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UNAFFILIATED MASONS.

"Non-affiliates" appears to be a sore subject with most of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and what to do with them a question that greatly exercises the minds of Grand Masters and Grand Committees. About the latest remedy we have seen suggested with a view to curing what Bro. W. L. KUYKENDALL, Grand Secretary of Wyoming, describes as "the crying evil and defect" is "to change the form of certificate of dimit so that the holder will be cut off from any and all rights and privileges after one, or, at least, not exceeding two years after dimitting, after which such certificate shall be null and void, except for the purpose of affiliation and for the purpose of starting a new lodge." The sentence is a little confused, but we assume that it means, or is intended to mean, that a brother in good standing, who has withdrawn from the lodge of which he was a member, and has received a certificate to that effect, shall not be entitled after the lapse of one, or, at the outside, two years, to such rights and privileges as pertain to non-affiliates. What these rights and privileges may be is immaterial—they vary, we believe, in different jurisdictions in the United States—but of whatever value they may happen to be, it is clearly Bro. KUYKENDALL'S belief that if a law is enacted which sweeps them all away after the lapse of a certain interval, it will have the effect of abolishing non-affiliates altogether, that is, of turning them *instantly* into affiliates. But the question naturally arises—will the lodges in those jurisdictions which may happen to adopt such a law be any the better for the change? As Bro. J. H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, very tersely puts it: "The object of drastic measures is to compel Masons to affiliate. The effort is to make it so much for their personal mercenary interest to be members, that they will be, although they have no desire to be. When we compare laws of this character with the form of petition for initiation, it makes us sick at heart. We require them to be 'uninfluenced by mercenary motives' in order to get in, but once in, we undertake to keep them in by appealing in the strongest terms to mercenary motives." We are afraid, however, that in dealing with such a monstrous suggestion as that of the Grand Secretary of Wyoming, we must concern ourselves as little as possible about lofty principles. Those who can bring themselves to propose the enactment of a law compelling all men who have been initiated into Masonry to be subscribing members of a lodge are not likely to be influenced by any such considerations. They are thinking mainly of the honour and glory of Masonry as evidenced by numbers, and therefore we ask Bro. KUYKENDALL, and those who are of his opinion, what good it is they hope to effect by passing a law rendering it compulsory on all Masons to be members of lodges? Assuming that such a law is passed, and that the non-affiliates, to use his own expression as quoted by Bro. DRUMMOND, "one by one will fall into line," what then? Will a lodge be the better when it is composed in part of members who care so little about Masonry that were it not for the law compelling them to belong to it they would never enter its portals? Again, Masonry we are told at a very early stage in our career is free, and requires a perfect freedom of inclination on the part of those who are desirous of joining it, and the same idea of freedom accompanies us throughout the whole of our connection with it. It is not so very long ago that our Grand Lodge (acting on the advice of Grand Registrar) ruled that when a member of a lodge tendered his resignation, the lodge was bound to accept it, on the ground that as a man was perfectly free to join the Craft, so must he be equally free to quit it, whenever he thinks proper. Hence if men are received into Masonry, and then, after a period of membership extending over a few months or several years, withdraw themselves from it altogether, the only right policy to adopt in their case is to let them alone. The motives which induced them to leave is no concern of ours, and the only precautions which the rulers of the Craft can in reason be expected to adopt are such as will have the effect of preventing non-affiliates from enjoying the rights and privileges of Masonry, without in any way contributing towards the support of those bodies, which place the enjoyment of such rights and privileges within our reach. Hence the wisdom of our Article 152, which provides that "no brother who has ceased to be a subscribing member of a lodge shall be permitted to visit any one lodge more than once until he again become a subscribing member of some lodge." Without some such provision as this, a non-subscribing Mason might go on visiting the lodges in his neighbourhood without paying one single penny towards the cost of their maintenance. Yet this, and Article 9, which enacts that a Past Master when he ceases to be a subscribing member of some lodge for 12 months ceases to be a member of Grand Lodge, constitute about all that is said about non-affiliates in our Book of Constitutions. We are therefore of the same opinion as Bro. DRUMMOND as to the policy that should be adopted

towards non-subscribing Masons, and pretty much for the same reasons. He suggests that they be left severely alone. He rightly argues that "it is as much beneath the dignity of the Institution to undertake to hold unwilling members as it is to proselyte (*sic*) profanes, and equally in violation of its underlying principle." He remarks further "The evil is not in mere non-affiliation; the evil is that non-affiliates do not take the interest in Masonry which their becoming Masons gave us the right to expect, and which their duty demands." There is nothing very remarkable in this. There will always be found men who join Freemasonry as they join other societies, and if they find it different from what they expected it to be, they withdraw. It is to be regretted, at all events, in the case of companionable men that they should adopt this course. But as they were free to join so are they free to retire, and there, it seems to us, the matter must be allowed to rest. As Bro. DRUMMOND very sensibly points out: "Non-affiliation exists and, of necessity, must continue to exist; it is a negative evil only, as non-action and want of proper interest are evils," and if there is a remedy it will not be found in the enactment of laws compelling Masons to be subscribing members of lodges, but in doing whatever is possible to create an interest in lodge work. There is one very pertinent question which Bro. DRUMMOND introduces into his argument, and we shall be curious to learn how Bro. KUYKENDALL will answer it. "We would ask Bro. KUYKENDALL," says the veteran Past Grand Master of Maine, "what possible difference there would be in the effect upon Freemasonry between a brother's holding a dimit in force and holding one not in force? What difference in effect upon the holder?" If a brother so little appreciates the value of Freemasonry that he withdraws from it voluntarily, after a brief experience of the rights and privileges it confers, what likelihood is there that the threat to deprive him of those rights and privileges of which—by his own free act, he has deprived himself—will have the effect of inducing him to resume his membership? Let us assume, however, that the threat has the desired effect, and that the non-affiliate becomes once again an active member, what chance is there that he will be led to form a higher and better opinion of Freemasonry?

"He that complies against his will,
Is of his own opinion still."

The man who retires from Masonry because he does not care for or appreciate it, will not become enamoured of it because the law says that having once become a subscribing member, he must remain such to the end of the chapter.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGE SHIRE

The above annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Guildhall Cambridge, on the invitation of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, on Monday last, under the presidency of Bro. Colonel R. Townley Caldwell, Prov. Grand Master. The small assembly room was fitted up for the purposes of the meeting, and the accommodation was excellent. At the opening of the lodge there were present:

Bros. B. Chennell, acting D.P.G.M.; C. Geldard, P.S.G.W.; J. S. Youngman, acting P.J.G.W.; Rev. L. R. Tuttielt and Rev. J. H. Gray, Chaps.; J. Sheldrick, P.G. Reg.; W. Bray, P.G. Treas.; Oliver Papworth, P.G. Sec.; Frank Piggott, acting P.S.G.D.; John Vail, acting P.J.G.D.; H. Greef, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; F. Dewberry, P.G.D.C.; F. O. Carr, P.G. Org.; P. H. Young, acting P.G. S.B.; G. Elworthy, acting P.G. Purst.; T. E. Worledge, P.G. Stwd.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas. England; Rev. H. Hebb, J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; E. Hills, W. P. Spalding, C. H. Banham, J. V. Pryor, B. W. Beales, J. H. Moyes, H. Davison, W. James, Allsop, Logan, A. R. Hill, Moden, and Freeman, all of 88; T. Watts, G. Whitmore, J. Royston, E. W. Harry, Thomson, Bland, Wooldridge, Leach, Berridge, H. Dewberry, Knowles, F. Palmer, Potts, G. Bull, Bowman, Hosegood, Greenwood, Barnes, Rhodes, and Miller, all of 441; Girling, Bambridge, Grover, Gilling, Bothamley, and Foster, all of 809; H. Trevor Jones, W. H. Francis, R. Simpson, J. B. Close, T. B. Hope, and T. E. Townroe, all of 859; W. B. Sheppard, Ruston, Gordon, Chennell, and C. F. Moody, all of 2107.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the Provincial Grand Master saluted, the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.

After the roll of officers and lodges had been called, the Treasurer presented the Auditors' report of his accounts, which showed a credit balance of £47 on the year. The capital account was stated to be £450.

Bro. J. SHELDRIK, Registrar, reported that the present strength of the lodges was as follows: No. 88, 81; No. 441, 74; No. 809, 58; No. 859, 167; No. 1492, 21; No. 2107, 36; total, 437; as against a total of 418 last year. There had been 38 initiations, 10 joining members, 5 deaths, and 24 withdrawals. Increase on the year, 19.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that the province had unfortunately suffered from the resignation of the D.P.G.M., Bro. A. H. Moyes, and he had made a fresh appointment.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY thereupon read the patent granted to Bro. the Rev. Joseph Henry Grey, of Queens' College, who was duly admitted and obligated as D.P.G.M., being afterwards saluted by the brethren.

Bro. W. Bray, of Wisbech, was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. J. SHELDRIK, seconded by Bro. W. GIRLING.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows:

Bro. J. Vail, P.M. 441	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. Osmond Carr, P.M. 859	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. L. R. Tuttielt, S.W. 2107	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. S. Cronin, 859	...	...
" W. Bray, P.M. 809 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. H. Banham, S.W. 88	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Oliver Papworth, P.M. 88	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Grover, W.M. 809	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. B. Sheppard, P.M. 2107	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" E. W. Harry, P.M. 1001, 441	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Dewberry, P.M. 441	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" B. W. Beales, jun., S.D. 88	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. P. F. W. Simpson, S.W. 859	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Berridge, Org. 441	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. H. Bambridge, S.D. 809	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. S. Davison, 88	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Layle, 809	
" J. B. Close, 859	
" T. B. Hope, 859	
" E. E. Smith, 859	
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The 10th annual report of the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association was presented by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.G.S., and was of a very satisfactory character. Three Stewards were sent up during the year: Bros. B. Chennell (£196), S. H. Sharman (£89), and F. O. Carr (£25); the total accruing to the three Masonic Charities amounting to £311. Mention was also made of the increasing voting strength of the province.

The report was adopted.

A Charity jewel was presented to Bro. B. Chennell, of Newmarket, the PROV. GRAND MASTER congratulating him upon the exceedingly useful amount he took up to the Girls' Institution.

A Charity jewel clasp for Bro. S. H. Sharman, 441, an enthusiast on the Masonic Charities, was accepted on his behalf by Bro. H. Greef.

Bro. J. VAIL proposed, and Bro. F. PIGGOTT seconded, "That 10 guineas be voted to the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association for current expenses." Carried.

Bro. C. H. BANHAM proposed, and Bro. T. WATTS seconded "That 15 guineas be voted to one or more of the Royal Masonic Charities." Carried.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER alluded in terms of regret to the resignation of Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., who for eight years had discharged the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master in a thorough, energetic, impartial, and efficient manner. Their regret was heightened by the fact that ill-health had caused the resignation. He desired to propose that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and sent to Bro. Andrew Moyes for the excellent services he had rendered, with regret that ill-health had occasioned his resignation.

Bro. F. O. CARR, University Lodge, seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet at the Lion Hotel, under the felicitous Chairmanship of the Prov. Grand Master, and a most enjoyable evening was passed in true Masonic harmony.

Bro. RICHARD EVE not only gave a happy speech in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," but also delighted the company with his rendering of "The Village Blacksmith."

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Master" was heartily received, and, in his response,

Bro. Col. CALDWELL paid a graceful tribute to the good government and the earnestness of his lodges. It was very gratifying, he said, to hear from Bro. Registrar Sheldrick that in no case had there been diminution, but on the whole an increase in the effective strength of the province. The balance-sheet was also satisfactory, and so was the amount of contributions to the Masonic Charities considering the smallness of the province. In that, indeed, they had done well. He still thought that there were eligible districts in Cambridgeshire where new lodges might be established.

"The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master" was given from the chair, and was most cordially received. In submitting this toast, Bro. Col. CALDWELL took special pains to emphasise the efficient and painstaking work of the D.P.G.M. whom they had lost—Bro. Andrew Moyes—and expressed the hope that he might regain his health, and enjoy the honour which was his due.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. GRAY echoed these remarks, and hoped that Bro. Moyes would long be spared to wear the honour he had won. As for himself, he felt some diffidence in taking the office of D.P.G.M., which required much thoughtfulness and great discrimination; but they had always received him so kindly hitherto, that he trusted they would not desert him now, and in whatever he did would give him credit for the best intentions.

Not the least interesting episode of the evening's proceedings was the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which found eloquent exponents in Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, the proposer, and Bros. JAS. TERRY, Sec. R.M. B.I., and J. M. MCLEOD, Sec. R.M.I.B., the responders. In this matter, dear to the hearts of true Masons, it was satisfactory to find an acknowledgment of Cambridgeshire generosity.

There still remained two other toasts to acknowledge.

Bro. J. V. PRYOR gave that of "The Visiting Brethren."

Bro. the Rev. H. HEBB, Head Master of the Masonic Boys' School, suitably responded.

Finally, the PROV. GRAND MASTER reminded the brethren of their indebtedness to Lodge No. 441, under whose auspices they had assembled.

Bro. H. GREEF responded.

Altogether it was a most successful and enjoyable *re-union*, in which upwards of 70 brethren shared.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLESDEN LODGE, No. 2489.

The Willesden Lodge, No. 2489, was consecrated on the 13th inst. at the St. Andrew's Schools, Willesden Green, by Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D., as S.W. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.); Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence, as J.W.; Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Major-General F. Gadsden, P.G. Stwd., as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge, who were present with two exceptions, are Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; O. Claude Robson, P.M.; Chas. Butler, P.M.; E. R. Bartley Denniss, P.M.; H. C. Borradaile, P.M.; Irwin E. B. Cox, R. E. H. Fisher, W. E. Fisher, W. G. Greig, J. J. Hanbury, F. W. C. Hobrow, Stanley Machin, C. J. Marrian, and F. W. Marrian.

The visitors present included—

Bros. H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. O. Lyon, P.M. 31, Sec. 2098; W. Wellsman, P.M. 1589; R. Stuart, 2098; D. S. Skinner, I.P.M. 2098; F. Swinford Smith, Org. 2272; A. Weston, 101; Geo. May, 2000; H. J. Baker, 201; Thos. Kitwood, jun., 2098; R. C. Grant, P.M. 21; E. Prendergast, W.M. 569; Horace Stewart, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Fred. Levick, P.P.S.G.W.; F. S. Long, P.P.S.G.D. Herts; H. Greigham, 222; S. W. Morris, W.M. 231; A. H. Knight; P. Machin, 231; J. Turner, 49; F. S. Hanson; W. Brighten, 72; H. T. Reed, P.M. 193; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

After the formal opening of the lodge in the Three Degrees,

The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren, and said they were all aware of the object for which they had met that day, and therefore it was unnecessary that he should occupy their time with many words of his own. They had met to constitute and consecrate a new lodge, which would hereafter be known as the Willesden Lodge. It was formed for the purpose of enabling a considerable number of Masons living in that neighbourhood to meet together in a Masonic lodge, and he could only express the hope that under the able guidance of the first W.M., Bro. Robson, the lodge would be the means of advancing the interests of Masonry not only in Willesden but throughout the Metropolis. He could only hope that it had before it a career of great prosperity.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then enquired of the petitioners if they approved of the officers named in the warrant, and an affirmative reply having been given, an excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Acting Chaplain, Bro. THOS. FENN, President Board of General Purposes.

An anthem was then sung and the lodge was dedicated and constituted in the usual manner.

Bro. O. Claude Robson, P.M., was installed by the Grand Secretary as the first W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W., acting I.P.M.; Chas. Butler, S.W.; E. R. Bartley Denniss, J.W.; F. W. Chant Hobrow, Treas.; C. J. Marrian, Sec.; Stanley Machin, S.D.; W. Grant Greig, J.D.; Frank W. Marrian, I.G.; H. C. Borradaile, D.C.; J. J. Hanbury and R. E. H. Fisher, Stwds.; and I. Whiteway, Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officer and the rest of the Grand Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members. The W.M. in moving the proposition, said the beautiful ceremony would live in the minds of the brethren for many years, and he hoped the harmonious working would be an exemplification of future efforts by the members of the lodge.

A Committee was elected to frame by-laws, propositions were received, and lodge was closed.

After a substantial meal, the customary toasts were honoured.

