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RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The ballot papers have been issued for the autumn School Elections, and we are, therefore, in a position to furnish the usual particulars as to the distribution of the candidates, and the nature of the claims set forth in behalf of the several cases. The election for the senior Charity—

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will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which will be holden in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 12th prox., and the poll will be opened, as usual, immediately the general business of the day is over. The number of vacancies to be competed for is 15, and the number of candidates 37. Of the latter 10 hail from London, and there are, in addition, four cases in which London has a part interest either with one of the Provinces or with some District abroad; the remaining 23 cases are Provincial. The 10 girls who depend for support on the votes of the Metropolitan brethren are as follow: No. 3, who was a candidate in April, when she obtained 537 votes; No. 8, who obtained 486 votes on the same occasion; and No. 9, who is still better circumstanced, with 1117 votes to her credit. The other seven are Nos. 11, 13, 16, 21, 22, 30, and 33, while the four in which London is only partially concerned are No. 6, who has claims on the Western Division of South Wales and foreign parts, and who will start on this occasion with 1261 votes to the good; and Nos. 18, 20, and 27, the first of whom hails originally from Bengal, the second from London and Kent, and the last from Monmouthshire. One of these children (the Monmouthshire and London girl, No. 27) is a new candidate, her father having died as recently as January of the current year, and unfortunately this is her last as well as her first chance of securing election into the School, so that her friends will have to exercise all the influence they possess in order to win for her a place among the successful. Of the 23 Provincial cases, three are from ESSEX, two from HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT, two from EAST LANCASHIRE, and the others, with one exception, from single Provinces. The ESSEX three are No. 1, whose name appeared on the list of the October election of last year, and who enjoys the good fortune of starting with 1449 votes brought forward; No. 14, and No. 37. HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT sends the following: No. 2, who was a candidate in October, 1892, and brings forward 70 votes, and No. 4, who polled 16 votes in April last—and she divides with DORSETSHIRE the responsibility of supporting and, if possible, carrying to a successful issue the candidature of No. 25, whose name is now entered upon the list for the first time. The two EAST LANCASHIRE cases rank as Nos. 12 and 36, while the others, taking them in the order in which they appear, are as follow: No. 5, from SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION), with the excellent total of 1363 votes to start with; No. 7, from LINCOLNSHIRE, with 28 votes in hand; No. 10, from CORNWALL, with 21 votes in hand; No. 15, from NORTHUMBERLAND; No. 17—who has this one and only chance of gaining admission into the School—from CHESHIRE; No. 19, from NORTHANTS AND HUNTS; No. 23, from BEDFORDSHIRE; No. 24, from SUFFOLK; No. 26, from MIDDLESEX; No. 28—another girl who unfortunately has only this one chance of being elected—from WARWICKSHIRE; No. 29, from SOMERSETSHIRE; No. 31, from NORTH WALES; No. 32, from WEST YORKSHIRE; and Nos. 34 and 35, from SOMERSETSHIRE and GLOUCESTERSHIRE respectively. Be it added that three of the girls have lost both parents and two have both parents living, while three are motherless and 29 fatherless. Only in about eight cases did the fathers render help to the Institutions, though quite 20 of them held rank in lodge or Province.

The election of candidates into the

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will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers to be holden in the hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 13th October. In this case there are 25 vacancies to be competed for and 46 candidates to compete for them. Of the latter 13 hail from London and there are two others in which London has a part interest, while the remaining 31 candi-

dates hail from a Province or Provinces or from some foreign District. The 13 London boys are as follow: No. 7, who brings forward 1880 votes from the April election; No. 8, with 1159 votes, and No. 9, with 2023 votes in hand, and Nos. 11 and 16 with 34 and 41 votes respectively. Thus of the five here enumerated, the first three have excellent prospects of success, if only those in charge of their respective interests exert themselves with a will in their behalf. Nos. 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 39, 43, and 45 are also from the Metropolis and will make their *début* as candidates on this occasion. The two partly London and partly Provincial cases are No. 30, with claims on London and Middlesex, and No. 41 from London and Oxfordshire. Of the remaining 31 boys, Nos. 2, 5, and 20 derive their origin from DEVONSHIRE, No. 2, who has stood three previous elections, having 106 votes to his credit, and No. 5, 39 votes, while No. 20 heads the array of boys whose petitions have been approved since the General Court in January. Norfolk is responsible for Nos. 3 and 12, the former of whom has been in the list for two years and the latter for half that period. OXFORDSHIRE furnishes two, of whom No. 6 has 1374 votes standing to his credit from the last two elections, while No. 44 is a new case. WEST LANCASHIRE sends two boys, who appear at Nos. 19 and 38 respectively, and have no votes in hand, though the former was a candidate in April last; and there are two new candidates from WORCESTERSHIRE, namely, No. 40 and No. 42. The rest, taking them in the order in which they appear in the list are No. 1, from DORSETSHIRE, with 1276 votes to the good from three previous attempts; No. 4, from SUFFOLK, with 355 votes from April last, and October, 1892; No. 10, with 36 votes in hand from last April, who has claims on CHESHIRE and DERBYSHIRE, but will have his name removed from the list unless he wins a place at this election; Nos. 13 and 15, who have 92 and 270 votes respectively to their credit, the former having claims on DORSETSHIRE and HANTS and the ISLE OF WIGHT, and the latter on WEST LANCASHIRE and HANTS and ISLE OF WIGHT; No. 14, who scored 13 votes in April last, and hails from the EASTERN DIVISION OF SOUTH WALES; No. 17, from ESSEX, with 1286 votes to the good, from the April election, and No. 18, from JERSEY, with 1388 votes to the good; No. 21, from SUSSEX; No. 24, from WEST YORKSHIRE; No. 25, from HERTFORDSHIRE; No. 28, who has this only chance of securing a place in the School, from the EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO; No. 29, from WESTERN AUSTRALIA; No. 31, from KENT; No. 32, from HANTS and the ISLE OF WIGHT; No. 33, from SHROPSHIRE; and No. 35—another case of winning a place or dropping from the roll altogether—from MIDDLESEX; Nos. 36 and 37, from DERBYSHIRE and NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE respectively; and No. 46, who closes up the list and has claims on both the Lancashires. Of these 46 boys, one has lost both parents, and five have both living, while the remainder are fatherless. Further, as regards the position of the fathers in Masonry, about one-half held office in lodge or Province; while in some 18 cases they gave their services as Stewards, or contributed of their own means, towards the support of our Institutions.

It only remains for us to add that at both Courts the chair will be taken punctually at noon, and that the poll will close as punctually at 3 p.m. We may, however, be permitted to supplement these remarks by calling attention, as we have in respect of past elections, to the fact of there being in each case certain children whose names will be removed from the lists unless they have the good fortune to secure places among the successful. These are, as regards the Girls' School, No. 17, from CHESHIRE; No. 27, from MONMOUTHSHIRE and LONDON; and No. 28, from WARWICKSHIRE; and, as regards the Boys' School, No. 10, from CHESHIRE and DERBYSHIRE; No. 28, from the EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO; and No. 35, from MIDDLESEX. On behalf of these children we appeal, as we have done for some years past on behalf of all similar cases, to all Governors and Subscribers who are not already pledged to the support of any particular candidate or candidates to give their support and employ their influence in order to secure their election. Let it be borne in mind that the claims of these children to be admitted into these Institutions have been approved by the authorities. The other children, if they fail next month, will still have one or more chances remaining to them, but these we are speaking of must succeed now or their names will be removed from the lists under the operation of the laws which determine the maximum limit of age for admission as 11 years. We do not know any of the children for whom we make this appeal, but while the lists are restricted in respect of numbers as they happen to be just now, it appears to us to be almost a duty on the part of those who have votes and are not pledged to support any particular cases that they should render them such help as lies in their power to all *last* cases, so that no child whose petition has been once accepted may be sent empty away.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on the 13th inst. at Nantwich. A large number of members of the Order were present, additional interest being lent to the occasion consequent upon the presentation to the Nantwich Lodge—known as the King's Friends Lodge—of a centenary warrant.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master, who was accompanied by Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, his deputy, and many other brethren of high rank, including—

Bros. J. Bodenham, P.P.S.G.W. Staffordshire and P.G.D.C. Eng.; J. Holbrook, P.D.G.M. British Columbia; J. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, and Secretary R.M.I.B.; T. C. Thorburn, P.S.G.W.; T. Steele Sheldon, P.J.G.W.; J. H. Bellyse, P.P.G.W.; J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Cookson, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Bower, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Drinkwater, P.G. Reg.; Col. Wilkinson, P.P.G.W.; R. Head, P.P.G. Treas.; the Rev. J. Grant Berd, P.P.G. Chap.; E. G. Simpson, P.P.G.D.; H. Smith, P.P.G.D.; J. Clayton, P.P.G.W.; the Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G. Chap.; H. Finch, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Lockitt, P.P.G.D.; L. Bentley, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Brown, P.G.D.C.; T. A. Maddocks, P.S.G.D.; H. Smith, P.J.G.D.; and H. Ellis, P.G. Org.

The roll of lodges was called, and it appeared that every lodge in the province was represented.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting and of two special meetings had been adopted,

Bro. E. T. GIBSON, P.P.G. Treas., presented the Auditors' report, which stated that the balance in the bank of the Fund of General Purposes was £61, and of the Fund of Benevolence £117. The balances showed a decrease upon those of last year owing to special items of expenditure, including a special donation of 50 guineas to the Cheshire Benevolent Institution.

The accounts were adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed to the P.G. Treasurer and the Auditors for their services.

Bro. SALMON, Chairman of the Committee of Benevolence, presented the report of that Committee. It stated that the receipts from all sources, including the last year's balance, amounted to £262, and the expenditure to £144. The applications for relief had been more than usual. All were of a deserving character, and no case was refused. The report gave particulars as to the voting strength of the province in connection with the three Metropolitan Masonic Charities. The sum of £3007 had been actually paid by the Cheshire brethren in the cause of Charity during the year.

Bro. SALMON moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Bro. J. CLAYTON, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and adopted.

Bro. SALMON proposed the adoption of the first report of the newly-formed Cheshire Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. It stated that the Cheshire Educational Institution, for the purpose of providing education at local schools and advancement in life for the children of indigent or deceased Cheshire Freemasons, was founded in 1863. It had at the present time invested capital amounting to £6250, and was dispensing its benefits to 47 sons and daughters of less fortunate members of the Order. The Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution was established in the present year as an auxiliary to the Metropolitan Institution. The total receipts to date were £2649, which, with the exception of a small balance, had been invested, and now produced an annual income of £69.

Bro. GIBSON seconded the motion, which was passed.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then presented a centenary warrant to the W.M. of the King's Friends Lodge, No. 293. The document, which was read by Bro. H. FINCH, and which bore the sign manual of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of English Freemasons, set forth that the lodge was established at Nantwich on the 14th March, 1793.

In presenting the warrant, Bro. Lord EGERTON said it would be no doubt a great satisfaction to the members of the lodge to possess so interesting a document. He expressed a wish that the lodge might prosper for another 100 years.

