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## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Lathom, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, presided. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Herts, acted as Past Grand Master; Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, S.G.W., and the Right Hon. Aretas Akers-Douglas, M.P., J.G.W., occupied their respective chairs.

Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock p.m., on account of the large number of brethren who were expected to be present for the election of Grand Treasurer, and the new arrangement was found to be an excellent one, as more than 3000 brethren attended in the course of the day to record their votes. The poll was to close at 7.15 p.m., and from the time it was opened until the time it closed, there was a constant stream of qualified brethren depositing their ballot papers in the box. Grand Lodge was fully officered the whole time, and there were relays of Grand Officers to take the three principal chairs.

After the opening of Grand Lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the December Quarterly Communication,

Bro. ALFRED COOPER, Deputy Master, Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, the great honour has fallen upon me of being permitted to propose that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be elected as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons for the ensuing year. Quite lately, his Royal Highness, at the Chancery Bar Lodge, said he had been our Grand Master nearly 20 years, and during that time had signed warrants for over 1000 new lodges. He also said how very proud he was of holding the high position of our Grand Master. If his Royal Highness is proud to be our Grand Master, in your name, brethren, I beg to assure him, that from one end of this kingdom to the other, all his loyal subjects, who are members of the Craft, are more proud than I can express that he should occupy that position. (Applause).

Bro. W. B. COLTMAN, W.M. Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—it is not for me, who am a very junior member of Grand Lodge, to speak of the way in which the Grand Master habitually performs his duties, but I may, perhaps, be allowed to say, having, from the official position which I hold in a lodge to which Bro. Cooper has just referred, been brought into communication with his Royal Highness I feel I may confidently expect that his Royal Highness will allow no personal inconvenience to interfere with the performance of his Masonic duties he may have to undertake. I have very much pleasure in seconding the proposition of Bro. Cooper. (Applause).

The motion was carried unanimously and with acclamation, and Sir ALBERT W. WOODS, C.B. (Garter), G.D.C., proclaimed his Royal Highness duly elected.

Bro. GORDON BROWN rose to propose Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, W.M. No. 1, for election as Grand Treasurer. He said Bro. Dimsdale in addition to being W.M. of No. 1 had served the office of Grand Steward and was a subscriber to all the Masonic Charities. But before going into Bro. Dimsdale's merits he had to thank Grand Lodge for giving the brethren an opportunity of meeting so early in the day and thus enabling those from the provinces, as well as in London, to be present and take an active part in the election. It was a great advantage to the brethren to be able not only to record their votes but also to return to their homes the same day; and therefore they felt they owed a debt of gratitude to the Pro Grand Master for calling the lodge for two o'clock, because so many of the brethren were anxious to vote on this occasion. It was one privilege to propose and elect an officer of Grand Lodge, and the brethren looked upon it as a very great privilege, and therefore in great numbers they came to this election. The office of Grand Treasurer was essentially a representative office, and he maintained that the brethren required a representative man. It was an advantage to Masonry throughout the kingdom that they had such a representative as the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master, for he gave an impetus to Masonry when he joined the Order. Masonry also required a brother equally known outside as well as inside to hold the office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. Dimsdale was well known as a banker in the City of London, and surely no one was more eminently qualified for the office than a London banker. (Cries of "Time, time.") He would not detain the brethren much longer, but he wished to say that Bro. Dimsdale had a claim to this office, not only because he was a man of position in the City, but also for his philanthropic work. (Interruption, which caused the M.W. Pro G.M. to call "Order, brethren"). He would just read two or three of the works he was engaged in in philanthropy outside Masonry as well as in Masonry. (Cries of "No, no," and "Time, time.") At last meeting of Grand Lodge one of the nominators was allowed to read out what one of the candidates had done in charitable work; therefore he would just say that Bro. Dimsdale was a subscriber to the Masonic Charities—(cries of "Vote, vote")—and was also one of the House Committee of the

London Hospital, he was a manager of the London Orphan Asylum, Treasurer of the London Fever Hospital, of the Small Pox Hospital, the Royal Humane Society—(renewed interruption; and Bro. the Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE: You are killing his chance)—he begged to propose Alderman Dimsdale.

Bro. Col. GADSDEN seconded.

Bro. ALFRED KING, Prov. S.G.W. Sussex, proposed Bro. Charles William Hudson.

Bro. Col. BROOKFIELD, M.P., Prov. J.G.W. Sussex, seconded, and said it had the approval of the whole of Sussex.