The W.M. having given "The Queen and the Craft," proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said his Royal Highness was considerably more than an ornamental head to Freemasonry, as evidenced by the fact that he proposed to take part in the consecration of a lodge at an early date.

Bro. H. C. BORRADAILE, P.M., D.C., said the W.M. had imposed upon him the duty of proposing the next toast, which fortunately needed no words to commend it. It was "The Health of the Grand Officers." It was but seldom on occasions of this kind that they had such a galaxy of Grand Officers present. Speaking as a provincial Mason, he wished it were possible for their efforts to be so extended that they could occasionally attend provincial lodges, for the brethren in the country rarely had the pleasure of seeing them, as their work necessarily lay round the great Metropolis. Those who, like himself, attended Grand Lodge, knew how effective the work of the Grand Officers was; he therefore proposed the toast with much pleasure.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, President Board of General Purposes, said he felt somewhat diffident in undertaking the response to the toast in the presence of his superior officer, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, who excused himself on the ground that he was a member of the lodge. But so was he (Bro. Fenn) thanks to the honour done him that evening. He was, however, too good a Mason, he hoped, to refuse to obey orders. He undertook the duty with great pride, because the Grand Officers standing round him could not be surpassed, and if he were asked to name six Grand Officers to represent the body, he could not have selected any whom he would have preferred to those present. They were a living proof that the services of the Grand Officers were always at the disposal of the Craft whenever wanted. He would not detain the brethren with a long speech, nor repeat the services rendered to the Craft by the Grand Officers. He could say a great deal on that subject, having been a Grand Officer for 30 years, and President of the Board of General Purposes for nearly 10. He thought that lodge ought to be very well satisfied with the Grand Officers present to inaugurate it. It

was due to the brethren to apologise for having appeared before them in a somewhat false position. He was not a Grand Chaplain; but unfortunately Bro. Letchworth was unable to obtain the services of a real live Chaplain, so called upon him to perform the duties. It was not the first time he had performed them, for on his journey that day he passed a certain house where he undertook the same duties for the Victoria Rifles Lodge.

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, P.G.W., then said that, by command of the W.M., he had the pleasure of giving the next toast, which he should have given with more satisfaction to himself if the wind had not already been taken out of his sails, first by the comprehensive way in which the W.M., notwithstanding his ill-health, which they all deplored, proposed the vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, and also by the way in which Bro. Fenn, in returning thanks for the Grand Officers, referred to what they had done. He begged leave, with regard to Bro. Fenn, to make a slight correction. There was a great difference between seniority and superiority. He happened to be of higher rank in Grand Office, but superiority he could not claim. On behalf of the W.M. and members he proposed with the utmost pleasure the health of those who had come there not only in deference to their duties to the Craft at large, but out of their kindness to that new lodge, and admitted them to the great circle of Masonic brotherhood. He had had the pleasure himself of being present in a humble capacity as a Consecrating Officer under the auspices of the Grand Secretary, and he had seen how well the Willesden Lodge had been consecrated, and knew how much they owed to those enthusiastic and thoroughly efficient brethren who had honoured them that day. He hardly knew why, except through the kindness of the W.M., he had been appointed I.P.M. He seemed somehow always put in office in gratitude for services he had not rendered. He was not only the Acting I.P.M. of the lodge, but a Past Grand Officer, and a past resident of Willesden, having lived there 30 years ago. That night, thanks to his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., and Grand Lodge, they had been duly consecrated by the Grand Secretary, to whom they looked, and never in vain, for assistance and support. In the new lodge they were not going to spend their time in feasting, but meant to work, and it would be their great pleasure to have the Grand Officers present in the future. He appealed to the brethren with the greatest confidence to drink "The hearty good Health of the Consecrating Officers" for their thorough good work.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., acknowledged the compliment paid the Consecrating Officers by Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, and thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast. It had afforded him, personally, the greatest possible pleasure to come down and assist in starting that new lodge, and it gave him peculiar pleasure to find himself assisted by Grand Officers who had honoured him by accompanying him. He regretted the absence of Sir John Monckton, and no one would regret his absence more than the distinguished brother himself. His place could not have been more efficiently filled than by Bro. Loveland Loveland. Bro. Grey, the President Board Benevolence, was always ready to assist in every work, and with regard to the Chaplain, Bro. Fenn, who had, with his characteristic modesty, rather deprecated any praise on that occasion—he was bound to say, having attended a large number of consecrations, that he had never heard the work performed in a more effective and impressive manner. Bro. Richardson was a host in himself, and he did not know how any consecration in the Metropolis would be carried on without his aid. With regard to the I.G., the work could not have been performed better or in a more soldierly manner than by Major-General Gadsden. He would next, if they would allow him, propose what was really the toast of the evening—"The Health of their Worshipful Master." They all knew that with the pluck which was characteristic of him, the W.M. had come there from a bed of sickness. He did not believe it would have been possible for the founders to have made a happier selection than that of Bro. Robson to be the W.M. Not only was he an important inhabitant officially connected with the neighbourhood, but he was also a Mason of ripe experience, a member of a Watford Lodge, and a Past Master of the Harlesden Lodge, which recommended the petition to his Royal Highness. Bro. Robson possessed all those qualifications which would ensure for that lodge for the ensuing 12 months a most efficient Master. That he would have a prosperous year of office was the wish of every one in the room, and they would therefore join in drinking the health of the W.M.

Bro. O. C. ROBSON, P.M., W.M., said he thanked the Grand Secretary from the bottom of his heart for the extremely kind way in which the toast of his health had been given and received. Sir Reginald Hanson had said it was the intention of this lodge to be a working lodge, and he could only wish that it would be a thoroughly good working lodge. It would be his utmost endeavour to carry out the work with the most thorough integrity. He was sorry to come before them as a cripple, but although his health was bad, he was sound in heart. He wished all the members a successful year in the lodge and he hoped when he left the chair, to do so with the same good opinion he trusted he now possessed.

"The Visitors" was cordially given and responded to by Bros. LEVICK, BRIGHTEN, and F. S. LONG.

"The Officers" and other toasts were given, after which the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

The musical arrangements throughout the ceremony and after the banquet, were carried out in a manner giving pleasure and satisfaction to all, under the direction of Bro. Arthur Weston, who was assisted by Miss Masie Riversdale and Bros. Geo. May, Roland Henry and Frank Swinford.

CONSECRATION OF THE GOLD FIELDS LODGE, No. 2478, AT JOHANNESBURG.

The consecration of the above lodge, under warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, took place on October 14th in the Stock Exchange Hall. Freemasonry has made immense progress in Johannesburg and its vicinity during the last three years, especially that portion of the ancient Craft which ranges itself under the banner of the English Grand Lodge. It was our duty, only very recently, to chronicle the consecration of a new lodge at Jeppestown, which, having surmounted the difficulties incidental to all newly-established institutions, is now in a fair way towards a prosperous career. It was only, however, a change of *habitat*, necessitating reference

to, and confirmation by, the Grand Lodge officials in London which deprived the lodge whose consecration took place recently of the honour of being the second English lodge opened in Johannesburg, its charter having been granted, as the number implies, some little time in advance of its sister lodge at Jeppe's. In a few weeks' time Boksburg will be the scene of a similar function, and before long a lodge will be opened at Germiston, an application for a warrant for which will probably be despatched shortly. But of all the lodges, here or elsewhere in the State, none gives so much promise of so brilliant a career as that which was opened on the 14th October. Its foundation and joining members are already very numerous, and the number of propositions for initiation are almost without precedent in Masonic annals.

The duty of consecrating this lodge, and investing and installing its officers, was delegated by the M.W. Grand Master to Bro. J. Da Silva, P.M., who, with the officers designate of the lodge, worked with a will and some considerable success to convert the Exchange Hall into a "Temple" worthy of the occasion. Flowers, evergreens, and sundry decorations and devices of Masonic character were judiciously requisitioned, and when the hall was filled, as it was that afternoon with over 300 brethren wearing the distinctive badges of their lodges and rank, it presented a very brilliant spectacle, and one which could not perhaps be witnessed elsewhere in South Africa. An extemporised dais for the accommodation of the Consecrating Officer and his assistant and attendant Masters had been erected in the east of the hall, and with its decorations gave an additional and pleasing effect to the *tout ensemble* of the whole. There was a very large muster of Masters and Past Masters.

Shortly after three o'clock the Consecrating Officer took the chair, and appointed the following brethren to the different offices *pro tem.*: Bros. J. E. Green, P.M., S.W.; S. C. Herbert, P.M., S.D.; J. Wa die Peirson, W.M., J.D.; Chas. Aburrow, P.M., D. of C.; Rev. G. Perry, Chap.; Alfred Dawe, P.M., I.G.; H. H. Stidolph, P.D.G.O., Org.; and F. H. de Roos, W.M., acting Sec.

The lodge having been formally opened, the ode—"Hail Eternal, by Whose Aid" was sung. The Consecrating Officer having explained the motive of the gathering, and the acting Secretary having related the steps that had been taken for the formation of the lodge, the foundation members were arranged in the centre of the room, and the petition to Grand Lodge and the charter which had been granted in response to it were read to them. Their approval of the officers designate having been signified, the Chaplain delivered an oration. The dedicatory prayer and the invocation were very impressively recited, and the ceremony of sprinkling the lodge with corn, wine, oil, and salt followed, the brethren singing appropriate odes as the several perambulations were performed. The act of dedication followed, the Chaplain carrying the censor round the lodge three times. The formal consecration was then pronounced by the Consecrating Officer, the brethren responding "So mote it be," while the choir sang an anthem.

A solemn patriarchal benediction closed the ceremony of consecration, and the lodge then proceeded to the installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. S. Hershfield, who then appointed and installed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. J. Blake, I.P.M.; H. A. Reid, S.W.; A. N. S. Goldberg, J.V.; W. A. Edwards, Treas.; J. da Silva, P.M., Sec.; H. Reddall, S.D.; M. Reffert, J.D.; R. Moss, I.G.; and D. Margolius and H. Youngleson, Stewards.

The several proclamations in the east, west, and south were pronounced by the Installing Officer, Bro. da Silva, P.M., the working tools in the Three Degrees being explained by Bros. C. M. de Wet, P.M.; B. Danziger, P.M.; and W. J. Blake, P.M. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. J. E. Green, P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. Dr. Matthews, P.M., and that to the brethren generally by the Installing Officer.

A banquet followed upon the closing of the proceedings, when between 300 and 400 brethren sat down.

The clothing and furniture were supplied by Bro. George Kenning, through Bro. Maurice Hart, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. West Lincs.

HEREDOM.—This is a name which occurs very frequently in the early history of the high grades, but the meaning of which is by no means yet clear. It is generally written H—R—D—M—, and is interpreted Herodum, Hæredum, Harodim, Hæredom, Heredum. It is also written Heredon, Heroden. So too the terms Rose Croix of Heredom, or Herodum of Kilwinning are often used. Some suppose that it is a Jacobite cant word for the heritage of the dethroned sovereign, from "hæres;" others that it only means that the Scottish Masonry, as it was called, was the heir of Kilwinning Masonry; while others would take Heredom from the Greek *ἱερός*, holy, and *δῶμος*, a house,—in our opinion far-fetched and utterly inadmissible. In all the early Scottish rituals the allusion is to the "Montagne de Heredon," and which is said to exist in Scotland, near Kilwinning. The three mountains are Mount Moriah, Mount Sinai, and Mount Heredon. We are inclined to think that it was a cant word, and possibly had a Jacobite double meaning. It may, however, be purely mystical after all. In the Rite itself allusion is made to Icolmkill in these words: "En quel lieu le G. et S. ordre de H. D. M. fut-il premièrement établi? Sur le saint sommet dut Munt Moriah dans le royaume de Judée. Où fut-il ensuite rétabli? A Icolmkill, et ensuite à Kilwinning, où le Roi d'Ecosse présida en personne comme G. Maître." In this ritual nothing is said about the mountain. It seems that in 1778, when some Germans, Professor Lyungberg, Karl von Hessen, V. Exter, Von Lienan, and General Auditor Meyer, came to London, there was a Chapter of Heredom, according to the Rite of Perfection there, which professed to give this grade in London, at the head of which was Robert Lintot, whose Deputy was Dan Gottfried Hintze. The following grades were in use from a French system—Maître parfait, Petit Elu, Elu de Quinze, Architecte, G. Architecte, Seculaire Tribune, Juge et Prévôt, Compagnon de l'Arche Royale, Parfait Maître Sublime Ecossais, Chevalier de l'Eppée, Chevalier de l'Orient, Chevalier de l'Occident, Commandeur, G. Commandeur, Prince de Jérusalem, Chevalier de Rose Croix, Chevalier de Triple Croix, Chevalier de Palestine, Chevalier du Soleil, Chevalier Kadush. This Chapter professed to hail from the Grand Lodge of Heredom of Edinburgh. Our readers will note that this was a system of twenty grades—beyond symbolical Masonry. It has been said that the original Order of Heredom only consisted of (1) *Maçon d'Heredom*, (2) *Chevalier de la Tour*, (3) *Chevalier Rose Croix de Heredom de Kilwinning*.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

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ROBERT PIPER,

W.M. No. 851.

Oakwood, Worthing, November 23rd, 1893.

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To Correspondents.

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

The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:
CRAFT LODGES.—Sincerity, No. 119; Crusaders, No. 1677; Capper, No. 1076; St. Kew, No. 1222; Ashbury, No. 1459; Albert Victor, No. 1773; Clapham, No. 1818; and La France, No. 2060.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Paradise, No. 139.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.—Talbot.

Also several Lodges of Instruction.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

It is with very great pleasure that we announce certain good news in connection with the approaching Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry has succeeded in obtaining the services of a foremost member of our Order as Chairman for the occasion, Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Surrey, having very kindly accepted the invitation to preside. Bro. Col. Money made his *début* in this capacity at the Mark Benevolent Festival in July last, and, though this is but a small Festival in comparison with those of our Central Masonic Institutions, we are encouraged by the fact that the sum then raised under his

auspices had only been exceeded at one previous Mark Festival, to hope that the Benevolent Festival of 1894 will be approximately as successful as most of the ordinary Festivals held in connection with that Institution.

There are two additional reasons why we should indulge in this hope. In the first place, Bro. Col. Money is exceedingly and justly popular throughout the Province over which he has presided successfully for the last two years, and has evinced a strong interest in the success of all our Institutions. In the next place, Surrey is a strong Province, and whenever the late lamented chief, Bro. General Brownrigg, acted as Chairman on one of these festive occasions, it showed both how highly it respected him, and how great was its devotion to the cause of Masonic Charity, by loyally and generously supporting his chairmanship. We are therefore inclined to augur well for the prospects of the first great Masonic Festival of 1894.

The lamentable outbreak of fever which the inhabitants of Worthing have suffered from for several months has been of such an exceptionally distressing character, that the authorities had no alternative but to appeal to the public at large to help them to stem the tide of poverty which it has caused. Occurring as it did at the commencement of the visitors' season, on which the prosperity of the town so much depends, the calamity was rendered doubly distressful, and the need we fear is still pressing.

It must have been particularly gratifying to the W.M. of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, who is also Mayor of the town, to find that the appeal from the lodge to the Masonic body has resulted in such a list of contributions as we print in another portion of our columns. It disproves conclusively of the assertion often heard that Freemasons are not open to the call of benevolence outside their own organisations. It is only reasonable that applicants for relief who are Freemasons should have the first consideration; but it will, in no sense, be limited to the Craft. We trust the amount will be still further augmented by contributions from other lodges and individual Masons.

Freemasonry flourishes abundantly in South Africa. The latest evidence is the report of the consecration of the Gold Fields Lodge, Johannesburg, in which our good Bro. Joseph Da Silva, P.M. of the Israel Lodge, London, figures as Consecrating Officer. There were some little difficulties, we believe, in obtaining the warrant for a lodge in a territory not under the British flag, but these were not insuperable, and we are glad to know that the authorities could see their way clear to granting the prayer of the petitioners.

We offer our hearty congratulations to the editor and staff of the *Old Masonians' Gazette*, the first number of which has been published this month. The programme of contents is on a modest scale, but the principal articles are well written, and ample news is furnished of the School and the Association. We sincerely trust the *Gazette* may receive such a measure of support as will justify its continuance.