In a subsequent address to the meeting, Bro. Lord EGERTON said there had been a steady increase in numbers during the year. The number of subscribing Masons in Cheshire was now 2241, as against 1063 in the preceding year. There were now 45 lodges in the province. The work of the Committee of Benevolence had been most satisfactory. He was glad that Cheshire Masonry had shown itself in such a practical character in connection with the work of education and the care of aged Masons and their widows. The question generally of provision for old age had been discussed in the country, and he thought it satisfactory that Freemasons at all events had recognised their responsibilities and had endeavoured to the best of their power to provide for the welfare of their aged and less fortunate brethren. He hoped the Benevolent funds would be so well supported that it should never be said of any brother of good character, who had been recommended by his lodge, if he fell into misfortune, that he had not received aid and support. He congratulated the province upon the work that had been done in the formation of the new Institution. With regard to the Educational Institution of Cheshire, in consequence of the Government bill for assisted education, and the facilities now given for education, it was possible that the fund which had been raised for that purpose might not be wanted to the same extent as hitherto, but aid from it would always be given towards clothing and maintenance. It might be possible, by taking certain legal steps, to make the fund available for other benevolent purposes, and the time might come when the two funds might be united and managed by the one Committee. In conclusion, Lord Egerton moved that the sum of 25 guineas, the surplus of the inaugural festival of the Cheshire Benevolent Institution, be presented to the Institution in the name of the P.G. Sec., Bro. R. Newhouse, thereby qualifying him as a Vice-Patron of the Institution with 50 life votes.

Bro. J. CLAYTON seconded the motion, which was passed.

The meeting proceeded to the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer, and on the motion of Bro. J. H. BELLYSE, P.P.G.W., seconded by Bro. C. E. FORSDICK, Bro. J. Jackson, King's Friends Lodge, was unanimously elected to the office.

Auditors for the ensuing year having been elected, the Provincial Grand Master appointed the following brethren as officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:

- Bro. W. Whiston, 295 ... .. Prov. S.G.W.
- " A. G. Cummings, 293 ... .. Prov. J.G.W.
- " Rev. R. Hodgson, 321 ... .. } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " Rev. C. Chetwynde Atkinson, 1045 ... .. }
- " J. Jackson, 293 ... .. Prov. G. Treas.

- Bro. J. T. Thompson, 477 ... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- " R. Newhouse, 1045 (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " Capt. Cooper, R.A., 2386 ... .. } Prov. S.G.Ds.
- " J. H. Wild, 537 ... .. }
- " G. W. Sidebotham, 361 ... .. } Prov. J.G.Ds.
- " J. Clarke, 605 ... .. }
- " J. Armstrong, 2433 ... .. } Prov. G.S. of W.
- " H. Gordon Small, 2368 ... .. } Prov. G.D.C.
- " J. Phythian, 336 ... .. } Prov. D.G.D.C.
- " W. Campbell, 1357 ... .. }
- " Charles Vickers, 979 ... .. } Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
- " T. Wood, 2144 ... .. }
- " John Bottomley, 324 ... .. } Prov. G.S.B.
- " J. Crook, 320 ... .. }
- " G. Boothby, 323 ... .. } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " J. H. Brookes, 1126 ... .. } Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
- " H. Ellis, 721 ... .. } Prov. G. Org.
- " Thos. J. Darlington, 89... .. } Prov. G. Purst.
- " T. W. A. Napier, 2132... .. } Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
- " Sergeant-Major M'Kay ... .. }
- " Peter Blackburn ... .. }
- " Robert Fidler ... .. } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " J. F. Fear ... .. }
- " G. H. Hollins ... .. }
- " John Cope ... .. }
- " S. Smith (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. G. Tyler

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that he should hold his next annual provincial meeting at Birkenhead.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, headed by a band, walked in procession to the parish church. At the close of the service an offertory was taken in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence.

In the evening there was a banquet at the Brine Baths Hotel, Bro. Lord Egerton presiding.

CONSECRATION OF THE HADRIAN LODGE,  
No. 2483.

A large and influential gathering of brethren took place in the Drill Hall, Pevensey, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when the Hadrian Lodge, No. 2483, was duly consecrated by Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W. The Provincial Grand Officers were well represented, and there was a good attendance of brethren from the various lodges throughout the county.

Previous to the opening of the lodge the brethren sat down to a luncheon in the Drill Hall, under the presidency of the W.M. designate, Bro. E. W. Stillwell, J.D. 1, P.M. 1872 and 2020, P.P.G.S. Surrey, who was supported by the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past.

The CHAIRMAN opened the toast list by proposing "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were heartily received.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," speaking briefly, but in eulogistic terms, of the excellent work performed in the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and the Earls of Lathom and Mount Edgcumbe.

Bro. THOMAS TROLLOPE, in responding, said that though he was unprepared to make a speech—for he thought there would be no toast list—he was proud to be called upon to acknowledge the toast of the Grand Officers. It was gratifying to them at all times to find their work so warmly appreciated by the brethren, and he could assure them that all the Grand Officers were indefatigable in their work. Besides those mentioned, he alluded to Bro. T. Penn as one of the best exponents of Masonic ritual, and to Bro. Philbrick, and there were many others, he said, who were prominent and zealous members of Grand Lodge. As for himself, he was but an ornamental figure-head, but, so long as he had health and strength, he would do his utmost to advance the cause of Freemasonry.

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN also acknowledged the toast, remarking that the new lodge—the 30th in the province—had been started under good auspices, and had every prospect of becoming a success.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The M.W. the Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward; and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." The Duke of Connaught, he said, had been called abroad, and was therefore unable to be present, while Sir W. T. Marriott, who had kindly promised to consecrate the new lodge, had been unexpectedly detained in Paris on important business. The founders of the lodge were deeply grateful to Bro. Trollope for kindly undertaking to act as Consecrating Officer, and he was sure the post would be well filled.

Bro. J. P. SLINGSBY ROBERTS, Prov. S.G. Warden, acknowledged the toast. He said that while all the brethren regretted the absence of Sir W. T. Marriott, he especially did so, as he was afraid he should unworthily respond to the toast. The Provincial Grand Officers, he said, welcomed the new lodge, the second added to the roll during the present year. He was glad to hear that there was every prospect of the lodge being prosperous. The pleasure of the Provincial Grand Officers was, perhaps, tinged with a little selfishness, for, as the roll of lodges now reached 30, the province secured extra privileges, and would have additional officers.

Bro. W. DAWES next proposed "Prosperity to the Hadrian Lodge." All present, he said, were pleased to meet the W.M. Designate and the founders, and to congratulate them upon the new lodge. In giving excellent advice and a few practical hints to the founders, he said that prosperity came from within a lodge, and that the brethren should aim, not at quantity, but quality. However, he hoped to find both amalgamated, so that the lodge would be financially successful. In their W.M. they had one who had rendered good service in Freemasonry, and he (Bro. Dawes) had every confidence in the new lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER DESIGNATE, on rising to respond, was warmly applauded. He said he hardly knew how to find words to thank Bro. Dawes for his kind allusion to himself. The founders, he said, would all remember his remarks, and endeavour to profit by them in the future work of the lodge. Alluding to his own Masonic experience, he said he was initiated 13 years ago, and had passed the chair of two lodges; he therefore had some little knowledge of the working of a lodge and the duties of W.M. Personally, he ventured to hope that the work of the

Hadrian Lodge would not be far below that of other lodges in the province. He was proud to become the first W.M. of the lodge, and although he felt, eight years since, when he came to reside in the district, that he had experienced sufficient work in Freemasonry to satisfy his Masonic craving, yet he was induced to join others in taking steps to secure the new lodge, and the founders had at last been successful. He then submitted "The Visitors," and gave a hearty invitation to brethren from other lodges to visit the Hadrian Lodge.

Bro. W. E. MORRISON, P.P.J.G.W., in responding, said they were all pleased to see the new lodge started under such happy auspices.

Bro. R. T. THORNTON also acknowledged the toast.

The brethren, on the conclusion of the toast list, adjourned to the upper room of the Drill-Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Trollope, the Consecrating Officer, who opened the lodge, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. S.G.W., and H. Langton, Prov. J.G.W.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, and alluding to the absence of the Duke of Connaught, said the onerous position and the claims on royalty were well known to the brethren. The Duke of Connaught had just left Scotland, where he had been paying a visit to the Queen, and had gone to the Continent. Those were ample reasons he was not with them. Sir W. T. Marriott had been detained in Paris on professional work, and he (Bro. Trollope) had been requested to express the regret of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master at his unavoidable absence. Undertaking the position of Consecrating Officer at short notice, he appeared as an "understudy," and expressed his condolence with the lodge at the absence of the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The lodge made the thirtieth in the province, which would now have additional officers. With such a worthy W.M. designate he felt that there was every prospect of success attending the lodge.

The brethren of the new lodge were arranged in order, the founders being as follows: Bros. the Rev. E. C. Adams, John Boyles, Albert E. R. Brett, Henry John Capon, F. S. Golden, M.R.C.V.S., Albert Gosling, W. Robert Griffin, G. A. Jeffery, M.D., J.P., Francis Henry Mortimer Kelson, Henry Marks, Gus G. Melliard, Samuel Roulton, J.P., F. Russell, William R. Shipcott, Major Edward William Stillwell, and William Strickland.

The brethren having approved of the officers named in the warrant, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. A. RIVINGTON, gave an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution.

The lodge was then duly consecrated, dedicated, and constituted, the ceremonies being admirably performed by Bro. Trollope, who then installed Bro. Edward W. Stillwell W.M. for the ensuing year.

The officers were also appointed, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices as follow: Bros. W. Strickland, I.P.M.; Henry Marks, S.W.; Henry John Capon, J.W.; Albert Gosling, Treas.; John Boyles, Sec.; W. Robert Griffin, J.D.; Fred. Russell, I.G.; G. G. Melliard and F. S. Golden, Stwds.; and J. B. R. Bays, Tyler.

The remaining portion of the programme included the election of a Committee to frame by-laws, the election of members to serve on the Charities' Committee of Provincial Grand Lodge, and propositions for initiations and joining members.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. A. S. Cooke, Prov. G. Org., and John Easter, P.P.G.O., the latter presiding with great skill at the American organ.

### CONSECRATION OF THE DUCHESS OF YORK LODGE, No. 2482.

The Duchess of York Lodge, No. 2482, was consecrated at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on the 13th inst. by Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. Grand Master. The founders of the lodge are: Bros. T. Archer Lowe, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert Fox, Peter Bratt, Philip Whyman, Frederic Walmsley, Thomas Almond Lever, Ernest Archer Lowe, W. H. Boycott, J. E. Mead, James Beardmore, W.M. 852; Joseph Howarth, W. Hardy, and J. M. H. Blamey.

There was a very large assembly of influential brethren present, including—

Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Edmund Ashworth, P.G.D.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. J. O. Jelly, P.G. Chap.; James Andrew, P.G.S.D.; J. B. Lonsdale, P.S.G.W.; George Galloway, P.J.G.W.; John Partington, P.S.G.D.; J. Smith, P.J.G.D.; W. Hoyland, P.G.P.; Thomas Schofield, P.G. Stwd.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W.; Peter Wills, P.A.G.D.C.; Alf. Hibden, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Fred. Hilton, P.G.D.C.; G. S. Smith, Prov. G. Org.; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec. and Sec. of the East Lancashire Systematic Institution; Wm. Corner, P.P.G.D.C.; James Glennie, P.G.S.B.; J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; H. H. Warbuton, P.P.G.D.; W. T. Schofield, P.P.G.D.; W. Goldthorpe, P.G. Reg.; A. Pemberton, P.P.G.D.C.; George Macfarlain, P.G.S. of W.; J. S. Doxey, P.G.C.; R. Duxbury, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.D.; A. Holt, P.G.P.; and J. Filton, P.G.S.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed Bros. J. B. Lonsdale as S.W., and George Galloway as J.W. After the formal opening of the lodge, a hymn was sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then addressed the brethren at some length, and the founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant, a splendid oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. O. JELLY, P.G.C.

A beautiful anthem followed, and the Presiding Officer proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a close with the final benediction.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then called upon Bro. W. T. Schofield, W.M. 2449, P.P.G.D., to take the chair, in order to install the first W.M., Bro. T. Archer Lowe, P.P.G.S.B., they being very old and dear friends. Bro. Lowe was presented by Bro. F. Hilton, P.G.D.C., and was duly installed into the chair. The working tools were presented by Bro. Hebden, P.P.D. G.D. of C.

