide a wholesome and refined entertainment.

Bro. Surgeon Parke, who was medical officer of Stanley's Emin Pasha Relief Expedition, died on Sunday last after a brief illness, while staying at Alt-na-Craig, Ardrishaig, as the guest of Bro. the Duke of St. Albans. The deceased had seen service in Egypt, having been medically in charge of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford's Naval Brigade, and shared in the battles of Abu Klea and Gubat and the attack on Metamneh. Subsequently he joined Stanley, and was with him throughout the whole of the expedition.

At the first meeting of the Ancient Stirling Lodge, No. 30, Scotland, for the season, on the 5th inst., the W. Bro. Thomas Allison, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. William James Hughan, P.S.G.D., Honorary Member of Mother Lodge Kilwinning No. 0, the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, &c., &c. (on the proposition of Bro. D. McIntosh, seconded by Bro. D. Barker), was elected an honorary member in appreciation of his great and valuable services to the lodge. The vote was not only unanimous but most enthusiastically agreed to.

Bro. William Wingel, the courteous Manager and Secretary of the Torquay Directory and Printing Co., was installed as W.M. of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, of that town on Tuesday last by Bro. John Lane, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. of Devon, &c. As might be expected, the menu cards, books of words, &c., for the banquet are quite a feature of the proceedings, and are exceedingly tasty and well done. The banquet was served at the Bath Saloons by Bro. W. J. Nosworthy, D.C. 1402, and was a great success. A striking portrait of Bro. Wingel is given on the title page to one of the special pamphlets, and will doubtless be treasured as a souvenir of this interesting occasion. A full report will be given next week.

Of late, writes a correspondent, there has been some comment among Royal Arch Masons regarding chapters purporting to be of that body recently opened in Glasgow and the neighbourhood, members of which, at the instigation of the founders of these bodies, assert for obvious reasons that they are genuine authorised Royal Arch Masons and recognised as such elsewhere. It may serve as a warning to brethren who may be tempted to join any of such so-called chapters, that the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in England and Ireland recognise none hailing from Scotland unless they were received under a warrant or charter from the "Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland." Such a fact having been questioned by one of the unrecognised has been definitely settled by a Provincial Grand Office-bearer, who has, in answer to his question on the subject, received an official reply in the above terms, from both England and Ireland.—*The Mallet*.

If there is anything which men in the commercial world are supposed to be alive to, it is their own interests. For about eight years now they have had Mr. Henry Sell, of Fleet-street, working hard to give them a directory of telegraphic addresses, which should be as complete as possible as a result of personal labour, but which could only be quite complete if he could transcribe the Post Office Register of those addresses. For these eight years Mr. Sell has striven, trying four Postmasters-General in succession, and at last succeeding with Mr. Arnold Morley. The next edition will contain more than double the number of addresses ever previously given, will be authoritative as it comes from the Post Office direct, and will certainly be about the most valuable publication ever issued for business men. Surely they will see that Mr. Sell has a little reward for what he has done by buying his book, and making a permanent addition to their books of reference.

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