During the past year the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which held its annual Communication in the city of St. Louis on the 10th—12th October, has made considerable progress, the report of the Grand Secretary showing that 10 new lodges had been constituted and nine formed by dispensation, while three had surrendered their charters, four had been consolidated into two, and one had had its charter arrested. The net increase in membership is returned as 818. Bro. H. Keene was elected Grand Master, and Bro. the Rev. D. Vincil re-elected Grand Secretary.

The foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall, which is about to be erected in connection with King Solomon Lodge, of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. E. M. Rhodes, M.W.G.M., assisted by his Deputy, Wardens, and other Grand Officers, the oration being delivered by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Rugg, the able Editor of the *Freemasons' Repository*. As the weather was favourable, a large concourse of people assembled to witness the impressive spectacle.

The new Grand Master of Illinois is Bro. Leroy Goddard, of Chicago, who was elected during the annual communication of the Grand Lodge held in the early days of October. From the late Grand Master's address it appears that there are 713 lodges in active work in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate of 48,222 members, being an increase of 2227 on the returns of the previous year.

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.]

ARTICLE 219.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am a regular reader of the English *Freemason* and have attentively followed the discussion in Grand Lodge and outside it with regard to the Cambrian Lodge and cognate matters. It has long been a matter of great astonishment that no member of the English Grand Lodge (as far as I know) has perceived that the much talked of Article 219 has really no bearing whatever on the matter of a majority in a lodge transferring its allegiance and warrant to another Grand Lodge, however much it may apply to cases where a lodge dwindles down, and, from the retirement of a large number, becomes practically defunct. I have been waiting for some time to see some view such as this expressed, but my expectations not having been realised I wrote by the last mail on the matter to a distinguished member of the English Grand Lodge.

The letter had hardly been posted before I read with the greatest pleasure the admirable letter of Bro. T. B. Whythead in your issue of September 2nd. Everything I thought, everything I would have said, is therein, so much better put than I could put it, that I will not trouble you or your readers by going further into the matter. Let me, however, through the medium of your wide-read paper, metaphorically give a hearty shake of the hand to Bro. Whythead and wish him every success in his truly Masonic endeavour to point out where and in what way a serious Masonic stumbling-block may be removed. The words "more than arrived" in the first line of his letter might well have been underlined.—Believe me, yours truly and fraternally,

R. A. SIMPSON, Past S.G.D. N.S.W.
Germanton, New South Wales.
October 9th.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As one who has had a large experience in the working of all Degrees in Freemasonry in past years, I may, perhaps, be allowed to state that I think the last act of Grand Chapter in abrogating the 12 months' qualification for the Royal Arch is one of the most judicious steps that could be taken. The strongest argument that can be used in support of the amendment adopted is that the Degree professes to be no more than the completion of the Master Mason, and it is absurd to suppose that waiting 12 months lends any additional dignity to the recipient of the Degree. Strong arguments may be used in favour of prolonging the probation for the Degree of Master Mason, and with much more effect than in the case of the, it must be said, somewhat useless appendage of the Royal Arch.

When I was made a Mason in 1854, in the Lodge of Integrity, then No. 189, Manchester, it had a by-law that none should be made a Fellow Craft or a Master Mason until three clear months had passed in the two minor grades. I at once joined a lodge of instruction, and in this interval of three months made such progress in the lectures that, with a W.M. singularly well up, I was able to pass such examinations as had never before been given in the lodge. I afterwards found, however, that my assiduous attendance at the lodge of instruction was a source of inconvenience, inasmuch as it kept the members on the work of the Degree in which I happened to be. Too polite to call my attention to this, some of the members complained to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the by-law had to be expunged, as contrary to the general work of the Craft, yet means were found for some time to delay passings and raisings to the old term.

I have known members of the Craft to become a 30° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite before they were eligible to be admitted to the Royal Arch, and I have myself admitted Master Masons in a similar way into corresponding Degrees in the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, the Mark, Red Cross, Allied Degrees, &c., offer a similar argument in point, and, knowing as we do the difficulty of obtaining members for the existing chapters, under these circumstances it would seem unwise to oppose the 12 months' obstacle to the reception of aspiring Masons.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

FREEMASONRY IN THE ARMY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with interest the various letters that have appeared in your valuable paper on "Freemasonry in the Army," and send you the following, as it may interest some of your readers to know how Freemasonry was developed in Ceylon.

Towards the close of the fifties, the 50th Regiment, then stationed in the island, had its own lodge, working under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Here they made many of the civilians Masons. The Craft became so popular that in '61, the regiment being about to leave Ceylon, a petition was forwarded for the formation of a lodge to be held in Colombo, and by special dispensation the new lodge was consecrated at Kandy on the 22nd April, '61, by the W.M. of the 50th Regiment Lodge, the founders being Bros. Arthur Hansbrow,

Henry Thompson, and Chas. H. Newton, the lodge being called the Sphinx, No. 107 (I.C.), in honour of the gallant 50th Regiment, which had so distinguished itself in Egypt. From the Sphinx sprang the Leinster, the Serendib, and Dimbulla Lodges. The lodge, which at the present moment is still a very strong one, has a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it; it is very popular with the military, the present W.M. being an officer of the Royal Artillery, and the W.M. elect a Warrant Officer of the same Royal regiment, and his officers are composed almost exclusively of members of the Colombo Garrison.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

G. H. Sec. and P.M.
Sphinx Lodge, No. 107 (I.C.)

PROPOSED LODGE FOR STREATHAM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a new resident in Streatham, I am surprised to find that no Masonic lodge exists in the immediate neighbourhood, and it occurs to me that an excellent one might be established.

Probably many of the Craft residing in this district, but members of lodges in the Metropolis, would appreciate one also nearer home. I shall therefore be glad if brethren sharing this view will place themselves in communication with me, so that the necessary steps may be taken for the accomplishment of so desirable an object as the founding of a lodge in Streatham.—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. N. GLAESER,

Cairngorm, Ullathorne-road,
Streatham Park, S.W.

November 19th.

THE VALE OF EDEN LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I observe in "Masonic and General Tidings" of this day's *Freemason*, viz. "A new lodge, to be called the 'Vale of Eden,' has just been formed at Appleby," &c., &c.

The petition was only forwarded by me to the Grand Secretary about 10 days ago, hence no time for the warrant to be granted, far less appointment of officers. We hope it will soon be so, and have great faith that it will be prosperous.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. DALRYMPLE,
P.G. Sec.

Whitehaven, 18th Nov.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

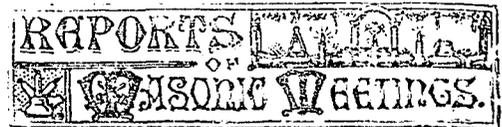
1047] LORD SACKVILLE, G.M. OF IRELAND, 1751.

Bro. Sadler, in his "Masonic Facts," &c., alluded to Lord Sackville being offered the chair of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but was not then aware when that nobleman was elected Grand Master. The following work, now happily in the library of the Grand Lodge of England, gives the date, viz., June 24th, 1751. I have written to the Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland to alter my list of their Grand Masters in the official calendar from 1750 to 1751. The title is as follows: "An Answer to the Pope's Bull. With a Vindication of the Real Principles of Free-Masonry. Publish'd by the consent and Approbation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. By Bernard Clarke, &c. Dublin, 1751." The dedication is "To the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable Lord George Sackville, Grand Master of the *Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland*," by the author, dated at Dublin, "September 19th, 1751." At page [38] is an extract from "Anderson's Constitutions" 1738, and a note below contains the names of the Past Grand Masters of Ireland:

"The Right Honourable Lord Kingston.
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Sir Marmaduke Wivill.
Right Honourable Lord Kingsborough."

"June, the 24th, 1751. The Right Honourable Lord GEORGE SACKVILLE was unanimously chosen Grand Master in Ireland, the Honourable Thomas Southwell, Esq., Deputy G.M., the Hon. Roderick Makenzie [Mackenzie], Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Honourable Brinsley Butler, Esq., Junior Grand Warden." Evidently from the foregoing, Lord Kingsborough was re-elected Grand Master in 1750, and so now we have a fair approximate list of the Masonic Rulers of Ireland from early days, and particularly during the period for which no records are extant. The work herein noted is dedicated to Lord Sackville as Grand Master, the frontispiece being an excellent plate of his lordship's coat-of-arms. The Hon. Thomas Southwell (afterwards Viscount) succeeded to the chair in 1753. Whether Lord Sackville was ever installed I cannot discover, but am inclined to believe he was. The motto of the Sackville or Dorset family was *Aut nunquam tentes aut perfice*, so I have followed out its precept by tracing the date as noted. Those interested in the subject should consult a communication from me in the *Freemason* for March 29th, 1890. It was through Bro. Sadler's able work I was led to discover the particulars aforesaid.

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).—This flourishing lodge held its installation meeting on the 17th inst., at the Horns Hotel, Kennington, when there was a good muster of members and visitors. Amongst the former were Bros. G. White, W.M.; R. H. Gundry, S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; H. O. Hinton, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Suffolk, Treas.; J. Noble, P.M., Sec.; W. Funge, S.D.; H. Brook, J.D.; W. Bishop, Stwd.; T. T. Willcox, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; C. F. Campbell, P.M.; E. Ayling, P.M.; B. A. Griffin, P.M.; W. W. Williams, P.M.; G. Bugler, P.M.; and W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx. Visitors: Bros. E. Melson, 177; J. O. Hara, 1656; E. H. Johnson, W.M. 169; J. Murray, 169; H. Trask, W.M. 2372; W. J. Stratton, P.M. 753; H. Hibberd, S.W. 167; C. F. Sole, 933; S. F. Mackway, J.W. 2310; Paul Meiklenburg, 60; C. Thomson, P.M., Sec. 1297; T. W. Barker, 1539; A. Lundie, W.M. 1381; J. W. Hartley, P.M., Sec. 1986; A. Harvey, I.P.M. 1963; H. N. Price, P.M. 177; W. Tucker, 795; D. Varran, W.M. 1155; F. Lewin, 1155; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

After the formal opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, a brother was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. R. H. Gundry was then installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., undertaking the duties of D.C. during the ceremony. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Geo. White, I.P.M.; W. Funge, S.W.; H. Brook, J.W.; H. O. Hinton, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Suffolk, Treas.; John Noble, P.M., Sec.; J. Hudson, S.D.; W. M. Bond, J.D.; W. J. Jubby, I.G.; W. Bishop, D.C.; H. Morgan, J. Brown, P.M., and J. Miller, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The W.M. then impressively initiated two candidates. On the proposition of the I.P.M., a resolution of sympathy and condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. James Garnar, P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

After grace had been sung, Bro. Hinton, P.M., Treas., rose and said he wished to refer to the loss the lodge had sustained in the death of Bro. Jas. Garnar, P.M. Already in the lodge the subject had been referred to by the I.P.M., whilst the lodge was well represented at the grave side of the deceased brother, and the members sent a tribute of sincere respect and esteem. As far as the members present that evening were concerned, he (Bro. Hinton) was Bro. Garnar's oldest friend, and was the means of introducing him into the lodge. Bro. Garnar was his friend, "faithful and true," and he could hardly trust himself even at that date to refer to their loss. Bro. Garnar was of an amiable and genial nature and a large-hearted and charitable man, being Vice President of all the Masonic Institutions. His character was in fact summed up in the words of the song which their late brother used to sing, "Give me the man of honest heart." His straightforwardness enabled him to be successful in business, and he left behind him two sons who would no doubt follow his footsteps. Bro. Garnar performed all the duties devolving upon him in the lodge in a most able manner, being strong in purpose but suave in manner, making many friends but losing none. On that the first meeting of the lodge since his death, the brethren would be upstanding and drink in silence to his memory.

"The Queen and the Craft" and the usual Masonic toasts were then given.

Bro. George White, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the manner in which Bro. Gundry performed the duties of S.W. in the past year was very creditable to him, and from what the members had seen of his work in the chair on the present occasion, they were assured that that creditable work would be maintained. Their W.M. had been a member of the lodge for many years and the members were pleased to see him in his present high position, and hoped he would continue to enjoy the health and strength he now possessed.

Bro. Robert H. Gundry, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the cordial proposition and reception of the toast. He also thanked the brethren for electing him to his high position. He fully appreciated the confidence reposed in him and would endeavour to prove their confidence was not misplaced. He also appreciated the responsibilities of the office, and recognised that the Past Masters before him had raised it to dignity, and given the lodge a prestige which it would be his effort to maintain. The I.P.M. had spoken in eulogistic terms of his working, but he had found that Past Masters got into the bad habit of praising all Masters. However, as the I.P.M. was not a fully fledged Past Master, he would take the flattering unctious to his soul that what he said was true. In his endeavours he (the W.M.) was sure he should have the assistance of the officers, and the indulgence of the brethren. He had a pleasing duty to perform in asking the brethren to drink "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. George White," who had served during the past year as Master with the utmost ability, and had done all he possibly could to keep them in harmony with each other. He (the W.M.) felt it an honour to have to decorate the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, voted by the members as a token of the respect and regard in which he was held.

Bro. Geo. White, I.P.M., returned thanks for the toast and for the handsome jewel presented to him, which he felt he had not quite deservedly earned, but he had endeavoured to do so to the best of his ability. He had worked hard to do his duty, and if he had not quite succeeded, he had done the best he could, thanks to the assistance of Bro. Ayling, P.M., who had helped him most thoroughly. The officers had also assisted him, and he had endeavoured to make himself agreeable and kind to all with whom he had associated.

Bros. Wisdom and Dawes responded for "The Initiates" and Bros. Johnson, Lundie, Trask, Hartley, and H. N. Price for "The Visitors."

Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., on behalf of "The Past Masters," said they were only too willing to assist in the

working of the lodge. They had recently lost one distinguished Past Master, but he hoped the time would be far distant before they lost another link in the chain of Past Masters, who had entwined themselves in the affection of the members. If he had assisted the I.P.M. by instructing him, it was only a gratification to be able to do so. Nothing had give him greater pleasure than to continue to do all he could for the brethren as in the past, and he thanked them all for their kind expression of feeling.

Bros. Hinton, P.M., Treas., and Noble, P.M., Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" having been honoured, a pleasant evening was closed with the Tyler's toast.

Bro. F. A. Jewson was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Florence Venning, Mr. Oswald Sharpley, and Bro. B. Hardwicke.

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—The opening meeting of the season of this popular lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 10th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Bullen, W.M.; G. H. Foan, I.P.M.; Harry S. Foster, M.P., S.W.; G. H. Bond, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; G. Stacey, Org.; C. O. Burgess, I.G.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; S. Hewett, P.M.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; G. Coleman, P.M.; T. Warren, J. Mills, H. G. Walker, J. Nathan, Homer Price, T. Middleweek, W. J. Thrussell, W. M. Carter, H. J. Keen, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Correspondence was read, which included many letters of regret from brethren at not being able to be present. The following vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M. and Treasurer, was proposed by Bro. George Coleman, P.M., and seconded by Bro. George Reynolds, P.M. and Secretary, and carried: "That this lodge has learned with deep and unfeigned regret the death of Bro. P.M. Edward Jacobs, one of the original founders of the lodge, and desires to place upon record its just appreciation of his high character, and of the valuable services rendered by him, and begs most respectfully to tender to Mrs. Jacobs its heartfelt sympathy with her and family in their bereavement, and that the Secretary be requested to forward to her a copy of this resolution." Several brethren spoke on the sad subject, viz.: Bros. G. H. Foan, I.P.M.; S. Hewett, P.M.; Harry S. Foster, M.P., S.W.; G. H. Bond, J.W.; Coleman, P.M.; G. Reynolds, Secretary; and others. The W.M., in putting the resolution, spoke of the high character the late worthy Treasurer bore, and also the great loss the lodge had sustained by his death. It was proposed by Bro. S. Hewett, P.M., and seconded by Bro. G. H. Foan, P.M., "That Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., be the Treasurer in the place of Bro. Edward Jacobs, deceased." Carried unanimously. Bro. G. Coleman responded, assuring the brethren he would take every care of the funds, and hoped the lodge would be prosperous, also thanking the brethren for the confidence they were placing in him. The lodge was then closed.