The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year, and they were addressed by Bro. W. T. Schofield, as follows: Bros. R. Fox, S.W.; P. Biall, J.W.; Philip Whyman, Treas.; F. Walmsley, Sec.; T. Almond Lever, S.D.; Ernest Archer Lowe, J.D.; W. H. Boycott, D.C.; J. E. Mead, Org.; and James Beardman, W.M. 852, I.G. Bro. Schofield also gave the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens. The brethren were addressed by Bro. J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.

Bro. ARCHER LOWE, W.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the P.G.M.

for his attendance on that occasion, and for having performed the ceremony in such an impressive manner.

This was seconded by Bro. Fox, S.W., and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. W. T. Schofield for installing the first W.M., and he was asked to become an honorary member.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the very numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed.

The musical brethren were Bros. W. H. Kershaw, P.M.; Cuthbert Blacow, W. Dumville, P.M.; and A. S. Kinwell, under the direction of the P.G. Organist.

Subsequently a banquet was held, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The toast list was interspersed with glees and songs.

### A MISTAKE.

Responsibility for actions, for directions, instruction, correction, and the proper course in certain conditions to be adopted rests on the Worshipful Masters of our lodges. This is as it should be. The brother who has served in the South and West has had both time and opportunity to acquaint himself with the duties of each station, and thus become, if he has the intelligence, to be capable of governing his lodge.

It may be that the necessity for acquiring the requisite knowledge for the duties of a Master does not impress itself on him while in these stations, but if he has an aptitude for absorbing knowledge, he must be, in a great measure, informed of the duties of the East. When, therefore, he may, as he advances to the East, become familiar with the Worshipful Master's responsibilities. This is a great gain, but so much depends on how it is used.

He will be versed in the frequent occasions when conditions occur that call for prompt action by the Worshipful Master, or if not prompt action, a careful understanding of what is likely to come out of the action of the lodge.

It must be understood so as to protect the lodge from a violation of the law of Masonry. The members of lodges of course rely on the experience and information of the lodge officers. They expect, and reasonably expect, that this reliance is well founded.

Yet on the members of the lodges, in a large measure, depends the proper brother to be Worshipful Master. If he has merit, has taken advantage of the opportunities he enjoyed, has the force of character to govern his lodge with justice and equity, then the proper brother is found for the Worshipful Master.

It is often that much evil occurs from the unintentional mistake that is made by the ruling of the Worshipful Master, or the direction he gives for the proceedings of the lodge.

It is the mistake that is unfortunate. No Worshipful Master intentionally makes either error or improper suggestions to the lodge. It is the misfortune that the Worshipful Master has not the readiness to apply the knowledge he possesses. The cool head, the quiet assurance that he is able to meet the unexpected, the feeling that he can perform his duty under the responsibilities that belong to it even in an emergency, that renders the Worshipful Master of great service to the Craft.

All this has to be acquired by the brother, while in the South and West. He must think, reflect, study, so that the reliance he must have in his ability is not wanting when needed. There can be no more mortifying feeling than for a Worshipful Master to have to confess that "he made a mistake."

It is very true that even to the best of men mistakes may happen. It is to be observed that the excuse is accepted as an explanation of some occurrence that has been unfortunate. But in such cases there is room for such an explanation.

In a lodge of Freemasons it can rarely, it ought never to occur, that the Worshipful Master explains the result of lodge action. That he made a mistake, a mistake in such a position, comes most likely from want of reflection, or because the conditions are unusual.

These causes can be avoided by the Worshipful Master of a lodge, because the lines between which he must act are plainly laid down, if he would only seek to know what is the intent and meaning of the limitation, between what is prohibited and what is permitted. Reflection will find the proper course to be adopted.—*Keystone.*

### ANCIENT MASONS, ALSO CALLED ANTIENT MASONS, OR ATHOL MASONS.—

They form the body which seceded in 1739 from the Grand Lodge, on some grounds of real or pretended complaint, and formed illegal lodges of their own. They took the name of Ancient York Masons, though very improperly, and they established a Grand Lodge of their own, and chartered many private lodges eventually. We need not to-day go into the cause of the schism, as at this distance of time it is impossible to lay down accurately either the grounds or facts connected with such a regrettable act. Some of our writers have said that the main cause was the making of certain alterations in the ritual. But as in 1813 there was really no irreconcilable difficulty in the union of the two Grand Lodges as regards working, we are inclined to believe that the points of difference were very trifling, and purposely exaggerated by those who perhaps thought they had hardly sufficient of merit acknowledged, or dignity awarded, in the old Grand Lodge. Laurence Dermott seems to have become ere long the ruling genius of the rival Grand Lodge, though he was not on the scene in 1738. It has been said also that the institution of the Royal Arch was a great cause of difference and division, but this is hardly borne out by the facts of the case. It is probable that Ramsay's manipulations were known in England, though there is no proof that we are aware of that Ramsay ever had anything to do with our Grand Lodge, which, as he was an avowed Jacobite, was not *prima facie* very likely. But Dermott may have seen, and possibly did appropriate, the words "Royal Arch," and though this nomenclature was new, the substance was well known. Hence, practically, the differences between the two bodies were really very small, though we may admit that the Ancients more fully developed what is now termed the Royal Arch Grade, and gave to it its distinct position and separate organisation. After 1775, the Ancient Masons seem to have been generally called Athol Masons, in honour of the third Duke of Athol, Grand Master in 1771. He was installed March 2nd, 1771, and Dermott as D.G.M. Bro. Hughan mentions this on the authority of the records of the ancient Grand Lodge. In 1813, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, father of our Gracious Queen, was Grand Master of the Athol Masons, and H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. The happy union was effected, to the great good of Freemasonry alike in England and in the world. Preston says that the Ancients had no Grand Master until 1772, but Preston seems to be in error.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1893.

**Masonic Notes.**

On Wednesday next, the 27th inst., what will undoubtedly be one of the most important, and may well be the most brilliant Masonic gathering of the year will take place at Leeds. On that day Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., of Northallerton Hall, Prov. G. Master nominate of West Yorkshire, will be installed in office, the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M. There is every reason to believe that the attendance of Grand Officers as well as of brethren from London and the other Provinces will be very large, and there is no doubt whatever that our West Yorkshire brethren will use every effort in order to ensure that, as regards their own contingent of the English Craft, the meeting shall be worthy, both of so important an occasion and so influential a Province.

Next week, indeed, will be an exceedingly busy one in country Masonry. Not only will there be the gathering at Leeds we have just referred to; but on Tuesday the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will hold its annual meeting at Bishop Auckland under the banner of the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121, while on Wednesday the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire is summoned to meet at Coleshill under the banner of the Machen Lodge, No. 1782. It is unfortunate that the West Yorkshire and Warwickshire meets should clash. They are both influential Provinces and the distance between the two is not so great but that many would gladly exchange visits if such exchanges were possible. However, this cannot be during the present year, and all the two Provinces can do is to wish each other a successful meeting and that, we are assured, will be done in both cases right heartily.

We are pleased to be able to accord a place in our correspondence columns to a letter with which Bro. W. F. Lamonby has favoured us; but we fail to see how any advantage will be gained by discussing what after all are mere details, and so prolonging a controversy which can have no result. If a mistake has been made

in not calling for the returns which formed the subject of Bro. Lamonby's motion in Grand Lodge on the 6th instant at the proper time, that is, when the several Australasian Grand Lodges were recognised by our Grand Lodge, it is manifestly too late to ask for them now that the dissolved District Grand Lodges which formerly paid us allegiance have ceased to exist.

Let Bro. Lamonby ask himself the plain question— not whom will it advantage to pursue this matter further but who is there who will not be annoyed or even angered by such a course? For ourselves, during the various controversies which have arisen in connection with sundry of these Grand Lodges, but especially over the New Zealand difficulty, we have observed a strictly independent line of conduct. Grand Lodge has adopted our views in more than one instance, in all probability because those views were urged temperately and respectfully, and without the slightest evidence of a desire on our part to hamper the action of the authorities in the policy they might see fit to adopt. And this being so, we must decline to continue, or to offer our columns as a medium for continuing, a discussion which, if it has any result at all, must result in causing friction between our own and the new Australasian Grand Lodges. We have no doubt Bro. Lamonby will appreciate the force of our present remarks when he examines more carefully into the circumstances which he is anxious to discuss further.

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At the funeral of General de Mirabel, at Grenoble, last week, a discourse was delivered by Mgr. Fava, Bishop of Grenoble, in which he violently attacked the Freemasons: "It was the English Freemasons," said the Bishop, "who pushed on France to join in the Crimean War against Russia, in order that she might exhaust her gold and treasure in the needless combat. It was the French Freemasons who incited France to fight Austria, a Catholic nation, in order to bring about the unity of Italy, which at this day was threatening the Alpine frontier of France, and resisting the temporal power of the Pope." It has been left to the worthy bishop to discover the cause of a great war, which to not a few of us has hitherto, like many a war before it, been shrouded in mystery. We congratulate him on the discovery.

**Correspondence.**

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

**DISSOLVED DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
There is generally a reason for everything; also there are two sides to most questions. In all probability had one of these considerations entered your editorial mind, your leading article on my notice of motion at the last Communication of Grand Lodge would, at least, have been very considerably modified in its tone. The origin and the meaning of the said notice of motion are, I think, pretty well known by this time. Suffice it to say, that certain brethren, members of a lodge in a dissolved Australian district, are not on the books of our Grand Lodge. These brethren explain that their returns were made to the late District Grand Lodge, in accordance with Article 111, &c. The Colonial Board once, if not twice, is asked to verify the truth or otherwise of this statement by communicating with the late District authorities; but, with strange perversity, declines to take any action. There your readers have the matter in a nutshell.

Another point, by way of explanation, if you will permit me. The Grand Registrar and the Deputy Grand Master, in Grand Lodge, as well as yourself, in your leading article, inferred that my notice of motion was in the character of a demand on the late District Grand Secretaries. It was nothing of the kind—merely a courteous request, which, I am sure, the brethren concerned would have been only too happy to have complied with; indeed, I imagine one of them would be ready and willing to part with the books and documents, if for no other reason than to get rid of an accumulation of lumber, in the shape of waste paper. In conclusion, this question will doubtless appear to many brethren as another side-light on the clear in-

sufficiency and unsuitability of our "Book of Constitutions" so far as they refer to District Grand Lodges and their establishment as independent Grand Lodges. As for instance, Article 221 provides for the return to our Grand Lodge of all books and papers belonging to dissolved private lodges, but dissolved District Grand Lodges do not seem to have been anticipated during the compilation and revision of the two last editions of the "Constitutions." Here is surely food for serious reflection, and it remains to be seen whether any brother or brethren will be found bold enough to come to the front, and say that the period has arrived when we should throw our "As-it-was-in-the-beginning-and-ever-shall-be" policy overboard and sail with the times.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

September 18th.

**VISITING BRETHREN.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason,"*

Dear Sir and Brother,

An incident which occurred at a recent meeting of a lodge to which I belong would seem to point to a laxity in some Provincial lodges, truly reprehensible. The lodge had been called off, and as we were about to resume labour, a man walked in and took his seat. As he was not clothed, the attention of the W.M. was called to him, and I was asked to look into the matter. I asked him if he was with any brother, to which he replied that he was not, but was a P.M. and P.Z. I reminded him that he was not clothed, and he said it did not matter, he was willing to be proved. I invited him to accompany me outside, when I asked for his certificate. He said he did not travel about with his certificate in his pocket. I therefore refused to proceed any further. Upon returning to the lodge a visitor informed me that he knew him to be a Mason and a P.M. Thereupon I retired, looked him up, and informed him that a brother was in the lodge who vouched for him and invited him to enter. He refused to do so, declaring that he had been insulted, and when the lodge closed, I heard him in the bar haranguing the by-standers on the insult he had received on being refused admission to a lodge.