St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1766).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. S. C. Kaufman, W.M., when there were present Bros. W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, S.W.; S. Batcheler, J.W.; B. Nicholson, Treas.; J. Cox, P.M., Sec.; G. Bishop, S.D.; B. Jacobs, I.G.; G. H. Clark, D.C.; H. Prenton, Org.; F. Matthews, P.M.; H. J. Thrower, P.M.; D. E. Leman, S. A. Matthews, W. Snellgrove, H. Buzler, G. F. Eeles, L. Nehm, M. Woolf, W. Shea, A. Kaufman, A. Cunningham, and J. Ungar. Visitors: Bros. E. Ames, P.M. 860; F. Dunstan, W.M. 1326; and J. Scott, 508 (Singapore).

The ceremonies were ably worked by the W.M. and his officers, Bro. T. Savage being raised to the Degree of M.M.; Bros. J. Tandy and J. Smith passed to the F.C. Degree; and Mr. Herbert Matthews duly initiated. Bro. Shurmur was unanimously elected to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Nicholson to that of Treasurer. It was unanimously resolved that the outgoing Master be presented with the usual Past Master's jewel at the expiry of his year of office. Several proposals were made for initiation at the next meeting.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The last meeting of the session of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. G. Reynolds, W.M.; W. Hancock, I.P.M.; F. Kedge, P.M., acting as S.W.; F. Jackson, acting as J.W.; J. Coltart, Sec.; C. O. Burgess, as S.D.; C. J. Rotter, acting as I.G.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; G. F. Atkinson, A. H. P. Snow, C. Hirsch, W. S. Lindon, Dr. A. Bruce, J. Williams, J. Woodward, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Grover, P.M. 186; and J. H. Peck, 1589.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of regret were read from many brethren saying they would not be able to attend, and sending "Hearty good wishes." The motion that By-law XIV. be altered, so that the distance of country members be 10 miles and not 20 miles, was carried unanimously. The proposition proposed by Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., and seconded by Bro. W. Hancock, I.P.M., was confirmed with acclamation, viz.: "That the members of this lodge desire to heartily congratulate the M.W.G.M. of Maryland, U.S.A., Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, upon the completion and consecration of the Masonic Temple at Baltimore, the proposition to be entered on the minutes."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room, where an excellent banquet, under the personal supervision of Bro. E. P. Bertini, was served.

After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the toasts of "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and Canada," and "The Visitors" were received with great applause.

The brethren, after the short speeches, sat down to a pleasant conversation, and so ended an enjoyable evening, the visitors and the brethren expressing themselves as having been delighted.

It is rumoured that the post of Ambassador at St. Petersburg, rendered vacant by the death of Sir Robert Morier, will, in all probability, be offered to Sir Philip Currie, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on the 2nd inst., when Bro. John T. Last, W.M., was supported by Bros. John Niven, I.P.M.; C. H. Ellis, S.W.; S. Robinson, J.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; E. Pearson Peterson, P.M., Sec.; John Morton, S.D.; J. B. Fearnley, J.D.; T. Percy Sykes, as I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; S. A. Auty, P.M.; A. J. Boyle, John W. Bland, John Harland, R. Harland, Albert Swaine, Org.; and J. J. Whitaker. Visitors: Bros. S. Sinkinson, P.M. 258, and T. Cross, 600.

The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. R. H. Perks, LL.B., 61, was elected a joining member. Bro. T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., read an ably written paper, dealing in a highly scientific and esoteric manner with his subject—"The Geometry of Masonry." A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Holmes for his kindness in preparing and reading the paper before the lodge. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the Treasurer submitted his financial estimate for the year, which, after discussion, was adopted. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several brethren.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was made for refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This highly prosperous provincial lodge held a meeting at the Greyhound Hotel on the 16th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. John Smith, W.M.; J. W. Clarke, S.W.; H. Robinson, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Steward, Sec.; Trotter, S.D.; W. Hopkins, J.D.; G. J. Tagg, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; P. Cronin, A.D.C.; R. Eales, P.M., P.G.P., and C. Wheatley, Stwds.; W. Fisher, P.G. Treas. Middx., I.P.M.; H. J. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and A. F. Scholding, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. G. C. Brooke and C. E. Page were impressively raised to the Third Degree by the I.P.M. Bros. H. Weston, jun., and J. Dixon were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. T. R. Douse, and, it being unanimous, he was duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. J. W. Clarke was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, Bros. J. C. Jessett, P.M., Treasurer, and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel and collar were voted with acclamation to the W.M. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.M. of Middx., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. The name of a gentleman for ballot and initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice, but, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, they were but formally given, and briefly acknowledged.

Bro. W. Fisher, P.G. Treas. of the province, responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Douse replied to the toast of "The Initiate" in a neat speech.

Bro. J. W. Clarke, in responding to "The Health of the Master elect," said that he felt gratified at being elected to fill the chair in his mother lodge. The responsibility was a weighty one, but, with the assistance of the strong body of Past Masters, he hoped to discharge the duties satisfactorily. Bro. John Smith's year had been a highly prosperous and happy one, and he trusted that his (the speaker's) would be if possible, even more so.

Bros. R. Eales and G. Ransford replied to the toast of "The Past Masters." In their respective replies they spoke in high terms of Bro. J. Smith, W.M. If the incoming Master thought fit to re-appoint them as D.C. and Steward respectively, that they would not shirk the work of those positions.

Bros. Robinson, Jessett, and Trotter said a few words for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

HEATON MOOR.

Prince Edward Lodge (No. 2109).—At the November meeting of this lodge, held at the Assembly Hall, there were present Bros. T. Thornhill Shann, J.P., W.M.; J. W. Berra, I.P.M.; A. W. Reynolds, S.W.; Jas. Hurst, J.W.; J. H. Wells, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; E. Broadbent, Sec.; Geo. Garnett, S.D.; W. Coffey, J.D.; W. H. Mortimer, Org.; Wm. McElroy, I.G.; J. Spelsbury and J. H. Watterson, Stwds.; J. R. Fletcher, Tyler; Wm. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. A. Hopewell, P.M., P.D.G.D.C.; S. J. Thompson, P.M.; E. Barton, P.M.; G. Whalley, T. Bathe, J. J. Neale, J. J. Howard, A. Helton, E. Dove, G. Seager, R. N. Smedley, C. W. Nasmith, A. Ward, and J. G. Litton. Visitors: Bros. C. D. Cheatham, P.M. 993, P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Small, P.M. 2368, P.G.D.C.; J. Cookson, P.M. 237, P.P.G.T.; A. Pemberton, P.M. 1030, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Harris, P.M. 1993; J. Selby, P.M. 1083; J. G. Bromley, P.M. 1375; F. Stretch, P.M. 2359; R. E. Walker, W.M. 993; J. R. Jeffery, S.W. 1140; A. W. Pemberton, J.W. 1130; A. Dawson, 2231; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 103, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. Sharples, 2359.

After the lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the first business on the summons was the explanation of the first tracing board, which was most ably rendered by Bro. Edwin Broadbent, who went through that long lecture in fullest detail, without a single flaw or falter, after which the following parts of the sections arising out of the lecture were severally defined by the W.M. and officers, viz.: Faith, Hope, Charity, Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice, Virtue, Honour, and Mercy. Part of Section II., Second Lecture—"The Creation," was then given by one of the Past Masters. The working of the sections is practised in this lodge, but to some of the visitors it was quite a novelty, and with which they expressed themselves much pleased.

Early in the evening a Secretary's jewel was presented to Bro. Edwin Broadbent, P.M., Secretary. The W.M., in making the presentation, said that all those who had served as Worshipful Masters of Prince Edward Lodge had continued afterwards to interest and exert themselves to advance the credit and welfare of the lodge. Still, some had undoubtedly taken a greater share of the work than others, both in lodge and library. No one, however, had or could have done more than Bro. Broadbent, whose many valuable services they desired to acknowledge, and that, were a vote taken on the subject, he would be acknowledged a most popular, valued, and esteemed brother. Indeed, the jewel now offered was in itself such a vote, as it was subscribed to by every member of the lodge, and whose love and esteem it was intended to convey to the recipient. The minutes contained votes to several Masonic Charities, viz.: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £21, and £5 5s to each of the three West Lancashire Masonic Charities.

HORWICH.

Horwich Lodge (No. 2324).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge Hotel on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Hawthorn R. Thornton, I.P.M.; Hy. Mason Varley, S.W.; Richar Hampson, Treas.; John Evans, Sec.; F. Morton Palmer, J.D.; Dr. George H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G. Org., D.C.; George Calderbank and James Haslam, Stwds.; James Dent, Tyler; John Rogers, P.M.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G.S.; Thomas Forrester, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.J.G.D.; James J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; Zachariah Tetlow, George Hughes, J. Hopwood Howarth, W. H. Howarth, Thomas Cooper, W. W. Glover, J. D. Binns, Walter Hibbert, J. Fletcher, R. Bates, J. Hartley, T. Edwards, A. Heaton Cooper, T. Hope, J. H. Hatfield, F. Slade, S. Mitchell, J. Dougill, W. J. Slater, J. Jones, and F. Thornham. Visitors: Bros. G. A. Myers, W.M. 2359, P.G.D.C.; R. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W. E. Lancs.; W. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B. E. Lancs.; R. W. Swindlehurst, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; George Tootell, P.M. 730; John Waring, P.M. 1134; John Dawson, P.M. 934; G. P. Mulock, W.M. 950; J. N. Clarkson, P.M. 950; J. D. Fausset, P.M. 950; R. Johnson, W.M. 146; R. Hill, P.M. 613; Thomas Wilde Rice, S.W. 1493; J. C. Varley, J.W. 277; H. C. Atkinson, J.W. 146; Walter Marsden, J.W. 678; R. W. Cottrell, 345; John Taylor, 1083; W. Longworth, 1723; and William Barnes.

The lodge was opened by Bro. John Rogers, P.M., owing to the absence of Bro. Edward Hindley, W.M., through indisposition, and the minutes of the previous and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Hy. Mason Varley, S.W., was then presented to Bro. Hawthorn R. Thornton, I.P.M., the installing Master, by Bro. John Rogers, P.M., and he was installed in an impressive manner, Bros. George Tootell, P.M. 730, acting as S.W.; John Waring, P.M. 1134, as J.W.; and J. N. Clarkson, P.M. 950, I.G. The working tools were presented in each Degree, also the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, by Bro. John Rogers, P.M. The address to the brethren was given by Bro. Dr. W. H. Whitaker, P.P.G. Org., who also explained to the officers, when invested, their respective duties. The following were invested: Bros. E. Hindley, I.P.M.; F. M. Palmer, S.W.; Z. Tetlow, J.W.; R. Hampson, Treas.; J. Evans, Sec.; G. Hughes, S.D.; J. H. Howarth, J.D.; J. Haslam, I.G.; H. R. T. Thornton, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Howarth, Org.; T. Cooper, W. W. Glover, J. D. Binns, and W. Hibbert, Stewards; and G. Calderbank, Tyler. It was a very successful gathering, and was honoured by the presence of two Grand Officers, and three provinces were represented.

Since the lodge was formed, four years ago, the lodge room has been rebuilt, and is now a handsome and spacious room, which excited the admiration of the visitors.

The lodge business being ended, the brethren adjourned, as usual, to an excellent banquet, provided by Host Bro. T. Edwards, at which the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

During the evening a beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hindley, I.P.M., who, as stated above, was unable to attend, but was received on his behalf by Bro. Dr. W. H. Whitaker, P.P.G. Org., Charity Representative, who, in returning thanks, said that during Bro. Hindley's year of office no less than £53 had been given to Charities by the lodge, Bro. Hindley heading the list with 16 guineas.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. W. H. Howarth, Org., amongst those assisting with songs and recitations being Bros. Whitaker, Bates, Glover, Haslam, Johnson, Atkinson, and Evans.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—On the 15th instant there was but a small attendance of members at the Kingston Hotel, where the meetings are in future to be held, and of which house Bro. G. Gabb, P.M., Treas. 902, is proprietor. The W.M., Bro. J. Edgell, was unable to take his place, owing to urgent public duties, and Bro. Levy, I.P.M., ably presided. Bro. W. J. Wells was raised and Bro. Dr. Cowen passed in a manner reflecting credit upon all the officers engaged in the ceremony. Bro. Gabb was elected a joining member, and the ballot was equally unanimous in favour of Bro. Bond, S.W., as the next W.M., and Bro. J. Drewett as Treasurer.

After the transaction of other business of interest only to the lodge, the brethren partook of supper, admirably served under the direction of Bro. H. A. Pettipher, manager of the hotel, who was complimented upon the comfort in and out of lodge.

A distressing case was brought to the notice of the brethren as they were socially engaged of the widow of a railway guard, who is losing her sight, and thus rendered incapable of working for her children, and the sum of 24s. 6d. was at once collected, and sent to the Chairman of a concert being held in the same house to raise a fund for the poor woman.

LEEDS.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 1052).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. W. Blackburn, W.M.; J. B. Mays, S.W.; H. Banks, J.W.; R. J. Smith, Sec.; R. Waide, S.D.; A. H. Dougill, J.D.; J. E. Davenport, I.G.; E. Crosby, P.M., Org.; W. Flockton, D.C.; G. Tooley and H.

Whitfield, Stwds.; J. H. Newton, Tyler; H. Cowbrough, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; R. V. Allison, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Bingham, P.M.; A. Atkinson, A. L. Ephraim, J. W. Dobson, J. A. Milne, J. W. Hargreaves, F. C. Nettleton, J. H. Gash, C. Grosvenor, C. Horsfield, O. R. Morley, W. Foster, F. Bagshaw, J. Wallace, W. Broadbent, and W. Grisdale. Visitors: Bros. R. Wilson, P.M. 289, Prov. S.G.W.; J. Henderson, P.M. 57, Prov. J.G.W. of N. and E. Yorks; J. Sykes Rymer, P.M. 236, P.P.G. Reg. N. and E. Yorks; C. Grant, P.M. 458; J. L. Butler, W.M. 304; A. Butterworth, W.M. 2009; J. T. Last, W.M. 2321; W. Wilkinson, W.M. 566; J. Ripley, W.M. 1542; J. K. Blakey, P.M. 1214; J. T. Jones, S.D. 2069; M. Hall, I.G. 1019; J. Thirlwall, 57; and H. Appleyard, Org. 2060.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and signed, the ballot was taken for the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. John Basil Mays, S.W., was duly elected. The ballot was also taken for the Treasurer, and Bro. H. Cowbrough was re-elected. Bro. J. R. Newton was also re-elected Tyler. The Prov. G. Officers were duly saluted, as were also the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. It was resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented by the lodge to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Blackburn, in token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren. At the conclusion of the business an address, entitled "A Peep at Freemasonry in America and Canada," was given by Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, P.M. 236, P.P.G. Reg. of North and East Yorks, Lord Mayor of York in 1888. The distinguished brother gave a graphic and interesting account of a visit which he had paid to the States and Canada, and mentioned many curious facts in connection with American Masonry. The address, which occupied nearly an hour, was received with the greatest attention, and a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Sykes Rymer at its close. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—On Saturday, the 11th inst., Bro. A. Butterworth was installed W.M. of the above lodge by Bro. C. Letcher Mason, P.M., P.P.G.T. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. B. Sykes Bailey, S.W.; Edward Ellis, J.W.; W. Wilkinson, Chaplain; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; R. A. Smithson, Sec.; J. Thornton Jones, S.D.; James Buckley, J.D.; Tom Atkinson, P.M., D.C.; J. C. Kirk, I.G.; Henry Appleyard, Organist; H. Begbie Abbott, Asst. Sec.; and R. Jones and W. H. Rendell, Stewards. On behalf of the lodge, the Worshipful Master presented to the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Abbott, a Past Master's jewel as a mark of esteem in which he is held by the brethren. There was a large gathering of West Yorkshire brethren.

The Festival of St. John was afterwards held.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 481).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. Frederick Turnbull, W.M., supported by the following: Bros. J. M. Bruce, I.P.M.; Cornwell Smith, S.W.; J. A. Stelling, J.W.; Leo. Nixon, S.D.; Robert Plumpton, as J.D.; John Spearman, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; Thomas Dinning, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as Sec.; Charles B. Ford, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D. of C.; R. F. W. Liddle, P.P.G. Org.; J. A. Kinghorn, I.G.; Joshua Curry, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; Jos. Cook, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John Usher, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Josiah Hammond, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; M. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Purvis, P.M.; and J. A. G. Ross, P.M. In all, over 100 brethren were present. Among the visitors were: Bros. J. G. Cole, W.M. 1676; Thomas Wright, W.M. 1342; T. O. Robson, W.M. 2260; W. Waddell, P.M.; H. Spittle, P.M. 1342, P.P.A.G.D.C.; William Cooper, P.M. 1342, P.P.S.G.D.; Fred. Sykes, P.M. 1342, P.P.G. Std.; William T. Wilson, P.M. 1626, P.P.S.G.D.; William M. Lyon, P.M. 406, P.P.G.D.; T. R. Short, P.M. 424, P.P.G. Std.; Wm. Brown, P.M. 48; J. B. Lazenby, P.M. 2260; W. C. Beatley, W.M. 1664; and M. H. Dodd, P.M. 1119.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Wm. Brown and John William Shepherd, and they were duly elected. Mr. J. W. Shepherd being present was admitted in due form and initiated by the W.M. in a most impressive and careful manner, the working tools being explained by Bro. J. A. Stelling, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Thomas Purvis, P.M. Bros. J. Barker, F. C. W. Staggemier, and Edward Peel Granville were ably passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. C. Smith, S.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. J. M. Bruce, I.P.M. On the motion of Bro. M. Watson, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Cook, P.M., Bro. William F. Carman, P.M., Past Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, was unanimously elected a Trustee of the lodge in place of Bro. John Spearman, P.M., resigned. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. John Spearman, for his long services as one of the Trustees of the lodge, which was cordially supported by the W.M., and carried by acclamation of the brethren.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

OLD TRAFFORD.

Talbot Lodge (No. 2231).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Local Board Offices on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. R. E. Stringleman, W.M.; Fred. Batty, I.P.M.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; John E. Boden, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Roberts, S.W.; Charles MacKay, J.W.; E. Faulkner, Sec.; W. S. Batley, Org.; Frank Green, I.G.; W. Chesshyre, Tyler; A. Dawson, H. Hapgood, S. J. Silvester, C. H. Roberts, T. K. Peacock, W. Grant, E. E. Levy, G. Unsworth, F. G. Bennett, H. Edwards, and John Allin. Visitors: Bros. J. Bowers, P.M. 1730, and C. Heywood, P.M. 1387, P.P.G.D.C.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Charles Fairhurst Baybut, a candidate for initiation, was balloted and unanimously elected, after which he was initiated by Bro. Fred. Batty, I.P.M., the working tools and charge being given by

the J.W. Bros. E. E. Levy and F. G. Bennett were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the working tools being given to both brethren by the S.W. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and reciprocated by the W.M. Bro. J. W. Jones, late Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, was proposed as a joining member by Bro. G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., seconded by Bro. H. Hapgood. The Charity Box realised 12s. 3d. Lodge was then closed, after which refreshments were served and an enjoyable harmonious evening spent.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Vandevord, Prov. G.S., W.M.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M., as S.W.; F. J. Cumine, J.W.; C. Floyd, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Bowmaker, S.D.; R. J. Smith, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Bowmaker, I.G.; Val Mason, Org.; W. Elam, Stwd.; A. Martin, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; A. Lucking, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Jarvis, F. J. Wood, W. Trigg, A. Prevost, L. Warren, J. Pritchard, W. T. Darke, G. Vandevord, F. J. Ramuz, E. Taylor, P. J. Burdett, and G. Reed. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Judd, 1734; and C. Bullock, 160.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. E. M. King, 160, was balloted for and admitted as a joining member. Mr. Albert Chalk was approved and admitted to the First Degree, and a candidate for initiation was proposed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to conviviality.

WORKINGTON.

Eden Lodge (No. 2285).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Portland-square, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the principal business was to install the W.M. elect. There was a good attendance of visitors and brethren. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. J. Clifton Thompson, P.P.G. Reg., when, after some business of minor importance had been disposed of, Bro. John Burford, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he was accordingly installed by Bro. Thompson, assisted by Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and John Paterson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The newly-installed Master appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and they were accordingly invested by Bro. Thompson as follows: Bros. Robert Musgrave, S.W.; Thomas Mitchell, J.W.; John Jenkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; James Thompson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Geo. Atkinson, S.D.; J. W. Scott, J.D.; Coates Fothergill, I.G.; and George M'Kinnell, Stwd.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the several lodges of the province represented at the installation, the brethren, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, were entertained to a very excellent dinner, at the Green Dragon Hotel, supplied by Mrs. Holliday, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening's proceedings brought to a close.

Royal Arch.

Crystal Palace Chapter (No. 742).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Among those present were Comps. A. C. Wood, M.E.Z.; A. W. Southwell, H., M.E.Z. elect; H. J. F. Williams, J., H. elect; E. Chamberlain, I.P.Z.; J. D. Arnold, P.Z.; F. W. Driver, P.Z., S.E.; H. H. Jones, S.N., J. elect; Dr. E. H. Smith, P.S.; W. J. Green, and R. J. Hall. Comp. W. Browne, P.Z. 538, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. Browne impressively installed Comp. A. W. Southwell, as M.E.Z.; Comp. H. J. F. Williams, as H.; and Comp. H. H. Jones, as J. The investiture of officers then took place as follows: Comps. A. C. Wood, Treasurer; F. W. Driver, Scribe E.; Dr. E. H. Smith, Scribe N.; W. J. Green, Prin. Soj.; R. J. Hall, 1st Asst. Soj.; M. A. Kreilwitz, 2nd Asst. Soj.; G. T. Graham, Org.; and J. Whiteman, P.Z., Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was then presented to Comp. A. C. Wood, I.P.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. H. D. Williams and G. T. Graham.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a well-ordered banquet. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Guelph Chapter (No. 1685).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, when Comp. Rawle, M.E.Z., presided, having Comp. C. G. Cutchey, as H., and Comp. George Graveley, P.Z., in place of Comp. James Speller, J., who was being installed as W.M. of the Crusaders Lodge. There were also present Comps. B. Nicholson, Treas.; W. G. Bridges, S.E.; A. G. Duck, S.N.; E. F. Williams, A.D.C.; G. J. Thompson, Dep. Org.; William Shurmur, P.Z.; H. Sayde, G. H. Fernell, J. A. Hennah, W. J. H. Stephens, John Fox, John Brown, G. L. Gumprecht, J. J. Caverley, J. J. Collingridge, A. V. Medcalf, and W. H. Shepherd. Visitors: Comps. James Bunker, Asst. Soj. 1471; W. Eaton, 1515; G. Haysom, 176; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928.

There was a heavy evening's work before the companions, and after the formal opening proceedings, Bros. Isaacs, Medcalf, and Butcher were exalted as Royal Arch Masons. The following companions were then elected officers for the next year: Comps. Cutchey, M.E.Z.; Speller, H.; Duck, J.; B. Nicholson, Treas.; Bridges, S.E.; Holland, S.N.; G. B. Gibbs, P.S.; E. F. Williams, 1st A.S.; Mann, 2nd A.S.; MacColla, D.C.; Thompson, Org.; Hunter and Hyde, Stwds.; and J. Ives, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Rawle in recognition of his eminent services to the chapter as its First Principal during the past year.

The chapter was then closed, and the company sat down to an excellent supper.

The usual toasts were honoured.

Comp. Shurmur, in proposing "The M.E.Z., Comp. Rawle," said he was very pleased to hear the applause which went round the chapter when he proposed they should ask Comp. Rawle to accept a Past Principal's jewel.

The companions would all agree that there was no member of the chapter who more deserved a jewel, as Comp. Rawle had faithfully and steadily endeavoured to promote the interests of the chapter in every shape and way. He was deservedly surrounded by friends because he was an excellent worker.

Comp. Rawle, in reply, said that was the last time he would have the opportunity of returning thanks for that toast, but he could assure the companions that it had been a pleasure as well as a duty to do his level best to follow in the footsteps of Comp. Shurmur, who occupied such a pedestal of excellency in the chapter. It must be the ambition of all the companions not to excel him in any way, but to follow humbly in his footsteps. For himself he could say that no one could feel a greater interest than he in the success of that chapter. It was a great thing for a companion to rise in a chapter attached to his mother lodge, and he was very proud to be elected its First Principal 12 months ago. He had to thank the proposer of the toast for the kind remarks he made when he asked the companions to vote him a P.Z.'s jewel. He was afraid what little he had had to do had not been done as well as he would have liked, and he had to thank the companions for their kind indulgence, which would never be blotted out of his memory.

Comp. Rawle proposed "The H. and J.," and said that as long as the companions elected to the first chair such a companion as Comp. Cutchey, the Guelph Chapter must have success.

Comp. Cutchey thanked the members of the chapter for the honour they had that evening conferred upon him. They had put upon him a fearful responsibility, but he would do his best to discharge it properly.

Comp. George Graveley said he loved Masonry, as every companion present knew, and he was always ready to help in the work. He would have been just as pleased if the M.E.Z., instead of asking him to perform the duties of the second chair, had asked him to be Janitor that evening. What he had done in the past was merely what he would do in the future. If he could advance the chapter in any particular he would do it. He liked excellence in working, and he wanted respectability in the members. Quality was before quantity, and if the companions would bear in mind that when they had members elected to the Guelph Chapter, which took its name from the Royal Family, they ought to be particular in their choice. He could assure the M.E.Z. elect that if ever he wanted any assistance in the working, he (Comp. Graveley) would always be prepared to give it with pleasure.

Comp. Rawle proposed "The Past Principals of the Chapter," all of whom took a deep interest in the chapter. Comp. Shurmur had taken great interest in it from its formation, and so had Comp. Graveley. Whatever Comp. Shurmur put his hand to became a success. When he put his hand to the plough he did not look back. He occupied a high position not only in that chapter, but in the Masonic world. He was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, one of the highest positions that Masonry could offer, and the office was elective. At one time the same Treasurer was elected year after year, but now a different brother was elected every year. Both he and Comp. Shurmur were agreeably surprised at the enormous support he was promised. He called upon as many brethren as possible to attend Grand Lodge next March and vote for Comp. Shurmur. It would be an honour conferred upon the Guelph Chapter if he were elected.

Comp. W. Shurmur, in acknowledging the toast, said they had heard that "out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh," but he was afraid his heart was too full for him to speak. He could not express his deep sense of gratitude to Comp. Rawle for the very cordial way in which he had mentioned his name in connection with that toast. He always felt it a great privilege and pleasure to be of service to that chapter. It was undoubtedly a very high compliment to select a companion to preside as the First Principal of a new chapter. If he had succeeded in giving satisfaction to the companions it was a source of real gratification to him. Comp. Rawle had referred in very complimentary terms to his (Comp. Shurmur's) candidature for the greatest honour the Craft could confer upon any commoner—the office of Grand Treasurer. There were only two elective offices in Grand Lodge—the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer—and if it should be the brethren's pleasure to elect him to the latter office, he should hardly know how to estimate the honour conferred; but this he could assure them—that he should steadfastly and conscientiously endeavour to prove himself worthy of their suffrages. He thanked the companions for their promised support. It was not policy to be confident, but his Committee told him there was only one in it, and that was himself. That remained to be seen, but he felt sure that the brethren would support him as promised to the utmost of their power.

Comp. George Graveley asked the brethren to attend Grand Lodge and elect him to a lower place than the Grand Treasurership—that grand board, the Board of Benevolence, where Masonry abounded; he wished no greater honour than that—to assist the widows and brethren who were in distress. He thanked them in anticipation, and he hoped they would remember their old friend, George Graveley, next month, and place him again on the Board of Benevolence.

Comps. Isaacs, Medcalf, and Butcher replied to the toast of "The Exalted," and Comps. Bunker, Eaton, Haysom, and Massey to that of "The Visitors."

The other toasts were then given, honoured, and responded to, and the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

BOLTON.

Chapter of Concord (No. 37).—A meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 20th inst. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. Booth, P.P.A.G.S., M.E.Z., there being present Comps. Wm. Forrest, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., as H.; John Hardcastle, P.Z., as J.; J. Naylor, P.Z., S.E.; Thos. Barnes, S.N.; J. Newton, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; and others.

The M.E.Z., Comp. Booth, in eulogistic terms, on behalf of the members, presented a handsome P.Z.'s jewel (supplemented also by the emblem of S.E.) to Comp. J. Newton on his retirement from the office of S.E., after 21 years' faithful service.

Comp. Newton, in appropriate terms, acknowledged the presentation, and the chapter was then closed.

The jewel, which bore a suitable inscription, was specially manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

MANCHESTER.

Alexandra Chapter (No. 993).—The yearly installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There was a very large number of companions present. The important duties of installing the Three Principals was undertaken by Comp. Buckley Carr, P.Z., and also the whole of the ceremony, including the investiture of the officers and addressing them respectively, which he performed in a most admirable and impressive manner. Indeed, we have had to make allusion to another illustrious companion this week; but we find in Comp. B. Carr another coming exponent of Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. W. H. Peak, P.Z., addressed the Principals and officers, and Comp. Carr the companions. The officers invested for the ensuing year were Comps. J. W. Allitt, H.; J. M. Moss, J.; T. H. Anderton, S.E.; H. Clulow, S.N.; R. Berresford, P.S.; Ward, 1st A.S.; W. H. Wilson, 2nd A.S.; Buckley Carr, P.Z., Treas.; and T. F. Mottram, Org.

The following were present: Comps. Buckley Carr, M.E.Z.; A. Ehlinger, H.; W. T. Allitt, J.; W. Clulow, S.N.; J. M. Moss, P.S.; H. G. Ward, S.; W. H. Peak, P.Z.; C. D. Cheetham, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; John Stovold, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; Alfred Hurst, P.Z.; W. H. Wilson, T. Plumpton, T. H. Anderton, jun., R. Berresford, A. Pearce, T. F. Mottram, and G. H. Davies. Visitors: Comps. John Marshall, P.P.G.P.S. W. Yorks; F. Armstrong, P.Z.; A. H. Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; F. W. Lean, P.Z.; and G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.

Mark Masonry.

Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 199).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. Alfred Humphreys, W.M., P.G.S.B. Middx.; Clark, P.M., acting S.W.; J. M. Klenck, J.W.; M. Christian, I.P.M.; Beasley, P.M. and Sec.; Little, P.M.; W. Arthur Brown, M.O.; Stephens, S.O.; Southcombe, J.O.; and other brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the following brethren: Bros. H. S. Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon; Enos Howes, Blake, Mansell, Perry, Fred. Humphreys, Schultz, Moss, and James Bayne. Apologies were received from Bros. Bayne, Schultz, and Howes. Bros. Trego, Blake, Mansell, Perry, Fred. Humphreys, and Moss were then advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. A. J. Blake, R. of M.; Barnett M. Moss, S.D.; Mansell, J.D.; Lambert Perry, I.G.; Fred. Humphreys, Stwd.; and Henry Stafford Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon, Org. The lodge gave its sanction to the formation of a lodge of instruction. The W.M. proposed three candidates for advancement at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

After refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Vincent, P.A.G.D. of C., in responding for "The Grand Officers," congratulated the W.M. on the work of the lodge. Bros. Mills, P.A.G.I.G., and Scott Young, Prov. G. Treas. Lancs., responded for "The Visitors."

DARLINGTON.

Darlington Lodge (No. 250).—On the 9th inst., at the ordinary meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Bro. Alderman Joseph Kimber Wilkes, S.W. (an ex-Mayor of the Borough of Darlington), was installed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was brilliantly performed by Bro. Robert Allen Luck, J.P., P.G.D. of England, in an able and impressive manner in the presence of a good company of the brethren. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. D. Hill-Drury, M.D., J.P., P.S.G.W., acting I.P.M.; T. M. Thompson, S.W.; Wm. Swales, J.W.; John Robinson, M.O.; W. C. Barron, S.O.; James Lawrence, M.D., J.O.; Rev. R. Coulton, P.M. 365, Chap.; E. Harrison, Treas.; W. N. Cochrane, B.A., LL.B., Reg. of Mks.; R. M. Wilkes, Wilkes, M.A., B.C.L., Sec.; Thos. Wood, S.D.; John Broughton, J.D.; T. M. Barron, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., D.C.; Wm. Todd, I.G.; Robt. Kirton and Ed. Micklethwait, Stwds.; and George Guiseley, Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. Benson, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., and William Lear, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. of Mks.