Now, Sir, here was the P.M. of a lodge, who evidently considered it the correct thing to walk into a lodge where he was a perfect stranger, and without clothing, take part in the proceedings without molestation. Is it possible that such a thing is allowed anywhere?

Am I wrong in maintaining that any one presenting himself at the door of a lodge in which he is entirely unknown should be required to produce his Grand Lodge certificate?—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

**FREEMASONRY IN BRAZIL.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice in your issue for June 24th, on page 338, that you cite the Duke of Clarence Lodge, of Bahia (Brazil), as being the largest in South America.

This is far from being the fact, as in the city of Buenos Aires alone there are three lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England who outnumber it, namely, the Excelsior, No. 617, with over 70 members; Star of the South, No. 1025, with over 110 members; and Victoria, No. 2329, with over 50 members.

It is also outnumbered by the English Lodge Light of the South, No. 1553, in Rosario, and equalled by several other lodges out here.

With best wishes for the success of your valuable paper,—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

NEWELL E. DAVIS, Sec. 1025.

August 21st.

**Reviews.**

**PAPER, ITS HISTORY.** By JOHN KAY. London: Smith, Kay, and Co., 42, Rathbone-place.

This is a very pleasantly written book on a most attractive subject, though but little understood, for who is not interested in "paper, paper?" Bro. John Kay takes a wide view of the subject, and treats of all kinds of materials used as paper before paper was introduced, and thus the brochure is of value historically, as well as a guide for present day purposes. Of course, China is referred to, as the "gifted celestials" are supposed to have had the first of everything, but it is questionable if that country was familiar with papyrus so early as many people think. After writing most instructively as to numerous materials, hard or soft, brittle or substantial, employed for the preservation of records, &c., particular attention is paid to papyri leaves and parchment, especially as they were chiefly used prior to the era of paper, as we now understand the word. Mr. Kay believes the oldest manuscript written on cotton paper is of the 11th century. That may be so, but if that is the most ancient preserved, undoubtedly paper made from cotton is of much older date. It is said the first paper mill erected in this country was at Dartford, Kent, in 1588, but we agree with the author that this date is not early enough, for the premier English printer, William Caxton, alludes to paper making in a printed book of a century earlier. Possibly we owe more to the Huguenots as to this matter than is generally supposed. Down to the last century the paper was hand-made, but since then the increase of this industry has been tremendous, and now paper is manufactured from almost anything that is at all fibrous. In the British Museum is a book printed in Dutch, made up of some 60 specimens of different materials from which the paper has been made.

This was so early as 1772. Rags, esparto-grass, jute, wood, and straw are all utilised for the purpose. It seems that esparto-grass is very popular for this purpose, 20,000 tons being imported to this country every month from Spain and Tripoli, wood-pulp coming next with 15,000, and linen and cotton rags some 7000 tons, exclusive of the enormous quantity obtained at home. Bro. Kay says the cost of producing two papers of equal quality, one from straw and the other from rags, is about equal, though the prices of the two materials, to begin with, differ to such an extent. This is a curious fact. He considers there is plenty of room, however, for rags as well as substitutes. The descriptions of the various processes of manufacture are of considerable value, and assuredly most instructive and entertaining withal. Those interested in "book-making" as authors, will find the volume replete with details as to the sizes, measurements, weights, and various kinds of paper, from "Antiquarian" and "Double Elephant," down to cartridge, foolscap, and "music demy." Roy-1 folio to demy 48mo; sizes of millboards, cards and cardboards, note paper, bank notes, water-marks, and many other subjects and departments in paper-making, all of which are skilfully treated. Bro. Kay is to be warmly congratulated on doing so well, and in making such a readable book on "paper" within a small compass and yet wonderfully comprehensive.



### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Kensington Lodge (No. 1767).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday last, the 16th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, North Kensington, and was attended by a goodly array of the brethren of the lodge, together with numerous distinguished visitors. Among those present were: T. C. Freeman, W.M.; J. Wiggins, I.P.M.; J. J. Mackay, S.W.; W. G. Vassie, J.W.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; J. W. Barker, P.M.; Treas.; George Read, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Neville, J.D.; J. J. Rumball, I.G.; A. J. Turner and J. W. Facey, Stwds.; J. H. Taylor, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; A. Barclay, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; L. Bryett, P.M.; A. Norman, P.M.; R. Jackson, F. Miller, L. Beale, R. Bidgood, R. H. Meyer, F. Norman, J. Chinn, A. J. Talbot, W. R. Clapp, C. G. Hatt, J. Clarke, and J. G. Bean. Visitors: Bro. Sir Somers Vine, P.G.D.; R. N. Khory, P.M. 1189; R. Bradley, J.W. 1694; W. F. B. Watts, S.D. 183; T. W. Blott, W.M. 742; R. E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 1106; C. E. Betts, Treas. 865; F. A. D. Ackerman, J. N. Whitlock, P.M. 1280; E. Collins, P.M. 733; E. M. Lander, P.M. 1692; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. and Treas. 1642; J. F. Crodger, P.M. 30; T. Spink, Org. 1425; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; W. D. Parkhouse, P.M. 1834; W. F. B. Watts, 183; and J. Hoodger, W.M. 30.

The lodge was opened by Bro. T. C. Freeman, W.M., and Bro. R. Jackson and J. Chinn were passed. The W.M. then called upon Bro. G. Read, P.M., to undertake the installation ceremony. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. J. Mackay, S.W., being presented by Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., the impressive ceremony was performed according to ancient custom, and Bro. J. J. Mackay was duly installed as W.M. The whole of the installation ceremony, and especially the three charges which were given by Bro. G. Read, P.M., and R. H. Williams, P.M., was rendered in an able and effective manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. W. G. Vassie, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; G. Read, Sec.; J. W. Barker, Treas.; R. H. Williams, D.C.; F. J. Oliver, Org.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; J. J. Rumball, J.D.; A. J. Turner, I.G.; and J. W. Facey and F. A. Norman, Stwds. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the W.M. initiated into Freemasonry Bro. J. Clarke and J. G. Bean. "Hearty good wishes" having been given for a happy and prosperous year of office the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the large hall by Mr. Linscott. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received most cordially.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine, P.G.D., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and expressed the pleasure the Grand Officers always felt in discharging their onerous duties to the satisfaction of the Craft. He referred to the grand work done for Freemasonry by Bro. Cama, P.G.T. He had met him in India and other parts of the world, and his services to the Craft were as highly appreciated in all those places as they were by his numerous Masonic friends in England. Bro. Sir Somers Vine concluded by congratulating Bro. J. Clarke and J. G. Bean on their admission into Freemasonry, and he predicted that they would be an honour to the Kensington Lodge.

Bro. Cama, P.G.T., who received a most enthusiastic reception, also responded, and expatiated on the many advantages of Freemasonry. He hoped that all those present might have much happiness, and that they would then communicate that happiness to others.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. T. C. Freeman, I.P.M., who reminded the lodge that he and the W.M. were initiated into Freemasonry in the same year. All the members of the lodge knew the interest Bro. Mackay took in the Craft, and he felt sure that the Kensington Lodge would continue to improve in numbers and influence under the guidance of such an excellent W.M.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren most heartily for their good wishes, and concluded with a kind reference to Bro. T. C. Freeman, I.P.M., whom he then presented with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to in eloquent speeches by Bro. R. E. H. Goffin, P.M.; R. N. Khory, P.M.; and S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.

Bro. Cama, P.G.T., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and congratulated the W.M. on having decided to represent the lodge as Steward on behalf of the Old People. He hoped the W.M. would have an exceptionally good list, to which he should be pleased to subscribe the sum of ten guineas.

During the evening some good songs were given by Bros. J. J. Mackay, W.M.; T. C. Freeman, I.P.M.; J. W. Barker, P.M.; F. Norman, and others, which were thoroughly enjoyed. Bro. F. J. Oliver, P.M., presided at piano.

The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful meetings of the popular Kensington Lodge.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

**Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).**—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 14th inst. There was a very large assembly of brethren present.

The lodge was opened by the popular W.M., Bro. Harry Martyne, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for two reverend gentlemen, one being the vicar and the other curate of the parish church at Chorlton, and being favourable, they were both initiated by Bro. Harry Martyne, W.M., in a most impressive manner.

There were present Bro. H. H. Martyne, W.M.; F. S. Bedford, I.P.M.; John Travis, S.W.; J. B. Wolstenholme, J.W.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; J. Crompton, P.M., Sec.; E. T. T. Smith, J.D.; Charles Martyne, P.M., D.C.; T. Lathom, I.G.; W. Chesshyre, P.M.; W. H. Milner, P.M.; Fred. Renshaw, P.M.; Dr. A. Pownall, P.M.; J. Pearce; Robt. Davies, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Heywood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Hall, P.M.; H. J. Farthing, E. Ogden, E. Kahla, J. E. Batty, P.M.; J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.G.D.; T. W. Franks, K. Jebara, J. Mee, H. Cooper, Sam. Locke, P.M.; A. Woodburn, J. Woodhouse, J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1730; H. G. Chapman, Fred. Broadsmith, P.M., W.M. 2447, P.P.G. Reg. Cheshire; J. H. Greenwood, S. R. Maller, Ben. Taylor, P.P.G. Treas.; E. Hiller, E. Ireland, G. Redfern, H. Jones, P.P.G. Chap.; R. E. Stringleman, W.M.; Archer Wilson, S.W.; A. Dawson, G. S. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Org.; J. K. Peacock, Fred. Batty, P.M.; H. Edwards, G. Alfred Myers, P.M., W.M. 2359, P.G.D.C.; J. Hockin, W.M.; and Wm. Cole, P.M.

##### HAMPTON COURT.

**Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 11th inst., when there were present, among others, Bro. H. J. Bond, W.M.; J. Spooner, S.W.; W. T. Peat, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P. Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. G. Stwd., Sec.; Rice, S.D.; Simpson, J.D.; Gentle, I.G.; C. R. Smith, D.C.; T. Grant, I.P.M.; R. Drummond, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Dare, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Sapsworth, P.M.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; W. Cooke, 1987; and John Ambrose, 2032, were visitors.

The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. S. Cheel was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having been taken for Mr. W. Brown, he was duly initiated, the W.M. discharging his duties most efficiently. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. J. Taylor. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. H. Sturgess; and others.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts followed. Bro. E. Dare, in responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers," expressed how gratified he felt in being honoured by a collar in Provincial Grand Lodge that year. Bro. Lord George Hamilton was a deservedly popular Mason, and the able manner in which he presided over the Provincial Grand Lodge was a proof that he was in every way worthy of his high position.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," congratulated Bro. Bond upon the efficient way he had performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing. He (the speaker) looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to the next meeting, when their W.M. would perform the ceremony of raising.

The W.M., in reply, briefly said that he would endeavour to do his best. He could not hope to have so financially prosperous a year as his predecessor's had been, but he trusted that in other respects it would be quite as successful. "The Initiate" followed, and Bro. Brown suitably replied.

Bro. Page, P.M. 1475, in acknowledging the toast of "The Visitors," paid a high compliment to the working and hospitality of the lodge.

Bro. J. Ambrose, 2032, also congratulated the lodge on its thorough harmony.

Bro. H. Sapsworth replied on behalf of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Featherstone, Walls, Spooner, and Peat responded for "The Officers."

During the evening Bro. T. Grant, A. Jehu, W. C. Page, J. McCarthy, and others greatly entertained the brethren by their vocal selections.