After the closing of the lodge, an adjournment was made to the banqueting room to celebrate the annual festival, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Wilkes, the W.M., born within the sound of Bow bells, was elected a Councillor for the North Ward of the Borough of Darlington (the town of his adoption) in 1879, was Mayor of the Borough in 1885, elected Alderman in 1887, and has continuously occupied a seat in the Council since his first election. He is also I.P.M. of 1650.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 15th inst., when there were present among others Bros. C. W. Davis, P.S.G.O., W.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., acting S.W.; Henry Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, acting J.W.; George Everett, M.O.; Meacock, S.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.D.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.W., Sec.; R. W. Forge, J.D.; W. Thomas, P.P.J.G.O., I.E.M.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The resignation of Bro. W. W. Westley, Reg. of Marks, was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Von Joel, P.G.S., J.W.; Pentelow, S.D.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a well-served banquet. A few toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G.S.B., responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. W. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.O., for "The Provincial Grand Officers;" Bros. H. Higgins, P.M., and C. H. Köhler, P.M., for "The Past Masters," and Bro. W. Fisher, T. Meacock, and R. W. Forge acknowledged the toast of "The Officers."

The W.M. as usual, proved to be a most genial and efficient chairman. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. G. Pigache, M.W.S.; G. Grimwood, J.P., Prelate; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., 31st, 1st Gen.; N. Prower, M.A., 30th, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30th, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. Maple, R.; C. Jackson, F.R.C.S., C. of G.; W. Jagielski, M.D., Herald; F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; T. W. Coffin, 30th, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; G. A. Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; H. J. Lardner, 30th, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Hinton, M.A., J. Moore Smith, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a sum of money was voted to the widow of a former member of the chapter, and a vote of condolence was duly passed. The names of several brethren having been handed in for perfection at the next meeting, apologies were read for non-attendance from Bros. Major J. Stohwasser, 30th, I.P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, 30th, P.M.W.S.; Laurence Steele, 30th, G.M.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., 31st, Org.; Dr. Inglis Mason, and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The M.W.S. ably presided.

An excellent programme of music was provided by Ex. Bro. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org. Ex. Bro. Dr. Hinton, M.A., kindly officiated at the pianoforte, and Ex. Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., recited an original poem of some merit. The forethought and consideration of the M.W.S. in providing this agreeable entertainment was greatly appreciated by the brethren.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave.—A meeting of this distinguished conclave was held at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, on the 14th inst. Among the officers present were Bros. Capt. Walls, P.G. Std. Br., Supreme Ruler; J. M. Bastone, P.G.C., I.P.S.R., &c.; Dr. C. Gross, M.D., P.G.C., Secretary; A. Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S., P.G.C., Guide; and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. The ordinary business of the conclave having been transacted, communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, F.S.A.; the Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A.; Surgeon-Capt. H. Thomas; Dr. Roberts, P.G.S.; R. Roy, M.A.; J. M. Collins, P.S.R.; and others. The conclave was then closed.

There was no banquet.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—A meeting of this old conclave was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights J. Purrot, M.P.S.; N. Prower, M.A., G.S., P.M.W.S., acting V.E.; W. A. Scurrah, Prelate; H. H. Shirley, M.A., G.C., P.M.P.S., Treas.; John Mason, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; L. Steele, Prefect; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., Std. Br.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; and Frater Reinardt, Sentinel.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight John Mason was invested as Recorder for the year ensuing. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The amended by-laws were then confirmed and ordered to be printed when approved by the Grand Conclave. An important resolution as to members in arrears having been passed, communications from absent sir knights were read, and the conclave was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern. The M.P.S. presided most ably, and the usual toasts received full justice.

BRO. W. WYNN WESTCOTT, M.D., W.M.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M." at the recent installation meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Bro. R. F. Gould gave the following interesting particulars of the Masonic and professional career of Bro. Wynn Westcott: The moment has now arrived when, by desire of the founders and Past Masters of the lodge, I enter upon the pleasing duty of proposing the toast of the evening, the health of our Worshipful Master. An outline of the Masonic record of every brother admitted by us into full membership is always given in our *Transactions*, but in the case of those who reach the chair, further particulars are in each instance anxiously awaited by the members of our vast association, and these it has now become a settled practice to supply, to the extent that such information is attainable, in connection with the toast, which on the present occasion I am privileged to introduce. Bro. Westcott comes from a good old Devonshire stock, and his father—a surgeon of high repute—practised for many years at Uundle, in Northamptonshire. Our W.M. was himself educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Kingston-on-Thames, and at the Arts Classes of University College, London. Selecting his father's profession, he pursued his medical studies at University College and Hospital, also at St. Mary's Hospital. These studies he prosecuted with such diligence and success, as to become a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries, and a Member of the College of Surgeons in 1870—at the earliest possible examinations that took place after he had attained the age of 21. Without any delay whatever, he then repaired to Martock, in Somersetshire, at which place he

entered into general practice with his uncle, Rd. Westcott Martyn, a surgeon of considerable reputation. While thus occupied, and without any further tuition, he took the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, at the University of London, in November, 1871. During his residence at Martock he was successively appointed a Certifying Factory Surgeon, Public Vaccinator, and Medical Officer of Health. We find him, also, acting as a manager of Public Elementary Schools, director of a fire brigade, and a most successful organiser of public entertainments. In this latter capacity he acquired an extensive local reputation as a platform reader. Nor must I omit to state that, amidst all these absorbing responsibilities, he nevertheless found time to discharge with thorough efficiency the onerous duties of quartermaster to a battalion of Volunteers. After an experience of nine years as a general practitioner, our brother left Somersetshire, and came to Hendon, in Middlesex, where for two whole years he lived in retirement, studying the Kabalistic philosophy of the Hebrews, the teachings of the Hermetic writers, and the works of the Alchemists and Rosicrucians. Returning to London in 1881, he was appointed Deputy Coroner for Central London and Central Middlesex, positions which he still holds, and during his tenure of them he studied for, and obtained, a degree in Sanitary Science from the College of Physicians (D.P.H.). In 1892 he was appointed to a temporary Medical Officer of Healthship at Islington, replacing the late famous Dr. Meymott Tidy. But having been, until the time of this temporary appointment, a member of the vestry of the parish, he was considered unsuitable for the permanent office. Almost at once, however, he was appointed to two additional Deputy Coronerships, and while on this portion of his public life, it will be convenient to state that more than 2000 inquests have been held by him. Dr. Westcott is a Vice-President of the North London Medical and Chirurgical Society, and a member of Council of the Coroner's Society. In the Royal British Nurses' Association, he has been invested with a Jewel of Honour by H.R.H. the Princess Christian, and, although not a total abstainer, is a member of Council of the Society for the Study and Cure of Intebriety. Our brother was made a Mason in the Parrett and Axe Lodge, No. 814, at Crewkerne, of which he became the Master in 1874. He also joined the Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 329, at Yeovil, and in 1877 was invested with the collar of Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies for Somersetshire. Of the Arch and Mark Degrees he is likewise a member, and has filled the chief offices in each. He is also a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, and a member of the 18th and 30th of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I may further add that he has given very convincing proofs of his interest in those Charitable Institutions which are the pride of English Freemasonry, by qualifying as a Life Governor of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Dr. Westcott's sponsor in this lodge was our deeply lamented Bro. Woodford, and he was elected a member on the 2nd of December, 1886. In the following year he was appointed I.G., and has since served all the other minor offices in the direct line of promotion, including therein (for reasons which do him the highest credit) a two years' occupancy of the chair of S.W. I must now turn to another phase of our brother's career, viz., his long and distinguished connection with the Rosicrucian Society. Of this association I am not a member, so for an explanation of its *raison d'être*, I shall quote from the pages of what will be admitted on all sides to be a perfectly unimpeachable authority, to wit, *Arts Quatuor Coronatorum* (i. 54). It is there laid down that the Rosicrucian Society of England was constituted in its present form about the year 1865, and has since become the parent of similar societies in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and the United States of America. It is not a Masonic Degree in any sense, although its members are necessarily Master Masons and a ritual of admission is made use of. The Society has several colleges in England, of which that of York is the largest. Then follow the Metropolitan, the Newcastle, and the Lancashire Colleges. The total number of members is about 250. Its purpose is the scientific, literary, historical, and archaeological investigation of the occult wisdom of the Ancients, the origin of the mysteries, of secret societies, and of the lost sciences (or arts) of alchemy, astrology, the Kabbalah, the hieroglyphic literature of Egypt, &c. Of this society, Dr. Westcott was for 10 years the Secretary-General, and a little more than a twelvemonth ago succeeded Dr. Woodman (by whose death we lost a very valued member of our Outer Circle) as its Supreme Magus, or President. To the Rosicrucian Society, our brother has contributed papers, or lectures, on "The Legend of Christian Rosenkreuz," "The Relation of Alchemy to Chemistry," "The Kabbalah," "The Ever-burning Lamps of the Ancients," "The Origin of the Zodiac," "The Mandrake Plant," and other essays. In the literature of his own profession, he is known to the English-speaking world as joint author of seven editions of the "Extra Pharmacopœia," a work by means of which medical practitioners are kept abreast of the times with respect to the employment of new remedies. He is also the author of "Suicide: its History, Literature, Statistics, and Prevention," "The Prevention of Mortality in Childhood," "Heart Disease as caused by Alcohol," and "A Coroner's Notes on Sudden Death." In mystical literature our W.M. is likewise favourably known by the following works: "The Isaic Tablet of Bembo," "The Sepher Yetzirah," "Numbers, their Occult Power and Mystic Virtue," and as editor of the writings of Nicholas Flamel, "The Alchemist." Among

his lighter efforts are pamphlets on "Death," "The Early Races of Man," "Theosophy and Occultism," "Some Anomalies in the Translation of Bible Words," and "Alchemy." His zeal in this branch of research, I may further illustrate by the remark, that as editor of *Collectanea Hermetica*, he is at present engaged in supervising the issue of a Series of Annotated Reprints of curious old tracts upon Hermetic, Rosicrucian, and Alchymic subjects. In our own lodge he has read two very excellent papers, "Freemasonry Illuminated by the Kabbalah," and "The Masonic Tabernacle," while our *Transactions* are further enriched by valuable notes on Masons' Marks and Brahmanic Initiation, from his pen. My store of facts is well nigh exhausted, but there are just a few more words to be said, without which the speech to which you have given so indulgent a hearing would be incomplete. Dr. Westcott, as I have already told you, is the Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucian Society, and a well-known member of it—Bro. Hughan—to whom in common with some others, I applied for assistance in preparing the sketch I am laying before you—says of our W.M., that in the studies peculiar to that Society, if he has any equal, which Bro. Hughan greatly doubts, he certainly has no superior, also, that his willingness to help those members of it, whose gifts or opportunities do not equal his own, is simply unbounded. As previously confessed, I am not a Rosicrucian, but I entertain a great respect for the Society, not only because I have numerous friends within its pale, but on the higher and firmer ground, that an association recruited from our own ranks, the motive for whose existence is the prosecution of any studies whatever, is entitled to the heartiest good wishes of every thinking member of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. The Quatuor Coronati and the Rosicrucians are alike carrying out their explorations in the wide domain of archæology. There is ample room for both, and if, indeed, on any common ground, the labours of the one seem for a moment to excel or surpass those of the other, let us take comfort from the proverb—

"No barber shaves so close but another finds work." Of our W.M. I shall now say, in conclusion, that what has always struck me as being a noteworthy feature of his character, is the pains he invariably takes to attain a full grasp of any subject coming before us for consideration. His speeches and essays show him to be rightly of opinion that no man, however highly gifted, is a fountain of self-generating energy, and that whosoever expends much in productive activity, must take in much by means of judicious study and research. Our brother has been an extensive writer and a frequent speaker. But this notwithstanding, his diligence as a reader, has left him a considerable margin on the right side. That his year of office will be in all respects a successful one, we may confidently anticipate, and, judging from his past record, the spirit in which he will set out to acquit himself in his new position is clearly portrayed in the homely words of the old ballad—

"If I were a cobbler, it would be my pride,
The best of all cobblers to be;
If I were a tinker, no tinker beside
Should mend an old kettle like me."

We may, therefore, rest assured that our Bro. Westcott will yield to none in a determination to uphold the dignity and importance of the office in which he has been placed this evening. And such being the case, I think we may also congratulate ourselves, on the circumstance, that a very high standard of excellence will ever be present to his mind during the year that must elapse before a successor will be elected and installed in his stead. The brother he succeeds in the chair has, by a rare combination of qualities, not only endeared himself to us all, but has invested the post of Master with new terrors for those that come after him—while in the Senior Warden, by whom Dr. Westcott will himself be followed in the usual course of events, we have a scholar of exceptional learning and ability, who, when in the fulness of time he gives this lodge a larger share of his regard, will, I am sure, put the very best of us to his trumps, in order to maintain any sort of figure, if he should have the misfortune to differ from Bro. Ball on any subject which our present Senior Warden may specially make his own. Whether, therefore, our W.M. looks either backward or forward, what it has become the fashion to call an "object-lesson" is provided for him. This cannot fail to stimulate his own energies to the highest pitch—and for ourselves, the gratifying spectacle of such earnest and devoted students as the I.P.M., the W.M., and the S.W., in our midst, will be alike suggestive of a happy past, a contented present, and a bright future.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE MOZART LODGE, No. 1929.

It was, indeed, a success. This was the unanimous opinion of the members of this well-known musical lodge, and of their ladies and friends who were fortunate enough to be present, at the very pleasant gathering at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult. It was aptly described as the ladies' night, and was the first time in the history of the lodge that it had been honoured with their presence. The company numbered upwards of 60, and a dispensation having been obtained for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing, this, with the charming costumes of the ladies, gave the ball room a very effective appearance.

The following members and their friends were present: Bros. F. Flood, W.M., and Mrs. Flood; R. S.

Taylor, S.W., and Miss Taylor; H. J. Macfarlane, J.W., and Mrs. Macfarlane; T. T. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, Sec.; G. Barnett, P.M., P.S.G.D. Surrey, and Mrs. Barnett; C. H. Howlett, S.D.; A. R. Vanden Bergh, A.D.C.; G. H. Kitson, P.M.; W. Wills, P.M., and Mrs. Wills; J. Lightfoot and Mrs. Lightfoot; R. Greenwood, P.M.; W. A. Latham, P.A.G.S. Surrey; D. Williams and Mrs. Williams; Mrs. Silvey, C. Butcher and Mrs. Butcher, W. F. B. Oxley, Miss Gambol, Miss Haskell, Askin and Mrs. Askin, the Rev. J. P. Walds, M.A.; the Rev. H. V. Tyrrell, Chap.; Mr. and Mrs. Isom, Mr. Macfarlane, Miss M. Macfarlane, Bros. Cureton and Mrs. Cureton, W. H. Squier, Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd, G. C. Tegetmeier and Mrs. Tegetmeier, H. Delma, Frank Ward and Miss Ward, J. Lecquire, A. R. Shurbrook, Wingrove Ives, W. H. Shiner, E. Branscombe, Org., W. R. Dennis, G. Pownall, G. Harrison, Tyler, Miss Beresford Joy, Miss H. Murby, Miss Harris, Miss H. Flood, Miss Ferris, Messrs. Rhodes, Knitchly, G. Briggs, Field, and Bro. R. T. West, 1745.

The reception took place at seven o'clock and the ball was started at eight, and at 10 o'clock the company adjourned to a superb supper, which gave great credit to Bro. A. Clemow and to his able manager, Bro. Evans.

At the close of the repast, a musical entertainment of an exceptionally superior quality was provided, in which Bros. E. Branscombe, Pownall, Ives, Mr. W. H. Shiner, Miss Helen Murby, and Miss Beresford Joy took part. The singing of the ladies deserve special mention, and their efforts were much appreciated by the company. Bro. Rev. H. V. Tyrrell gave a recitation, "Jay Gould," in capital style, and for a well deserved encore gave "The Midnight Charge." Bros. E. Branscombe, H. Delma, and Geo. Pownall presided at the pianoforte.

The toasts were few, the night having been intended to be devoted to amusements more congenial to the ladies than speech-making.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toasts of "The Queen and Freemasonry" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in appropriate terms.

Bro. T. T. Phillips, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Frederick Flood." He said it was the most important toast of the evening, exclusive of that of "The Ladies." It needed no words of his to commend the toast to the company, and it would take too long to enumerate his numerous qualities. He might, if he did, disclose some of the secrets of the Craft, of which the ladies appeared to be anxious to learn something. He was an excellent Mason, a genial and good fellow, and was honoured and respected by the members. The lodge had never had a better Master and it would continue to prosper under his able presidency.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, the ladies being most enthusiastic.