##### MANCHESTER.

**Palatine Lodge (No. 2447).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Palatine Hotel on Friday, the 16th instant. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. Broadsmith, P.P.G. Reg., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Cook and Thornton were passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Broadsmith, who also gave the working tools. At the close of the ceremonies there was an urgent appeal from the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 851, for assistance in relieving the great distress in Worthing, caused by the great epidemic of typhoid fever. It was proposed by Bro. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, Sec., and seconded by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D. of C., J.D., "That the proceeds of the Charity-box that evening be devoted to the above relief," and it was carried unanimously. The sum of £1 2s. 6d. was consequently remitted to the proper quarter. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the social board, where a pleasant hour was spent with songs and recitations between the toasts.

##### NEWBERY.

**New Forest Lodge (No. 319).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th instant, and there was a large attendance of the brethren, including a numerous party of visitors, assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Charles Robert Hayball, the S.W. of the lodge. The lodge having been opened, the installation ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. H. Doman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. After the ceremony the new W.M. invested the following as his officers for the year: Bro. E. R. Jackman, I.P.M.; W. J. Jolliffe, S.W.; J. Hambridge, J.W.; H. Doman, Treas.; W. LeRoy, Sec.; G. R. Masters, S.D.; R. Catt, J.D.; C. F. Saywell, I.G.; E. S. Savidge, D.C.; J. S. Doman, Asst. D. of C.; T. Schafer, Standard Bearer; F. Reeks and E. W. Staines, Stewards; and J. Bailey, Tyler. The appointment of officers over the new W.M. had a very pleasant and congenial task to perform in presenting to the retiring W.M., Bro. R. E. Jackman, a Past Master's jewel in gold—a gift from the members of the lodge to mark their esteem and regard, and also appreciation of the ability he had shown in his conduct in the chair during the past year. The accounts for the previous 12 months having been passed, Bro. Catt, as Hon. Secretary of the Charities' Fund, announced that he had received during the year £19 17s. 6d., and that of this sum 10 guineas had already been given to Masonic Charities. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Catt, also to the Installing Master, and to the officers for last year.

At the conclusion of the lodge the brethren adjourned to banquet (provided by Bro. Dore, P.M.), spending a pleasant evening together.

During the proceedings the heartiest of good wishes were expressed towards the new W.M. that his year of office might be an exceedingly pleasant time, and that under his rule the New Forest Lodge might enjoy a period of much prosperity.

##### TORQUAY.

**Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).**—The 21st installation meeting of the above lodge, held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 12th inst., was largely attended. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Winget, S.W., was presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Hersey, to a Board of Installed Masters, presided over by Bro. J. Lane, P.P.G. Reg., Installing Master, and comprising Bro. J. Chapman, P.P.J.G.D., A. T. Blamey, P.P.J.G.D., T. W. Morgan, P.P.G.O., T. H. Wills, S. Wills, and J. Taylor, of the lodge; H. R. Beer, W.M., R. D. Renwick, and A. W. Searley, of 328; C. Emmett, W.M. 1358; H. Gillard, 248; and C. Stevens, 1138, P.P.G.S. of W.

The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers, and, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Hersey, the I.P.M., a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his efficient services during his year of office. Letters of apology for non-attendance, and with expressions of fraternal congratulation, were read from Bro. W. J. Hughan and R. F. Gould, hon. members and P.G.Ds. of England. Telegrams were also read from Bro. Longley, Prov. J.G.W. Kent, and F. W. Sanford, who is on holiday in the Isle of Wight. A telegram of congratulation was authorised to be sent to Bro. J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G. D.C., on the celebration of his golden wedding, which took place that day.

The installation banquet followed at the Bath Saloons, and the W.M., who presided, presented the brethren with a beautifully-printed programme in book form, containing an excellent portrait of himself.

At the conclusion of the sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. W. J. Nosworthy, D.C., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master alluded to the interest felt in the Craft, of which the Queen was patron, by the Royal Family, no less than 17 members of whom had been initiated into the Order.

Bro. Blamey responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Lodge," and Bro. Lane submitted "The Health of the W.M.," who needed no words to commend him to the brethren. He had made his mark in Torquay, and he ventured to predict he would fulfil the duties of his office with satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. Winget, in acknowledging the compliment, esteemed it a great privilege to see so many brethren present, and hoped to continue to cement the fraternal good feeling and harmony which distinguished the Craft.

Bro. Lane, in responding to the toast of his health as Installing Master, alluded to the presence of Bro. Thos. Taylor, his Masonic father.

"The Past Masters" were toasted, at the suggestion of Bro. G. West, S.W., and Bro. H. A. Garrett gave "The Health of the Visitors," for whom Bro. H. R. Beer, W.M. 328; G. Emmett, W.M., and J. F. Hoyles, W.M. elect, of 1358, responded.

Bro. Chapman proposed "The Masonic Charities." The three great Central Charities exceeded anything of the kind in the world, and Torquay possessed one-fifth of the voting power of the province, which was very creditable.

In replying, Bro. John Taylor, the Charity Steward, mentioned that he had received during the past year from the lodge for the use of the province a total of 270 votes for the great Charities. This was the largest number of votes contributed by any one lodge in the province, with the exception of Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, Stonehouse. For the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, which was doing excellent work, he had received 146 votes, and he recommended to their consideration not only the great Charities, but those of Devon, including the Fortescue Annuity Fund. He expressed the hope that the grand principle of Charity—the great fundamental principle of the Order—would be exemplified during Bro. Winget's year of office.

The Charity collection was then taken, and, including a donation of two guineas from the W.M., amounted to £5, the largest amount collected for years.

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bro. H. A. Garrett, S. Wills, A. Waycott, H. R. Beer, J. G. Turle, F. C. Sandford, and H. Brock.

The festival was one of the most successful and enjoyable ever yet held in connection with the lodge.

In the company of guests who are being entertained by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at Gordon Castle are included Prince Henry of Battenberg, Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Sir Robert and Lady Abercrombie, Sir John Gladstone, and the Countess of Sandwich.

**Royal Arch.**

**Kingsland Chapter (No. 1693).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when there were present Comps. Chas. Fruen, M.E.Z.; W. T. H. Mayer, H. Z. elect; J. H. Collingridge, J., H. elect; F. Brown, P.Z., S.E.; G. R. Dix, Treas.; Abbott, Fowler, T. Birt, G. Cook, E. Dimes, and W. Windsor. Comps. A. W. Fenner, P.Z. 228, and Capt. W. Kiddle, 2277, Cyprus, were visitors.

The chapter was opened, and the companions below the Degree of Z. having retired, Comp. F. Brown, P.Z., installed Comps. Mayer and Collingridge as M.E.Z. and H. respectively, the ceremonies we need hardly say being faithfully performed. Comp. H. J. Hazel, J. elect, being unavoidably absent his installation was postponed until next meeting. Bros. C. W. Potter and F. Richards, both of 1693, being two present out of the three candidates for exaltation, were duly prepared and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the M.E.Z., and his two Principals in a very impressive manner, being ably supported by the other officers of the chapter.

Routine business being transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to dinner, which was served by the managers of the Holborn Restaurant in their usual satisfactory manner, and was done full justice to, the menu being very judiciously arranged.

After dinner, the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was given in a very graceful manner by Comp. Fruen P.Z., which was cordially received by the companions, as was also that of "The H.," and was responded to in happy terms.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received with great cordiality, the M.E.Z. more particularly referring to Comp. Kiddle, as hailing from a foreign chapter, in the Island of Cyprus, and thanking both for the kindness of their visit to the Kingsland Chapter.

The visitors responded to the toast in very excellent speeches.

The next toast was that of the much respected "S.E.," being none other than Comp. F. Brown, P.Z. The M.E.Z. observed he had not eloquence sufficient to praise the kindness shown to all members of the chapter, as also the great assistance and instruction they always received at his hands when required.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Comp. Brown thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for the exceedingly cordial manner his health had been proposed and received, and gave the companions his assurance that he would at all times do his best to promote the welfare of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. expressed his regret that business compelled Comp. J. Cooper, P.Z., to be absent.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Comp. W. Windsor. Miss Edith Mayer, daughter of the M.E.Z., gave a selection on the piano forte, which was much applauded. Several part songs, under the leadership of Bro. H. Davis, were rendered by the Aeolian Vocal Quintette, of which Comp. Richards is a prominent member, and amongst other songs we noted "In days of old," by Comp. Richards; "The sailor's grave," by Bro. T. Ward; and "Miss 'Enery' Awkins," by Bro. D. Williams. Many other songs there were which met with loud applause, and the companions expressed the pleasure they felt at the excellent manner in which the various artistes acquitted themselves.

The Janitor's toast brought a close to what all admitted was a most enjoyable evening, and one to be remembered.

**CROYDON.**

**Mozart Chapter (No. 1929)**—This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 18th inst. Among those present were Comps. Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z., M.E.Z.; R. Gowan, H.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., J.; Capt. T. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; and Lane, Janitor. Comp. Nelson Prover, M.A., I.P.Z. 1745, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The resignation of Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., was received with great regret, and a vote of thanks passed to him for his past services as Treasurer. Comp. J. Castello, I.P.Z., sent an apology for non-attendance.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment. A few toasts were given. The M.E.Z. presided most ably.

Comp. H. H. Shirley, P.P.A.G.S., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and Comp. N. Prover, I.P.Z. 1745, acknowledged "The Health of the Visitor" in fluent terms.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**TWICKENHAM.**

**Strawberry Hill Chapter (No. 946)**—This old chapter held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Town Hall, when, in the absence of Comp. Simmonds, through indisposition, Comp. Higerty, P.Z., occupied the chair of M.E.Z., there being also present Comps. J. R. Barns, H.; Monger, P.G. Org., J.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; Collick, P.Z.; Sapsworth, P.Z.; Dare, P.Z.; Alciatore, P.S.; Taverner, A.S.; Bowler, Janitor; Barton, Gomm, Pratt, Burcham, Cooper, and Frank Chapman.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, and after a most satisfactory balance-sheet had been presented and approved, a ballot was taken for Bro. J. W. Wilde, 225, resulting unanimously in his election, and, being in attendance, was duly exalted by Comp. Austin, by request. The usual Board of Installed Principals being formed, Comp. Higerty inducted Comp. Barns into the chair of M.E.Z., and installed Comp. Monger into the chair of H. Comp. Monger then installed Comp. Alciatore, his successor, into the chair of J., all the ceremonies being rendered in a most efficient manner. The M.E.Z. next invested the following, elected at the last convocation: Comps. R. W. Forge, S.E.; Taverner, S.N.; Barton, P.S.; Burcham Cooper, 1st A.S.; and Bowler, Janitor. Communications, expressing regret at their inability to attend, were read from Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; B. E. Blasby, P.Z.; A. R. Simmonds, M.E.Z.; Higgs, and Gwyn, after which the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at the King's Head Hotel.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, the S.E.'s birthday not being one of the least, a most enjoyable and harmonious meeting terminating at the usual hour.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754)**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, when there were present: Bros. F. Ruthven, W.M.; Brown, S.W.; J. L. Driscoll, J.W.; Binnie, P.M., Preceptor; Garrod, P.M., Treas.; B. Stocker, Sec.; Lewis, S.D.; Woodley, J.D.; Courtman, I.G.; Barnes, Reynolds, and Wilkinson.

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. Barnes acting as candidate. The questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by the brethren generally. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Reynolds acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and the S.W., Bro. Brown, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time. The lodge was then closed.

**CRESCENT LODGE (No. 788)**—An emergency meeting of this lodge for practice was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, Bro. Packington occupying the chair of W.M., and was supported by a large muster of brethren. A most instructive evening was spent, the charge and lecture delivered by Bro. E. W. Warner, Preceptor, proving doubly interesting by his perfect rendering. The winter session will commence on October 5th, and from that date the meetings will be held every Thursday evening.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834)**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. Williams, P.M., &c., W.M.; James Banks, S.W.; W. Fayers, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; T. Jobson, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Scharien, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; H. Clark, I.G.; J. A. Derinis, E. Fox, and Joseph Cox.

Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Jobson offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined in the usual manner and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected an honorary member, and the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320)**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. Hooper, W.M.; Reilly, S.W.; Lord, J.W.; Pullen, Preceptor; Rice, Sec.; Telling, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Niblett, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; Stunt, P.M.; and Fisher.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising was announced. Bro. Christmas, candidate having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Christmas was duly raised. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Christmas answering the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Christmas was duly passed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Pullen, Preceptor, and carried by the J.W., "That Bro. Reilly, S.W., be elected W.M. for the 1st Monday in October"—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471)**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. J. Tibbatts, W.M.; R. P. Upton, S.W.; E. G. Young, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D. Herts, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; H. J. Kembell, sen., J.D.; G. T. Peall, I.G.; A. Ingram, D. M. Forbes, D. C. Ritchie, M. T. Luck, A. E. Pridmore, A. Oliver, R. Chinnery, H. B. Harding, J. T. Frost, and R. Loomes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Pridmore being the candidate. Bro. Chinnery answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Chinnery being the candidate. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote was accorded to the W.M. for his able services in the chair for the first time in the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

**HARLESDEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167)**—A meeting was held on the 14th inst., at the Court House. Present: Bros. C. Penny, W.M. and Treas.; F. S. Priest, S.W.; W. C. Tebbit, J.W.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, Preceptor; W. Roche Plaford, Sec.; C. Hagen, S.D.; S. Hussey, J.D.; R. Featherstone, I.G.; W. F. Mason, P.M. 2150, P.G.D. Surrey; A. Toley, W.M. 1178; J. F. Haley, W.M. elect 1637; Thomas, Rawle, Parfit, Rae, Rose, Shaw, Rosenberg, and Blackburn. Visitors: Bros. W. Radermacher, 1496, and W. F. Sanderson, 1653.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Toley being the candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. Bros. Radermacher and Sanderson were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Priest was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, after which the lodge was closed.

**ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834)**—The meetings of this chapter were resumed on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Green, W., when Comps. J. J. Cattle presided as M.E.Z.; T. Jobson, as H.; and Cox, as J. The other companions present were Comps. E. Austin, S.N.; F. Craggs, S.E.; H. P. Gilbert, P.S.; J. Davies, Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.Z.; A. Williams, G. E. Higginson, and P. J. Davies.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Higginson acting as exalte. Comp. Jobson was duly elected M.E.Z. for the next two meetings, and the convocation was closed.

The election of Preceptors will take place on Wednesday next.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275)**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 15th inst., when there were present Comps. J. Hill, M.E.Z.; C. Phillips, H.; C. H. Stone, J.; R. J. Voisey, Treas.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; North, S.N.; Salmon, P.S.; H. G. Martin, Bannister, Jeffery, Coombs, and R. Davis.

The chapter was regularly opened, and Comp. Hilton installed Comp. North into the chair of H. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. R. Davis personating candidate. Comp. Phillips, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when the installation will be rehearsed. Convocation was then closed.

**Knights Templar.**

**St. George's Preceptory (No. 6)**—The above preceptory met at the Albion on Friday, the 15th inst. Present: Sir Knights A. R. Carter, E.P., G. Cooper, E. Letchworth, H. Mackinnon, C. F. Matier, A. F. Church, C. H. Driver, J. Ramsey, R. Clowes, V. P. Freeman, G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, G. W. Marsden, and R. J. Symonds. Visitors: Sir Knights Gen. Hay, Col. A. B. Cook, Percy Wallis, and A. Woodiwiss.

The chapter having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed—by order of the G. Sub Prior, the Earl of Euston—Comp. W. H. Marsden, Mayor of Derby, was installed K.T. on behalf of the Peveril Preceptory, which is shortly to be consecrated.

After the business was concluded the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. W. C. London.

**YORK.**

**Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101)**—A meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, St Saviourgate, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., under the presidency of the E.P., Frater W. P. Cochrane. There were also present Frates F. B. Wnythead, P.; G. Simpson, P.; J. T. Seller, P.; W. H. Cowper, P.; F. W. Halliwell, Reg.; C. Hollander, F. S. Brogden, E. Rudyard, and others.

Comp. J. Vernon Cooper was accepted and installed a Knight of the Order. On the motion of Frater Whythead, V.E. Frater W. Tinkler, late Vice-Chancellor of the Order, was elected an honorary member of the preceptory.

At dinner, which was served in the supper room, the E.P. gave "The Health of the Newly-installed Frater," whose career in Masonry was well known in the province, and whom they were glad to welcome amongst them.

**EAST LANCASHIRE CHARITY COMMITTEE.**

The half-yearly meeting of this Committee was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Friday, the 15th inst., the Chairman, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, presided, supported by Bros. J. T. Newbold, Vice-Chairman; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; Jas. Newton, Asst. P.G. Sec., and about 80 representatives of lodges. After reading the minutes of previous meetings and the report of the Election Committee, two candidates for the Girls' School in London were adopted and placed for the support of the province at the forthcoming election.

**EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

At the close of the meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee the Relief and Educational Boards of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe presided, supported by Bro. Newbold, Vice-Chairman, Bro. Jas. Newton, Sec., and a full board. Four cases for relief were entertained, and to each the sum of £20 was granted, and £12 was voted for the advancement of a boy whose term of education by the Institution had expired. It is intended to elect the first batch of annuitants at the meeting of the General Committee next month, and it is hoped that the inauguration of this new branch will not only prove beneficial to the aged and needy in the province but will at the same time, to some extent, lighten the claims upon the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London.

**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective official positions. Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; and Bro. W. Dodd attended from Grand Secretary's office, and there were also present Bros. Charles Dairy, W. P. Brown, Henry Garrod, George R. Langley, James Bunker, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, George Graveley, Walter Martin, Charles Sheppard, C. H. Webb, T. H. Thompson, A. Leteber, H. Massey, F. Dunston, C. Palmer, W. H. Jeffries,

William Bigg, James Austin, Charles Henry Stone, Elphege Janau, Stephen Tanner, Max Mendelssohn, Robert A. Gowan, and John Diprose.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the August meeting, to the amount of £320. There were only 20 cases on the new list, and only one of these was from a London lodge. The others were qualified through lodges at Constantinople, Malta, Croydon, Hong Kong, Port Natal, Rhyll, Jubbulpore, Lewes, Pembroke Dock, Ipswich, Neath, Highbridge, Enfield, Feltham, Ironbridge, Glasgow, Kidderminster, and Clevedon. The total sum voted was £430 to 16 of the cases. A recommendation to Grand Lodge was made for £50; four recommendations were made to the Grand Master for £40 each; and three of £30 each; and there were six grants of £20 each, and one of £10. One petition was deferred, and three petitions were dismissed.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN WHALLEY,  
P.P.A.G.D.C. WEST LANCASHIRE.

About 50 members of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, and several visitors from other lodges assembled recently at the Bee Hotel, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., to present Bro. John Whalley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., with a handsome gold hunting watch, and to wish him God-speed on his leaving Liverpool for New Zealand. Bro. Whalley has been a member of the Mariners' Lodge for over 20 years, and the Chairman spoke of the many good services he had rendered not only Masonically but in many other respects. The toast of his health was proposed and pledged most heartily.

Bro. WHALLEY, in responding, spoke of the pain he felt in severing his connection with the lodge and so many of his old friends, but having visited New Zealand before, and finding it so beneficial to his health, he had decided to take up his residence in that country.

Several other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the gathering closed, after passing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Bush, W.M. 249, for the kindness extended to the brethren assembled on this interesting occasion.

CENTENARY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE,  
No. 294, BEVERLEY.

Thursday, the 14th instant, was a red-letter day amongst the brethren of the above lodge; three singularly interesting events being commemorated on the occasion. Firstly, the installation of the Earl of Londesborough, P.M., P.S.G.W. Eng., as the W.M. for the centenary year, he being one of its oldest members, having been initiated in this lodge some years ago. Secondly, the celebration of the centenary of the lodge, which should have taken place on the 17th June, but, owing to the illness of the noble Earl, was deferred until the present time. The third event was the presentation of a silver loving cup (weight 55ozs.) from the brethren of Liberty Lodge, Beverly, Mass., U.S.A.

There were present on this interesting occasion Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Londesborough, P.M., P.S.G.W. Eng., W.M. elect; Joel Edgar, the retiring W.M.; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. England; Tom Turner, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (Mayor of Beverley); Harry Adams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; John Kemp, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; Thomson Foley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; M. M. Westerby and Thos. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D.Cs.; J. C. Heselton, P.M.; J. Sugdon, P.M.; J. York-Torr, W.M. 250; George Leigh, I.P.M. 2134, Prov. Grand Std. Br.; Thomas Hewson, P.M. 57, P.P.G.S.B.; B. C. Gray, P.M., and J. Rennard, P.M. 734; J. T. Belt, S.W., and R. L. Kemplay, Sec. 2134; Lieut. W. A. Webb, 670; W. H. Winpenny, S.W. 734; T. Wood, S.W.; J. R. Lane, J.W.; and a number of the brethren of the Constitutional Lodge.

The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Bros. Tom Turner, P.P.G. Reg. (Mayor), and M. M. Westerby, P.P.G.D.C. The W.M. then invested Bros. Joel Edgar, I.P.M.; Thomas Wood, S.W.; J. R. Lane, J.W.; Thomson Foley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Chap., and Charity Representative; Sydney Smith, P.M., Treas.; Harry Adams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; R. Pape, S.D.; Harry Wray, J.D.; G. H. Knight, Orator; M. M. Westerby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Almoner; J. R. Procter, Org.; J. J. Ridley, I.G.; and G. F. Barton and J. W. Stephenson, Stwds.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the EARL proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Officers.

Bro. THOMSON FOLEY, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., then rose, and said that nothing during the course of his Masonic career had given him greater satisfaction than that of placing the centenary warrant granted by Grand Lodge in the hands of the noble Earl, their W.M. It had been his original intention to have made a presentation of an entirely different character, but another brother having promised what he had intended to give on condition that he gave the warrant, he most willingly adopted the suggestion, as of the two presentations he much preferred having the pleasure and honour of placing that warrant in the hands of the noble Earl. The jewel it authorised them to wear had in the centre several emblems; they would observe these emblems were connected to the outer rim by five small balls said to represent the five points of fellowship; in the centre

was the Roman numeral "C," standing for 100. This was surrounded by the serpent, an emblem of wisdom, and when, as they observed it there with the tail in its mouth, it denoted eternity; with these emblems was interlaced the cord in the shape of a knot, which might fitly be considered as the bond of unity, which the tighter you draw the closer becomes the bond; and might that bond still continue to exist amongst the brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, and the wisdom of its future rulers hand down its record untarnished and unimpaired, not only during the next century, but until that eternity was reached, where he sincerely hoped all the members of their lodge, past, present, and future, would assemble in the Grand Lodge above, that House not made with hands eternal in the heavens where peace, love, and harmony should eternally reign.

The W.M. thanked Bro. Foley for the presentation, and the manner in which it had been made.

Bro. HARRY ADAMS, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Secretary, then detailed the circumstances which had culminated in the presentation of the silver loving cup by our American brethren in Beverly, Mass., how in the first instance Bro. Chas. Woodbury, P.M., had written to him about two years ago asking for a stone from the ruins of Beverley Minster as a Rough Ashlar for their lodge, and how through the kindness of the Installing Officer, Bro. Turner, who was then, as now, their mayor, he had got a stone which had been taken from the Minster during some repairs, and had forwarded it to them, and was very pleased to inform them that the Minster was not in ruins but in an excellent state of repair. From this commencement a correspondence had been kept up, which had culminated in the presentation of that loving cup on their centenary.

The cup was accepted by his lordship and the brethren with every mark of satisfaction, and before they left the building a vote of thanks, illuminated on vellum by Bro. Foley, P.M., was signed by the W.M. and Wardens.