Bro. FLOOD, on rising to respond, had a hearty welcome. In brief but eloquent terms he thanked the company for their very kind reception.

Bro. H. J. MACFARLANE, J.W., in giving "The Ladies," said it was with much pleasure that he proposed the toast. He wished he could express in words what he felt in the presence of the ladies that evening. That was the first occasion that the lodge had had a ladies' night, and he hoped that they would have at least one every year. Some ladies were apt to think that Masons were somewhat selfish, and to those he would say, that one of the primary things in Masonry was for the ladies. Masonry made them better men, and there was no other body that admired their beauty and virtues more than the Masons.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Rev. H. V. TYRRELL replied on behalf of the ladies. He said that it was fitting for Bro. Macfarlane to propose the toast as he had lately entered into matrimony. He supposed that he had been called upon to respond because curates had something to do in mating the ladies. The ladies were enjoying themselves, the music was good and everything satisfactory, and with such good treatment they would look forward with much pleasure to a similar gathering.

In an excellent, but humorous, speech, Bro. R. S. TAYLOR, S.W., proposed "The Visitors," to whom he, on behalf of the lodge, extended a hearty welcome. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. J. P. Waldo, vicar of St. Stephen's, South Kensington.

The Rev. J. P. WALDO said that it was pleasant to him to have to respond. He hoped that the Mozart Lodge would continue the good beginning made that night, say twice every year, and give the ladies a chance. He was glad to hear of Bro. Macfarlane's matrimonial undertaking, and he wished him and his partner every happiness. In looking round the good company he would not be surprised to hear in a short time of other weddings. He hoped to be asked to come again, and he was sure the ladies wished so to.

Bro. G. J. BARNETT proposed "Our Musical Friends." He said that a gathering of that sort would indeed be tame without music and singing. They had had a splendid entertainment, and their best thanks were due to those who had contributed to their enjoyment. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. E. Branscombe, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. BRANSCOMBE, in reply, said that he was very grateful for the kind words of Bro. Barnett, and he took that opportunity to thank the two ladies who had so kindly assisted with their sweet and exquisite singing. He hoped to see the time when ladies would be present at the ordinary banquets of lodges.

In eloquent terms the W.M. proposed a cordial vote

of thanks to all those who had assisted to make the gathering the success it was, making special mention of Bros. W. H. Squier, H. J. Macfarlane, and Lequire.

The company then adjourned to the ball room, where Bros. Squier and Macfarlane courteously officiated as M.C.'s, and the dancing was continued until the time had arrived for a most enjoyable entertainment to terminate.

Bro. H. Delma's bijou orchestra was highly effective, and much appreciated.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President; James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their usual positions. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and Neville Green represented Grand Secretary's office, and there were also present Bros. G. R. Langley, J. Bunker, G. Everett, H. Garrod, W. M. Bywater, Wm. Vincent, Geo. Read, E. C. Mulvey, David D. Mercer, Chas. J. R. Tjou, Wm. P. Brown, A. C. Spaul, G. Graveley, S. H. Goldschmidt, J. H. Matthews, G. Kelly, R. D. M. Littler, C. Dairy, John Nixon, J. G. Stevens, Ed. Triggs, W. Phillips, G. R. Crickmay, Arthur Blenkarn, W. T. Pelly, H. French Bromhead, J. Henry Frye, S. L. G. Carver, Henry Nuding, Charles J. Cuthbertson, H. Massey, W. H. Jeffries, S. W. S. Berridge, S. G. Derham, Frederick Craggs, J. Gordon Langton, Wm. Smith, Denham Westmacott, Wm. Chas. Aldine, Robert H. Gowan, T. Charters White, G. R. Lovett, J. W. Burgess, Charles Sheppard, Samuel Renaut, Robert Gresley Hall, George Gardner, John F. Linn, C. H. Webb, Emil Hahn, C. Schmidt, J. Hernaman, F. Walden, H. Quare, W. J. Lowe, J. Ellinger, Wm. Rowley, Wm. Morley, W. Lawson, S. Klingenstein, E. Frampton, A. Cahn, A. Lundie, F. R. Farrow, Henry Ough, J. H. Wood, J. R. Duff, W. Wood, H. H. Shirley, Michael Forbes Essedie, W. H. Hook, R. W. Moughty, Fredk. Hughes, G. W. Robson, W. M. Butcher, J. S. Cumberland, B. T. Kimpton, J. W. Martin, David Ososki, James E. Carver, G. Reynolds, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

After the meeting of the General Committee, the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge of December 6th was laid before the brethren, and at the close of the business,

Bro. JAMES BRETT rose to propose a vote of thanks to the President. In doing so he said that November meeting reminded the brethren that they were coming to the close of another year, and that they were only stewards, and had to give an account of their stewardship. Such a task would not be very difficult. They had evidence before them of much distress and suffering, but they must remember they were not stewards for 12 months only, but for all time. Those who were elected to the Board of Benevolence every time they met found the petitioners for relief increasing in number month by month and year by year, and he was sorry to say the Board's income did not increase in proportion, so that it behoved them to be cautious in voting away their funds. They were in fact killing the goose that laid the golden eggs; in other words they had to sell out their capital funds. He was pleased to know that there were on the Board a large number of brethren well able to form a correct opinion of how much money could be spared; but more than that was wanted; they wanted at their head wisdom—they wanted a brother at the head of the Board who had not only the time to devote to its business, but knowledge of the Laws and Constitutions of the Order, but who had the judgment and firmness to administer them when required. He was quite sure he need not tell the Board that they had such a brother in their President, Bro. Robert Grey. They all knew him well, not only as a member of this Board but of other Boards, where he could assist with his wisdom and experience to dispense their funds. But it was this Board they had more particularly to deal with, that he was pleased to pass a sincere, hearty, and cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Robert Grey for the gentlemanly, able, and courteous manner in which he had presided over that Board for the last year, and not that year only, but many years; he was the same Robert Grey that night as he was when he first came. He hoped Bro. Robert Grey would have many years of life and health for them to enjoy the pleasure of his presidency over the Board. The brethren at the Board were very pleased to support him, and no one ever left the Board, whether he was the petitioner or the brother who represented his case, who could say he had not been dealt with in a courteous and gentlemanly manner.

Bro. COTTEBRUNE seconded the motion. He really had nothing to add to what Bro. Brett had stated. It would be perfectly useless to say more, for he was certain that Bro. Brett had spoken the feelings of all the members of the Board.

The motion having been unanimously carried, Bro. ROBERT GREY acknowledged the vote. He said it was not the first time he had had to express his thanks for what he felt to be such a genuine expression of the sentiments of the Board. It was a very great pleasure to feel that whatever energy he might have displayed at, and the time he had voted to, the Board was appreciated not only by them, but, if what Bro. Brett had said was true, by the distressed brethren who came for assistance. If it was not for the able assist-

ance and kindly help he had always had from the other brethren, it would be impossible for him to get through the work, but, aided by their kind assistance, it was very pleasurable for him to preside over them.

At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the amount of £450. On the new list were no less than 59 cases, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Pembroke Dock, Antigua, Batley, Torquay, Mold, Longton, Handsworth, Gloucester, Norwich, Bangor, Tonbridge, Portland, St. Ives (Cornwall), Cheltenham, Manchester, York, Newport (Mon.), Bradford, Hexham, Hatfield, Whitby, East Dereham, Bristol, Hong Kong, Belgium, Calcutta, Reading, France, Switzerland, Liverpool, Fleetwood, Lahore, and Uruguay. In the course of a five-and-a-half hours' sitting 51 of these were relieved with a total sum of £1210. Four cases were adjourned, three dismissed, and in one case the petitioner had died since the presentation of petition. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £75, nine were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, and 10 for £30 each. There were 18 grants of £20 each, one for £15, 10 for £10 each, and two for £5 each.

"OUR BOYS."

On Friday evening, the 17th inst., "Our Boys" were favoured with a very interesting entertainment, which took the form of a lecture delivered by Bro. H. Banks, J.W. of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897. The lecture was one of a series got up by the Executive with the object of breaking the monotony of the winter evenings.

The subject was a "Trip to Chicago," and the masterly manner in which the lecturer treated it vividly brought before us the magnificent sights which are the pride of our Transatlantic brethren. The lecture was illustrated by a splendid lantern, and the slides were such as evoked the enthusiastic admiration, not only of the boys, but also of the numerous brethren and friends present. Starting from Southampton, after surveying the elegant and luxurious accommodation provided on the "Liner," we crossed the briny ocean without experiencing the pangs of *mal-de-mer*, and landed in New York. Proceeding via Philadelphia, our guide showed us how to "negotiate distance" by directing our attention to the chief points of interest en-route to Chicago. Arrived at the "World's Fair," Bro. Banks proved to be an admirable cicerone through the various departments, and we were specially charmed with the number and excellence of the English and Colonial exhibits. Then we steamed across the great lakes to where "Niagara stuns with thundering sound." Notwithstanding the leafy June-time, there was an accommodating frost, which rendered this wondrous scene still more imposing in its rugged majesty. We returned to New York by a most romantic route, with our minds both delighted and enriched.

The lecture was agreeably varied by that delicious ditty of Molloy's—"The Three Beggars," rendered in artistic manner by Mrs. Banks, and accompanied by appropriate slides, Bro. Wood presiding at the piano.

In a few racy remarks, Bro. GEO. EVERETT proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was accorded by the boys in their heartiest style.

Bro. EVERETT also, on behalf of the Board of Management, thanked Bro. G. R. Langley for having been instrumental in bringing about so delightful an entertainment.

Amongst the visitors we observed Bros. Everett, Masters, Bourne, Thomas, Papworth, Fairchild, Cummings (of the Board of Management), Bonner, Inglis, Mrs. and Misses Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Bro. G. Wood, W. J. Mason and Mrs. Mason, and others.

Scotland.

To-day (Friday), a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland will visit Blythswood, when the R.W. Grand Master, the Earl of Haddington, will unveil a bust, in marble, of Lord Blythswood, Past R.W.G.M., to be presented to Lady Blythswood. The bust will be on a handsome marble pillar, with an inscription plate—"Presented by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to Lady Blythswood. Nov., 1893." A duplicate of the bust, which is by W. Grant Stevenson, A.R.S.A., will be placed in the Freemasons' Hall.

PRIORY OF THE TEMPLE.

The annual meeting of the Priory of the Temple in Glasgow was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., in St. John's Hall, Frater Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, the Prior, presiding. Four aspirants—Captain A. Balfour, Major H. G. Fenton Newall, Rees Price, and Robert Sorley—were admitted members of the Order, and Colonel Stirling of Gargunnoch was thereafter affiliated.

Election and installation of office-bearers took place, and thereafter the fratres dined in the Windsor Hotel. Frater Col. Campbell, Chairman, and Major F. W. Allan, Croupier.

Apologies for absence were received from Frater J. H. Balfour Melville, Prior of the Priory of the Lothians, and others.

List of office-bearers: Fratres Col. John Campbell, Prior; Hugh R. Wallace, Sub-Prior; R. King Stewart, Marischal; Sir James Buchanan, Bart.,

Chancellor; Sir James R. G. Maitland, Bart., Hospitaller; Rev. W. W. Tulloch, D.D., and Rev. Professor Story, D.D., Chaps.; James Provan, Treas.; F. W. Allan, Sec.; John Mitchell, Banceniffer; Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie, Bart., Bearer of the Vexillum Belli; Robert Frame, Chamberlain; Walter Easton, Stwd.; Emile Berger, Director of Music; A. A. Spiers, 1st Aide-de-Camp; R. Barclay Shaw, 2nd Aide-de-Camp; and Walter Ross, Warder.

Ireland.

MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors the result of the ballot for the election of five pupils was declared as follows: G. B. Anderson, 278; H. C. Bell, 796; H. A. Bracken, 839; W. H. Burland, 1222; J. Clare, 388; A. G. Dixon, 794; T. C. Farrell, 1908; S. B. Hanton, 38; E. A. P. Harvey, 46; E. A. Johnston, 302; E. M. Jordan, 1917; R. T. Lloyd, 2231; R. H. Magill, 276; C. F. M'Canee, 1245; E. F. M'Gonagil, 163; J. M. Macready, 204; L. Noble, 465; G. Parr, 369; C. P. Shaw, 470; T. M. Stewart, 561; G. F. Thallon, 74; H. V. Thompson 318; and W. W. Thorpe, 147. Lloyd, Jordan, Farrell, M'Canee, and Burland were accordingly declared elected.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. FREDERICK FLOOD,

whose portrait we publish above, is the W.M. of the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, and whose installation was recorded in our issue of August 10th last. He was initiated in that lodge by the late Bro. T. Tremere in April, 1884, having been proposed by Bro. Hedley Carus, and seconded by Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., and has filled all the principal offices. Our brother's ambition is to make the ceremonies as perfect as possible, and from what we have seen of his working, think that he will have no difficulty in attaining his object. A report of the Ladies' Night of the Mozart Lodge appears in another column.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Norland Arms, Addison-road North, W. Present: Bros. G. Kirkham, W.M.; R. H. Catling, S.W.; A. Holmes, J.W.; G. F. Higginson, Preceptor; G. Cockrell, Treas.; H. Lindfield, P.M., Sec.; R. N. Larter, S.D.; T. Kington, J.D.; C. C. Barber, I.G.; A. T. Fortman, P.M.; G. Copley, C. G. Tremere, H. R. Elkin, and E. J. Elvin.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was then rehearsed, with Bro. Tremere as candidate. Bro. Larter then worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, the questions being put by the Preceptor. Bro. Catling was elected to take the chair at the next meeting. The Auditors then brought up their annual report, which was adopted, after which the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 535).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. J. Paul, P.M. 1287, W.M.; J. Hemming, P.M. 1287, S.W.; F. Osborne, W.M. 1287, J.W.; Geo. Hill, P.M. 871, Treas.; W. E. Wilby, W.M. 535, Sec.; Hoggins, S.W. 1891, S.D.; Sandland, 2398, J.D.; Walters, I.G.; Whitney, J.D. 861; Thos. Smale, P.M. 538; Luke, 1853; Ridout, S.W. 1287; T. H. Clear, I.G. 538; E. Wareham, P.M. 1366; Pain-Walkden, S.W. 1366; Bentley W. Burt, W.M. Acacia Lodge; Gush, P.M.; W. J. Gudwin, W.M. 1343; Palmer, P.M.; Zache, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge

was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and then resumed in the First. The 15 Sections of the Lecture were then worked, Bro. J. Paul, P.M. and Preceptor 1287, being Section Master. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Luke, 1853; 2nd, Bro. G. Kidout, S.W. 1287; 3rd, Bro. F. Osborne, W.M. 1287; 4th, Bro. Whitney, J.D. 861; 5th, Bro. Hoggins, S.W. 1891; 6th, Bro. Wilby, W.M. 538; and 7th, Bro. Sandland, 2398. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Luke, 1853; 2nd, Bro. G. Hill, P.M. 871; 3rd, R. Pain-Walkden, S.W. 1366; 4th, Bro. Gush, P.M.; and 5th, Bro. J. Hemming, P.M. 1287. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Luke, 1853; 2nd, Bro. Bloxham, J.D. 206; and 3rd, Bro. G. Hill, P.M. 871. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. E. Bloxham was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, the officers for the next meeting having been appointed on the previous occasion. It was proposed by Bro. F. Smale, P.M. 538, and seconded by Bro. W. E. Wilby, W.M. 538, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Paul, P.M. 1287, for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Section Master. This was unanimously carried, and Bro. Paul suitably replied. The W.M. rose for the third time, when all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. Upton, W.M.; Loomes, S.W.; Peall, J.W.; Coxon, Acting Preceptor; Duncan, Sec.; Kimbell, sen., S.D.; Harrison, J.D.; Rapley, I.G.; Frost, Tuck, and Woodman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Woodman being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Harrison being the candidate. Bro. Loomes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Northampton Arms, 205 Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. S. J. Fletcher, W.M.; L. J. Bolton S.W.; W. Doubtfire, J.W.; C. Weedon, P.M., Preceptor; E. Dimes, Sec.; G. Lenard, S.D.; A. J. Blake, J.D.; M. Shanly, I.G.; and others.

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. E. Lenard being the candidate. Bro. Robinson answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. Fletcher here vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Lenard. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Fletcher resumed the chair. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. G. Lenard for the able manner in which he worked the Second Degree. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. Bolton be the W.M. for the ensuing week, and a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, to Bros. Fletcher and Griffiths for their generous gift to the lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. J. H. Neville, W.M.; C. G. Hatt, W.M. 865, S.W.; E. W. Dennis, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; J. J. Gething, I.G.; G. A. Knight, Lewis Beale, James Clark, J. G. Bean, J. J. Mackay, W.M. 1767; and A. Williams, W.M. 834.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beale acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Mackay, under the direction of the Preceptor. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Beale, the questions being put by Bro. Hillier. The 3rd Section was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The Auditors' report and balance-sheet were presented, received, and adopted. Bro. Hatt was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 5th proximo, the meeting on the 28th inst. being reserved for the working of the seven Sections of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; W. Hide, S.W.; W. S. Whiteley, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M. Sec. (pro tem.); H. Clark, S.D.; J. A. Dennis, J.D.; F. J. Larkman, I.G.; R. Reid, G. C. Stafford, and Edward Fox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Reid offered himself as a candidate for raising, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree and Sections respectively. Bro. Hide was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 2nd prox., the meeting on the 25th inst. being reserved for the working of the Fifteen Sections. The lodge was then closed.

HARLESDEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Court House. Present: Bros. G. Chapman, W.M.; W. Tebbit, S.W.; T. Hooker, J.W.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, Preceptor; C. Penny, Treas.; W. Roche Plaford, Sec.; S. Orner, S.D.; F. Priest, J.D.; F. Featherstone, I.G.; S. Hussey, Stwd.; Danby, P.M.; Hag'n, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rendered, by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, and a very hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Chapman, it being the first time he has occupied the chair; Bro. Hagen was the candidate. The brethren then worked the 1st and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture, under the direction of the Preceptor. Bro. W. C. Tebbit was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.



Bro. H. J. Allcroft, son of the late Bro. J. D. Allcroft, after whom the lodge was named, has been elected by the Derby Allcroft Lodge as a joining member.

Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler has very kindly consented to preside at the anniversary festival of the Printers' Corporation, which it is announced will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on the 24th April, 1894.

Her Majesty's staghounds met at the Cricketers, near Bagshot Park, the Surrey residence of the Duke of Connaught, and had a good run, the stag being eventually taken at Two-Mile Brook.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne and the Princess Beatrice and her children, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, arrived at Windsor Castle from Scotland early on Saturday morning last.

Bro. Sir F. Seager-Hunt, Bart., M.P., will preside at an election of annuitants to the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, which will be held in St. George's Hall on Tuesday next, the 28th instant. A concert will be held the same evening in behalf of the Association, at which several well-known artists will appear.

The Plumbers' Company, under the presidency of Sir Philip Magnus, the Prime Warden, gave a dinner in the Leathersellers' Hall, St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, on Wednesday evening, Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Bryce, M.P., and the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard being the principal guests.

Bro. William Kuhe, P.G.O., will give a second English Ballad Concert in the Dome, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, this (Friday) evening. Among the artistes announced to appear are Madame Albani, Madame Alice Gomez, Mr. Ben Davies, Bro. Eugene Oudin, and others. Bro. W. Ganz, P.G.O., will wield the *baton* of conductor.

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), the Earl of Kimberley, the Earl of Morley, Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord Watson, and Lord Thring have been chosen to represent the House of Lords on the joint Committee of the two Houses of Parliament for considering the Bill which has been proposed by the President of the Board of Trade for consolidating the laws relating to merchant shipping.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, the 29th inst. In the unavoidable absence of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Bro. Currie, Dean of Battle, will preside. Members of the Craft who are not Mark Masons will be welcomed to the banquet to be held after the business of the meeting is concluded.

It is expected that the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, which will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, from Monday, the 4th, to Friday, the 8th December, both inclusive, under the presidency of Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, will be the most successful ever held. The entries exceed those of any previous show, there being 310 head of cattle, 217 pens of sheep, and 107 pens of pigs, or 634 entries, as against 604, the highest previous aggregate.

A storm of unexampled severity burst over the British Islands on Saturday evening and Sunday last, and continued with hardly any abatement throughout Monday. The news from all quarters is very sad, showing that an immense amount of shipping has been destroyed, and that many lives have been lost. Many of the lifeboats, especially on the south-east coast, did splendid service. On the French coast also the gale raged with terrible force and likewise on the coast of Holland.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Major-General Ellis, presided on Monday afternoon at the inaugural meeting of the Winter Session of the Imperial Institute, when Mr. W. E. H. Lecky delivered an interesting address. At the conclusion of the address, his Royal Highness expressed his thanks to Mr. Lecky, and then visited the art exhibition open in the buildings. Among other visitors to the latter were Lord Knutsford, and Bros. Sir Francis Knollys, Sir Fred. Abel, and Sir Somers Vane.

The funeral of Prince Alexander of Battenberg, formerly ruler of Bulgaria, who died suddenly towards the close of last week, took place in the Protestant Cemetery, at Gratz, on Monday, among those who attended being Prince Henry of Battenberg, brother of the deceased, the Duke of Wurtemberg, General Von Reintander, Commanding of the 3rd Austrian Army Corps, Bro. the Hon. Sir E. Monson, British Ambassador at Vienna, representing the Queen, and the Hon. W. A. C. Barrington, representing the Prince of Wales. The same afternoon the Queen attended a service in the private chapel at Windsor Castle in memory of the deceased Prince.

A meeting of the Southampton Lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Southampton, on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. C. Ashdown. This being the second year in succession in which a Past Master of the lodge has been elected to the dignity of Chief Magistrate of the borough, it was unanimously decided that the Secretary, Bro. Walter Bowyer, P.M., should, on behalf of the lodge, send a letter of congratulation to the Mayor, Bro. Alderman W. Bone, J.P. The W.M. having invited the representatives of several other lodges to pay a fraternal visit on this occasion, there was a large attendance of brethren from the following lodges: *Economy*, No. 76; *Royal Gloucester*, No. 130; *Peace and Harmony*, No. 359; *Shirley*, No. 1112; *Clau-ventum*, No. 1461; and *Albert Edward*, No. 1780.

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The Goldsmiths' Company have voted the sum of £100 as a contribution to the funds of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor.

Bro. General Lord Roberts has promised to visit Grimsby on Monday next, the 27th inst., to present the prizes won by the local artillery volunteers at the Shoeburyness meeting in August last.

The Galleries of the Institute of Painters in Oil Colours were thrown open to the National Sunday League and its friends for three hours on Sunday last, and during that time were visited by close on 2000 persons.

Bro. the Duke of Portland has caused to be distributed among the hospitals and charitable institutions in the North the sum of £741, being the proceeds of the admission fees charged to visitors to Welbeck during the past summer.

The Royal Amateur Orchestral Society's first smoking concert will be given at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on Monday next, the 27th inst., when it is expected that the Prince of Wales will honour the Society by being present.

We regret to hear that the Earl of Warwick had a relapse on Saturday last, and though his lordship has since rallied, that his condition is the cause of grave anxiety. Bro. Lord Brooke and other members of the family were at once summoned to Warwick Castle.

Brethren are invited to send for the list of Masonic Books published at the office of the *Freemason*. Many works of interest both to the Masonic student and general reader have recently been added, and the publisher will gladly forward a copy to any address on receipt of a post-card.

The Royal Society of Literature of Great Britain and Ireland held a very successful conversazione at 20, Hanover-square on Wednesday evening, a vocal and instrumental concert forming part of the programme. Among those present were Bro. Lord and Lady Halsbury and Cardinal Vaughan.

Bro. Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., while inspecting the new cruiser which has been built at Elswick Works, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the Chilian Government, had the misfortune to fall and sprain his ankle. After the sprain had been attended to, he was assisted to the train for London and returned home.

The annual meeting of the London Society for the Extension of University Teaching, was held by permission, in the hall of the Goldsmiths' Company, Foster-lane, on Saturday last. Mr. J. G. Goschen, M.P., presided, and there was a large attendance of those interested in the success of the society. Mr. Goschen was re-elected President.

Bro. W. H. Preece presided at the dinner on Wednesday evening of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, the President of the Board of Trade, the Postmaster-General, the Astronomer Royal, Capt. Wharton, Hydrographer to the Admiralty, Sir Frederick Bramwell, and Bro. J. Wolfe Berry, Vice-President of the Institute of Civil Engineers, being among the chief guests.

Tuesday was Grand Day in Michaelmas Term at the Middle Temple, and the Treasurer and Benchers entertained at dinner a numerous party of guests, among whom were Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Dean of Llandaff, Bro. Justice Mathew, the Attorney-General, Sir R. Webster, Q.C., M.P., the Treasurer of Gray's Inn, and the President of the Incorporated Law Society.

A sale of work in aid of the Homes for Waifs and Strays, the Assistance of Ladies of Limited Means, the Ladies' Art Needlework Depot, the Girls' Friendly Society, Penny Dinners for Poor Children, and other Societies of a benevolent character, was opened on Monday in the Westminster Town Hall, Lady Eden, Lady Muriel Boyle, Lady Pearson, and others being among the stall holders.

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has conferred upon Sir George Grove, Director of the Royal College of Music, the Cross of the Order of Merit for his services to the profession of music. Bro. Joseph Barnby, Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, and Dr. A. C. Mackenzie have also been honoured by his Royal Highness with similar decorations for their services to the same professions.

Tuesday, the 21st inst., was the 53rd anniversary of the birth of the Empress Frederick of Germany (Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland), and the auspicious event was celebrated at Windsor with the usual salutes and the ringing of church bells. In Berlin all the public buildings and many private houses were decorated with flags, while the Emperor and Empress visited her Majesty at her palace and stayed to lunch.

The funeral of Sir Robert Morrier, lately Ambassador at St. Petersburg, took place at Northwood Church, near Rickmansworth, on Tuesday, the Queen being represented by General Sir M. Biddulph, the Prince of Wales by Captain Holford, Prince Christian by Capt. the Hon. C. Eliot, and the Earl of Rosebery, Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, by Mr. A. Hervey, the Russian Ambassador, M. de Staal, being also present.

THE CHILDREN'S SALON.—The Princess Mary Duchess of Teck and Princess Victoria of Wales have sent in articles, made by their own hands, for sale at the Children's Salon Sale of Work. The dates fixed for the sale, which is on behalf of the cot in the North-West London Hospital, are Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th and 21st proximo, at the St. Martin's Town Hall. The artistic work made by the children will be sold by children, and is specially suitable for presents.

The La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, which for some time past has met on Wednesday evenings at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, W., has now removed to the Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, W., and it is hoped that the friends of the lodge will meet in large numbers in its splendid new home, and thus ensure increased success. The Preceptor is Bro. John Paul, P.M. 1287 and 1472; Treasurer, Bro. Hill, P.M. 871; and Secretary, Bro. Wilby, W.M. of the Mother Lodge.

The Duke and Duchess of York, attended by Sir Charles Cust, arrived from Sandringham at Didlington Hall on Monday on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Amherst, of Hackney. Their Royal Highnesses were met at Stoke Ferry Railway Station by Bro. Lord Amherst, who accompanied them in his carriage to Didlington. Among the guests invited to meet the Duke and Duchess were Prince Adolphus of Teck, Lord and Lady Camoys, Lord and Lady William Cecil, and Viscount and Viscountess Bury.

Sir Donald Currie will preside at the 78th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum. The date is fixed for May next.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and Earl and Countess Spencer were included in the Queen's dinner-party on Thursday evening. Her Majesty's guests remained at the Castle.

The Duchess of Montrose officiated at the opening of a bazaar at Glasgow by which it is hoped to raise the sum of £10,000, in aid of the Home for Incurables.

The 112th anniversary banquet of the Ancient Order of Druids—Bro. J. T. Kiniple, N.G.A.—was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 6.30, Bro. J. Willing in the chair.

Several head of cattle of the Devon and Hereford breeds, the property of the Queen, were dispatched from the Royal Farm in Windsor Great Park for the purpose of being exhibited at the Birmingham Cattle Show next week.

The Duchess of Bedford distributed medallions and certificates to the members of the St. John's Ambulance Association of the City and Port of London on Tuesday, the ceremony taking place in the Queen's Hall of the People's Palace.

A sale of work was opened in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, on Tuesday, in aid of the Westminster Refuge, among the stall-holders being Mrs. Charles Thynne, Lady Horatia Erskine, Lady Lillian Yorke, Lady Mackgregor, and others.

An entertainment was given at the Brompton Hospital on Tuesday evening last, by Mrs. Aylmer Gowing, assisted by Mdlle. Noemi Lorenzi, Miss Regina Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ravenhill, and Mr. Walter Heritage. Mr. Alfred Gilbert acted as conductor.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris has very kindly placed Drury Lane Theatre, with the necessary scenery, dresses, &c., at the service of Sir George Grove, Principal of the Royal College of Music, for the performance, on Wednesday, the 6th prox., of Schumann's opera of "Geneveve."

The new cruiser Foote will be launched at Chatham Dockyard on Saturday, the 9th prox., the ceremony of christening the vessel being, in all probability, performed by Lady Charles Beresford, wife of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, who commands the Steam Reserve at that dockyard.

Lady Jeune gave one of her happy evenings for the parents of the children attending the Baltic-street Schools on Thursday night. She received two encores to her songs. The Chicago Minstrels, under the direction of Mr. Borfess, furnished the second part of the programme. There was a crowded attendance.

Bro. General Lord Roberts has promised to preside at the annual distribution of prizes of the 2nd London Rifles, of which he is honorary Colonel. The event is fixed for Saturday, the 2nd prox., and will take place in the Drill Hall of the regiment, in the Farringdon-road, the prizes being presented by Lady Roberts.

The new cruiser Flora was successfully launched at Pembroke Dockyard on Tuesday, the ceremony of christening being performed by Mrs. Fitzgerald, wife of the Captain Superintendent. The vessel is of 4360 tons, with triple expansion engines of 9000 horse power, and her estimated speed is 19½ knots.

Influenza has again broken out among us, as many as 22 deaths from it having been recorded last week. Diphtheria is also very prevalent, the number of deaths being three times more than the average. The general death-rate for London is also higher than it has been for some weeks past, being returned by the Registrar-General at 24.4.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Colonel the Hon. William James Colville, only brother of Lord Colville of Culross, to be her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies, in place of the late Major-General Sir C. Teesdale, V.C. Col. Colville saw considerable service during the Crimean War, retiring from the army with the rank of colonel in 1870.

Mr. and Lady Winifred Gardner received Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone at dinner on Wednesday night, among those invited to meet them being Earl and Countess Spencer, Lady Wynford, the Marquis of Breadalbane, the Marquis of Ripon, the Speaker, Lady Rosamond Christie, Sir Francis and Lady Jeune, and Mr. Myers. After dinner Lady Winifred had a small and early party.

Bro. Alfred C. Goodinge, son of Bro. Deputy Goodinge, was installed W.M. of the Clapham Lodge on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. Bro. Alfred Goodinge was initiated by his father four years ago. He is also 1st A.S. in the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, Junior Warden in the Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 3, and a member of the Constantine Council of Royal and Select Masters, No. 2.

The 1st Battalion 5th Fusiliers has just received an addition to its regimental mess plate. It is a solid silver centre-piece, representing "St. George and the Dragon," on an ebonised plinth, with the inscription: "To the Officers 1st Battalion 5th Fusiliers, from Philip FitzRoy." It has been purchased with a legacy bequeathed by the late commanding officer, Colonel FitzRoy.

The funeral of the late Mr. Alwyn Lewis, who was associated with St. James's Theatre, took place at the Brookwood Necropolis, Woking, on Thursday in the presence of numerous relatives and friends. Amongst those who sent floral tributes were Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, Mr. R. V. Shone, Miss Marion Terry, Mr. Oscar Wilde, and members of the St. James's Theatre company and orchestra. At the grave the service was performed by the Rev. Landon Smith, brother-in-law of the deceased.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, who are entertaining a large number of friends at Chatsworth House, paid a visit to Derby, where her Grace opened a bazaar in Derby School Chapel Building Fund. A vote of thanks accorded to her Grace was acknowledged by the Duke, who expressed a hope that whilst such great efforts were being made to bring higher education within the reach of the artisan classes, children of a superior social position would not be neglected. The leaders of their industries must be educated if they were to maintain their commercial position.

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