Bro. JOHN KEMP then read a condensed history of the Constitutional Lodge, tracing its formation from the East York Militia lodge, the St. George. In 1793 this regiment was called to defend the South Coast, and before leaving were the means of establishing the Constitutional Lodge in Beverley.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Beverley Arms, where a very *recherché* banquet had been prepared by Bro. D. Morley.

The proceedings were presided over by his lordship, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts (with the addition of one to the W.M. and brethren of Liberty Lodge, Beverly, Mass., U.S.A.) were duly honoured, and a day most memorable in the annals of the Constitutional Lodge was brought to a close.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN D. ALLCROFT.

On the re-assembling of the boys of Christ's Hospital on Saturday morning last, the Head Master, Bro. Rev. R. Lee, referred in the following sympathetic terms to the death of Mr. J. Derby Allcroft, the late Treasurer: I cannot enter on the work of a new school year without trying to express in a few words my sense of the great loss which this school in particular has so recently sustained in the death of our late Treasurer, Mr. Allcroft. Your generations are so shortlived; they come and go so quickly, that it is possible that to some of you the name of Mr. Allcroft is only one of many names written and graven on our walls. But to the majority of you, and to all of us who work among you, his name is one that will always be remembered with honour as that of one who was as just as he was generous in the administration of his great office. He understood to the full the meaning of that saying which is written: "He that ruleth over men should be just, ruling in the fear of God." Our new scheme, as he thought, "extinguished" him. With its introduction, as he himself used quaintly to say, he felt the time was come "to put on his hat and go." But his interest in the house remained unabated. Just a few weeks before his death, when it was plain to others how altered he was in outward appearance, I was struck with the keenness with which he inquired particularly as to the well-being and the well-doing of this one of us and that. Christ's Hospital never had a truer or a kinder friend than he. Others have written and spoken of his philanthropy and beneficence. We to-day are only concerned with what he was to us, a just man and one that feared God with all his house. "He feared man so little, because he feared God so much."—*City Press*.

FREEMASONS' TAVERN.

Amongst the few survivals of great entertainment houses in the Metropolis, Freemasons' Tavern may be reckoned as the most prominent. Other houses in which our forefathers dined and made merry have passed away or have been improved out of all recognition. The popularity and favour which Freemasons' Tavern has enjoyed through succeeding generations is mainly owing to its connection with the great Fraternity which has its home in Great Queen-street, but in a scarcely less degree to the fact that it has continuously kept pace with the times. This is especially true of the present lessees, who during the past 10 years or so have catered so successfully, not only for the Craft, but for almost all institutions and bodies who meet for social enjoyment.

The main hall itself and the suites of rooms attached are admirably adapted for the purposes for which the

building was designed, having, on the one hand, all the necessary space and conveniences for large or small gatherings, and, on the other, the advantage of arrangements securing privacy, which so few similar establishments can offer. A short time since, the lessees—Messrs. Spiers and Pond—determined to include, amongst other preparations for the coming season, the entire decoration of the building on a scale hitherto unattempted, and in their selection of an artist to undertake the work they were particularly fortunate in their choice. Bro. Boekbinder, whose work at the Hotel Victoria and in numerous public buildings throughout the country is so well known, entered on the work *con amore*, and we venture to predict that those who visit the Tavern during the coming season will be both surprised and pleased at the transformation that has taken place in the building. The architectural features of the Hall lend themselves admirably to the style of decoration for which Bro. Boekbinder has acquired a reputation, and the brilliant, but judiciously softened tone of his composition, is worthy of all praise. On entering the Hall attention is at once attracted to the large painting covering the whole of the wall space at the end. The design, in imitation of Gobel tapestry, which is his great speciality, represents Britannia receiving the homage of the nations, and is, in colour and drawing, a work which does credit to the artist. In the panels on either side of the room are emblematical designs representing the arts and sciences, freemasonry, &c., the whole of which are treated artistically and with much skill. The roof is in strict keeping with the whole of the work, and, although we must admit the effect is somewhat marred by the unsightly ventilators, much has been done to beautify it. Stained glass has replaced the unsightly transparent windows, lending colour and warmth to the surroundings, and the general effect is harmonious and pleasing to a degree. The crown room, drawing room, and the approaches to the main hall have all been subjected to the skilful touch of the artist, one feature of whose work we cannot refrain from mentioning, although it may, strictly speaking, not come under the generally accepted definition of art, we refer to the exceptionally clever imitation of woods and marbles which, for its strict adherence to nature and delicate finish, we have never seen equalled.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWARD JACOBS, P.M., TREASURER  
1348 and 1614.

We very much regret to announce the death of our highly esteemed Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M. and Treasurer of the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, and Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, after a short illness of five days, of typhoid fever, at his residence in Woburn-square, on the 9th inst. Bro. Edward Jacobs was the first initiate in the Ebury Lodge, and a founder and the first S.W. of the Covent Garden Lodge. He was exalted in the Ebury Chapter, and a founder of the Covent Garden Chapter, in which he took much interest. He was well known and respected in Covent Garden Market, and his kind and genial face will be greatly missed. He was buried on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Jews' Cemetery at Hackney, and was followed to the grave by a great many sorrowing mourners whose deep sympathy is with the widow and her family in her sad trouble. The coffin was covered with wreaths, and amongst them were one from the members of the Ebury Lodge and the Covent Garden Lodge. Amongst those who stood round the grave were Bros. Simeon Jacobs, P.M. 1614; John Jacobs, P.M. 1614; W. Fowles, P.M. 1348; W. Wigley, P.M. 1348; A. Bullen, W.M. 1614; G. Reynolds, P.M. and Sec. 1614 and W.M. 2191, and many other brethren both of the Ebury and Covent Garden Lodges.

BRO. J. BAGOT SCRIVEN.

When penning the short note of the death of Bro. J. Bagot Scriven for our issue of the 9th inst. we were unacquainted with certain particulars of his Masonic career. These have now been furnished to us by our venerable brother, Henry Muggeridge, whose pupil in Masonry and friend the late Bro. Scriven was for many years. It appears our late brother was not originally a member of Lodge No. 5, but was initiated in a lodge at Cambridge while resident there as an undergraduate. Coming to London, he became a clerk at the War Office until the death of Bro. Algernon Perkins, when he succeeded to half his share in the great brewery. In London he joined the St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, and was exalted in St. George's Chapter, No. 5, of which he was Scribe E. Bro. Scriven was also one of the founders of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, was Treasurer from the first, and last year became its W.M.

In 1887, Bro. Scriven, in conjunction with others principally connected with the brewery, founded the Anchor Lodge, No. 1704, and was its first W.M. Following this, in 1881, the Cable Chapter, bearing the same number, was founded, and he was first W.M. and M.E.Z. respectively of both, the consecration ceremony in each case being performed by Bro. Muggeridge. Our late brother was highly esteemed by those who had the privilege of his friendship, and it is a pleasing feature in his Masonic career that he retained a lasting regard for his Masonic mentor, Bro. Muggeridge, which he never failed to acknowledge to the last by some graceful act of kindness from time to time.



The consecration of the Powell Preceptory, No. 159, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta will take place at the Masonic Hall, Derby, by the Very Eminent Sir Knight the Earl of Fuston, Great Sub-Prior. Sir Knight Abraham Woodiwiss is the G.P. designate, and Sir Knights Percy Wallis and J. R. Fielding will fill the chairs of Constable and Marshal respectively.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire will be held at Coleshill on Wednesday, the 27th inst., under the banner of Lodge Machen, No. 1782.

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor) has promised to visit Hull early next month to open Hymers' College, which has been recently erected at a cost of some £50,000.

It has been announced that Sir Henry Norman, feeling that his strength and power of work are unequal to the arduous duties of so important an office, has withdrawn his acceptance of the Viceroyalty of India.

Wednesday was the 20th anniversary of the battle of the Alma, fought on the 20th September, 1854, and, in accordance with custom, the colours of the Guards and other regiments which helped to achieve the victory in that memorable engagement, were decked out with laurel.

An intimation has been received by the Lord Mayor of London that the Duke and Duchess of York will accept the wedding gift from the London Corporation, consisting of a diamond necklace and a service of silver, at York House, on Saturday, the 7th prox.

It is announced that Bro. Lord Brassey will shortly entertain the Court of the Shipwrights' Company at dinner at his house in Park-lane. Bro. Lord Norton and Mr. W. H. White, C.B., the Chief Constructor of the Navy, are the Wardens of the Company, which has inaugurated a course of technical education on the art of ship building.

Among the more recent of the numerous presents of wine and cast linen which her Majesty has latterly had sent to the various hospitals may be mentioned the case of King's College, Charing Cross, and Brompton Hospitals, and the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, to all of which a quantity of wine has been forwarded for the use of the patients.

The Duke of Cambridge will leave London for Edinburgh before the end of the present week for the purpose of inspecting the 12th Lancers and the 1st Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. His Royal Highness will afterwards proceed to Glasgow, where he will inspect the battery of Field Artillery and the 2nd Battalion of the Black Watch now quartered there.

At the regular meeting of Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, held at York, on the 11th inst., Bro. J. H. Shonksmith, W.M., in the chair, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., gave an address on some of the analogies to be discovered between the Constitution and Teachings of Craft Masonry and the Successive Divine Revelations to be found in the Volume of the Sacred Law. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors.

The Duke and Duchess of York have graciously consented to open the Ropner Park at Stockton-on-Tees on the 4th October, and will be the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Wynyard Park during their stay in the neighbourhood. The announcement has given great satisfaction to the inhabitants of Stockton, and already preparations are being made to give the Royal visitors a hearty welcome.

The marriage of Miss Ella Constance Jackson, second daughter of Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., of Allerton Hall, Leeds, Provincial Grand Master nominate of West Yorkshire, with Captain John Montagu Harper, R.E., son of Mr. C. Harper, of Manor House, Balheaston, Somersetshire, took place in Leeds Parish Church on Tuesday. The bridesmaids were the three sisters of Miss Jackson and the two sisters of the bridegroom, and there were two trainbearers.

There appear to be good grounds to fear that after all the Albert Palace and grounds attached may be lost to the public as a place of recreation. Mr. Passmore Edwards recently offered to give £15,000 towards the purchase of the Freehold of the Palace on condition that the London County Council maintained it for the free use of the public. The Council, however, claim the right to charge for admission on special occasions, and also to let the whole or a part of the building for special purposes. Mr. Passmore Edwards considers this is a departure from the terms of his proposal, and is said to have withdrawn his offer in consequence.

A considerable number of our readers have doubtless heard, at some one or other of their post-prandial entertainments after lodge labour, the celebrated song entitled "In old Madrid," and have joined in the appreciation which its performance invariably secures. Another considerable success may be scored to the credit of the same composer, Bro. H. Troté, 1920. It is entitled "Asthore" ("My Darling") and is now being played almost daily by the Exhibition Military Band at Earl's Court. The new piece is a delightful composition, both as to words and music, and will presently no doubt become as popular as its predecessor.

With full Masonic ceremonial, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, yesterday (Thursday), laid the corner-stone of the new parish church of Millbrook, to the Building Fund of which his lordship has been such a munificent contributor. For the accommodation of Cornish Masons, whom the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. T. Chirgwin, invited to be present, a steamer met the up train arriving at Saltash, and conveyed brethren from Cornwall direct to Millbrook and back to Cremyll after the ceremony. Luncheon was served in the Orangery, Mount Edgumbe.

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The Prov. Grand Lodge of North Connaught Free and Accepted Masons resolved at their communication on Tuesday, the 19th inst., to erect a Masonic Hall in Carrick-on-Shannon in memory of the late Bro. Dr. T. H. Parke, who had been for years a member of Lodge No. 854, Carrick-on-Shannon. Doubtless many brethren throughout the United Kingdom will feel interested in this monument to the name and fame of one who was a true man and a good Mason, and give it their interest and support. Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M. North Connaught, telegraphed his readiness to act on the Committee. Bros. B. St. G. Harrison and A. O'Connor, Carrick-on-Shannon, and W. C. Smith, Mohill, were appointed Secretaries of Committee.

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany has been graciously pleased to accept copies of "The Queen's March Past," by Mr. Algernon Rose, recently published in London by Messrs. Chappell and Co.

The marriage of the younger daughter of Bro. Major Josephs, of Rutland House, Aberdeen Park, Highbury, to Mr. Robert Siminton, of Belfast, took place at St. Saviour's Church, Highbury, on the 14th inst.

The Opium Commission held their last sitting for the present at the House of Lords on Saturday, and having taken further evidence on the subject they have to inquire into, adjourned till the 15th November, when the sittings will be resumed.

The 2nd Battalion of the Grenadiers, under Col. the Hon. H. F. Eaton, which returned to Aldershot from the autumn manoeuvres on Tuesday, embarked at Portsmouth on board her Majesty's ship Assistance the day following for Dublin.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., who has been seriously ill for a very long time past, has sufficiently recovered to allow of his being moved from London to Brighton, where it is to be hoped he will rapidly recover his strength.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—Owing to the amount of detail necessary to the production of the "up-to-date" ballet—"The Girl I Left Behind Me"—the opening night will be Wednesday, the 27th inst., in place of Monday, the 25th, as previously announced.

The 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, under the command of Col. Lord Arthur Wellesley, and the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards have recently exchanged quarters, the former leaving Windsor for the Wellington Barracks, and the Coldstreams the Wellington Barracks for Windsor.

The late Mr. Edwin Butler, of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, who died recently while on a visit to America for the benefit of his health, has bequeathed £10,000 to the borough, one-half to be used in providing a branch public reading-room, and the interest on the remainder in providing music in the public parks.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Baskcomb has now completely recovered from the illness which necessitated the M.W. the Grand Master, in April last, granting his chief clerk six months' leave of absence from his official duties at Marlborough House. Bro. Baskcomb is anxious to express his fraternal thanks to his Masonic brethren for their many kind enquiries during his absence in France.

The Duke of Connaught, during his brief visit to Vienna, exchanged his visits with the principal ministers and court functionaries, as well as with Bro. the Hon. Sir E. Monson, our Ambassador at the Austrian Court. His Royal Highness has since left for Guens, to be present at the Austro-Hungarian military manoeuvres. The Emperor William of Germany and the King of Saxony have also arrived at the Austrian headquarters, where they were received by the Emperor Francis Joseph.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., as *locum tenens* for the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and the Town Clerk and a number of the Governors of the Royal Hospitals, attended Divine service in State at Christ Church, Newgate-street, in pursuance of an annual custom on St. Matthew's Day. After service—at which he whole of the Bluecoat boys assisted—the company repaired to the Court Room of Christ's Hospital, where the Lord Mayor received in ancient form the list of the Governors of the Royal Hospitals, and handed the same to the Town Clerk, to be placed in the City archives.

As gold, before receiving the impression which denominates its intrinsic value, must undergo a refining process by passing through the fire to remove the dross, so the rough ashlar from nature's quarry must pass the scrutiny of an investigating committee and the test of a ballot, to determine whether he possesses the necessary qualifications for admission as a member of the ancient and honorable Fraternity of Freemasons, and by the benefits of its refining influence be divested of all the vices and superfluities of life before he be fitted as a living stone for that spiritual temple, where the S.G.A.O.T.U. eternally presides, and who tries every block offered with His unerring square.—*Keystone.*

His Royal Highness the Duke of York has fixed Monday, the 9th proximo, for laying the foundation-stone of 'the Missions to Seamen Institute for sailors of all creeds and nationalities frequenting the port of London. The building is situated opposite the Board of Trade shipping offices in Poplar, and when completed will include, besides accommodation for safe companionship, relaxation, social recreation, lectures, concerts and entertainments, reading rooms, class rooms for night schools and navigation classes, ambulance and cookery instructions. A seamen's church and gymnasium will be added as funds are provided. As this will be the first public ceremony in London performed by the Duke of York, accompanied by the Duchess, since their marriage, it is fitting that it should be in connection with the sailors, not only of this great maritime Empire, but also of foreign lands, and it is hoped to make the function at Poplar a prominent nautical event.

UNITY IS STRENGTH may indeed be said with regard to Holloway's Pills and Ointment, for when used together, they are remarkable in their effects upon disease. No matter how stubborn the symptoms may be, they cannot long withstand these remedies. All sufferers, whom other treatment has failed to relieve, should try the celebrated Ointment, which will strengthen and cure them. The Pills recommend themselves to the attention of all sufferers. No injurious consequences can result from their use; no mistake can be made in their administration. In indigestion, confirmed dyspepsia, and chronic constipation, the most beneficial effects have been, and always must be, obtained from the wholesome power exerted by these purifying Pills over the digestion.

Bro. Deputy H. Heath, J.P., has been elected Master of the Founders' Company.

The Loriners' Company, of which Bro. J. Mowlem Burt is the master, have issued invitations for a dinner at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 2nd prox.

THE SHRIEVALTY OF THE CITY OF LONDON.—The banners for Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale and Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Moore, are being made by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain and Aldersgate-street.

Parliament will adjourn to-day (Friday) after having sat continuously, with the exception of two brief rests at Easter and Whitsun, since it was opened in the month of January. It will meet again for an autumn session on the 2nd November.

Mr. Gladstone has greatly benefited by his sojourn at Black Craig, where he has been able to indulge in plenty of out-door exercise, and has even found leisure for translating some of his favourite odes of Horace into English verse. On Wednesday next he will visit Edinburgh, when he will deliver an address to the representatives of his constituents.

We regret to record the death on the 15th instant, at Bournemouth, of Mr. John Larkin, eldest son of Bro. John Larkin, P.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, &c. Mr. Larkin had been ill for some time, and was residing in the mild atmosphere of this health resort when his decease took place. We offer our respectful sympathy to Bro. Larkin in the sad event.

The Marquis of Salisbury has been elected President of the meeting of the British Association, which will be held at Oxford on the 8th August, 1894, while Ipswich has been chosen as the place of meeting for 1895. A representative from Toronto attended at Monday's meeting and invited the Association to visit Canada, a proposition which was very favourably entertained.

Bro. Edward Ansted, of the firm of Clark, Ansted and Co., was by a unanimous wardmote on Monday last elected to fill the vacancy in the Common Council caused by the death of Mr. William White. Bro. Ansted has been identified with the Ward for the last 30 years. He is a member of the Grocers' Company, and last but not least, is an active member of Lodge Unity, No. 69.

Early next month Earl Spencer will unveil the cenotaph which has been erected in Peterborough Cathedral to the memory of the late Bro. Archbishop Magee—who, previous to his translation to the see of York, was Bishop of Peterborough—in addition to which there has been erected over his grave, in the Cathedral burying-ground, a noble Celtic cross, standing some 12ft. high, which is understood to be the family memorial.

Among those who were expected, or will be present to-day (Friday) at the Northern Meeting Festivities at Inverness may be mentioned the Earl and Countess Craven, Lady Macpherson-Grant, of Ballindalloch, Bro. General Lord Roberts, Lord Gillford, Lord and Lady Macdonald, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Molesworth, Sir Charles and Lady Ross, of Balnagowan, Gen. Sir Donald Stewart, and Lady Kensington.

The Duchess of Albany and her children, who had been enjoying a three weeks' cruise off the coast of Scotland on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, arrived at Portsmouth on Monday, having enjoyed and benefited greatly by their trip. The same evening her Royal Highness entertained a number of naval and military officers at dinner on board the yacht, and on Tuesday the party returned to residence at Claremont.

THE NEW DRURY LANE DRAMA.—Bro. Sir Augustus Harris has evidently set himself the task of continually breaking the record of his past achievements; that he has done so in this his latest production a unanimous verdict by critics and public has been given. "A Life of Pleasure" was received last night (Thursday) by a crowded house with enthusiastic applause, in which both gallery and stall holders joined. The merits of the drama itself are of a high order, and the stage mounting, together with the succession of realistic scenes, exhibited the highest triumph of stage craft. That it will have a long run is beyond all question, and we have little doubt that it will fill the stage, and what is better, the house itself until the advent of pantomime.

The prizes awarded by the Spectacle-makers' Company of the City of London to the successful exhibitors of spectacles and kindred appliances at the National Workmen's Exhibition, in July last, are to be presented by the Master of the Company, Alderman and Colonel Davies, at a meeting of the Court on Wednesday next, the 27th inst. The exhibit was organised by the Spectacle-makers' Company with a view to the encouragement of good workmanship in the trade with which their name is associated. So successful has it proved, that it has been decided to hold similar exhibitions on a larger scale in future years. The judges were Messrs. W. H. Thornthwaite, W. Ackland, H. C. Kemp, and H. Harris. There were between 50 and 60 exhibitors, and money prizes ranging from £5 5s. downwards, have been awarded.

The people in Finsbury Park, Stoke Newington, Stamford Hill, Tottenham, and thereabouts, had an exciting time for a few hours on Wednesday afternoon. One of Sanger's elephants, named "Jim," and declared to be about 75 years of age, had been taken out for a walk by its keeper, when near the Manor House, Finsbury Park, it became unmanageable, and breaking from its keeper, made its way into the park, where it upset, or tore up iron fences, and charged the bandstand. Thence making its way into Blackstock-road, it walked into a stable and knocked down a man who had gone to protect a horse. Leaving this, it trotted along to the rear of the houses in Highbury New Park, where it upset a few brick walls, then walking through fences and garden walls, reached Clissold Park, and thence to the New River. Here it refreshed itself with a long drink, and proceeded towards Kingsland. At Lea Bridge it resented the attempt of a young man to stop its progress by tapping him on the stomach with his trunk and sending him flying. It then made its way by the river bank into the Upper Clapton Cricket Club ground, thence to Stamford Hill and Tottenham, and finally pulled up at Bruce-grove Station, where, after further exercises, it allowed its keeper to chain its front legs, and walked quietly home. We imagine the proprietor will have a tolerably long bill to pay for dilapidations.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, September 30, 1893.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

CRAFT LODGES. 1679, Henry Muggerridge, Anderton's Hotel. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern. 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8. Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Urban, Freemasons' Hall. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

CRAFT LODGES. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich. 1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8. Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors commons, E.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8. St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, St. Michael's, Morland Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 8. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zeland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

CRAFT LODGES. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall. 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel. 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel. 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 6.30. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8. Lily, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Mount Edgcombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. South Middlesex, Neaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolesey, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

CRAFT LODGES. 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel. 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Room, Poplar. 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern. 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon. 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel. 2332, Borough of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, at 8. Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 21, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Selwyn, Montpellier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

CRAFT LODGES. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern. 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel. 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel. 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel. 1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal. 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern. 2197, Highbury, Cock Tavern. 2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel. 2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel. MARK LODGE. 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creston, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-house E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. St. John's, Court House, H. resden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8. Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4. ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, at 8. Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 21, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Selwyn, Montpellier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Deacons' Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 8. Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7. Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15. Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8. La Tolerance, Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-st., Oxford-st., at 8. Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30. Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30. Mitcam, Vestry Hall, Mitcam, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Baham Hotel, Baham, at 7.30. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-trier-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Mar, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bays-water, at 7. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

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General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5. CRAFT LODGES. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern. 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel. 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel. 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel. 1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal. 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern. 2197, Highbury, Cock Tavern. 2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel. 2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel. MARK LODGE. 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creston, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-house E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. St. John's, Court House, H. resden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8. Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4. ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, at 8. Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 21, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Selwyn, Montpellier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

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