Bro. WALTER MARTIN proposed Bro. William Mason Stiles, who was Vice-Patron of all the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Stiles' qualifications were known to all the members of Grand Lodge, and he left it to the kind consideration of the brethren to elect him.

Bro. E. W. NIGHTINGALE, P.M. 87, seconded.

The poll was then declared open, and the voting commenced.

The Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Yarborough, and Bro. Akers-Douglas, with many other Grand Officers, thereupon retired, and the Earl of Lathom's seat was taken by Bro. Sir George David Harris.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided at seven o'clock when the following Report of the Board of Benevolence was confirmed.

Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations of the following grants, viz:—

A brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London ...	£50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, London ...	60	0	0
A brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London...	50	0	0

The Report of the Board of General Purposes which appeared in our last issue was, on the motion of Bro. Dr. ERNEST POCOCK, seconded by Bro. L. G. GORDON ROBBINS, taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. ERNEST POCOCK, seconded by Bro. L. G. GORDON ROBBINS, the part of the report which referred to the 13 lodges summoned to show cause why they should not be erased was deferred till the next Quarterly Communication.

At this point the ballot for Grand Treasurer was closed, and one brother, amidst much laughter, though he had just arrived at the ballot-box, was declared to be too late.

Bro. W. BEACH announced that the place of the late Bro. Brackstone Baker on the Colonial Board, vacant by his death, had been filled by the appointment of Bro. James Henry Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.

The report of the Auditor was adopted.

The next business was the consideration of the appeal by Bro. W. Maxfield Mead, I.P.M. 1805, and Bro. Tom Green, P.M. 1805, against a decision of the Board of General Purposes suspending them from all Masonic rights and privileges for six months for acting contrary to Book of Constitutions, Rule 140, in holding that a resolution displacing a brother from office had been duly carried by the lodge.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., after referring the brethren to the statement of the case in the report of the Board, said: The rule in the Book of Constitutions, No. 140, was—"Should the Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of the officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge at a regular meeting; seven days' notice thereof in writing having been previously sent to the brother complained of; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, the Master shall have power to displace such officer, and to appoint another." There were 43 brethren present at the meeting in question. The resolution was put; the Master was present, but being the complainant he asked a Past Master to occupy the chair. That brother put the resolution—12 voted for it, and two against it; therefore, 29 abstained altogether from voting, and the resolution was not carried by a majority of the brethren present; it was carried by a majority of those who voted, but that was not what the Constitutions said. The W.M. in the chair declared it carried. The brother complained of then took his collar off and put it down, and the Master in the chair requested him to put it on, his attention having been called to Article 140. This was on November 21st. There was an emergency in December on account of arrears of work, and the same W.M. was called upon to preside. The W.M. was present during some part of the evening. No one had taken the collar of S.D., and Bro. Peterkin, P.M., was asked to take it. After this came the complaint to the Board of General Purposes and the suspension. The brethren suspended appealed, and he now moved that they be called in.

Grand Lodge having assented, Bros. Mead and Green (unclothed) were conducted into Grand Lodge, and placed in front of the throne. Bro. Mead being asked whether he wished to state his case, he replied by requesting that the Grand Secretary might read his written statement. This was done, and the statement, while admitting to the full the misinterpretation of the rule, regretted the fault, sincerely apologised for it, confessed that the sentence was correct, but threw Bro. Mead on the mercy of Grand Lodge, which, it was hoped, would modify the judgment of the Board, from which Bro. Mead had already suffered severely. The complete submission expressed in the statement was frequently cheered.

Bro. Green was then asked if he wished to address Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE thought the two cases should be taken separately.

Bro. W. BEACH thought there was no occasion at present for this. The statements might be heard now, and the difference between the two cases could be adjudicated on afterwards.

Bro. TOM GREEN, in answer to the call, said he did not want to inflict a speech on Grand Lodge in making a statement which was very similar in terms to that which had just been read, but if he might be permitted, in a few short sentences, he would desire to lay before Grand Lodge the motives which actuated him in the step he took; and, first of all, in this supreme crisis of his Masonic career, which he had no doubt every member of this Grand Lodge fully appreciated, he desired, unreservedly and most loyally, to accept the interpretation of the Board of General Purposes, of Rule 140. The joint ground of his appeal was against the severity of the sentence. (Hear, hear.) He would ask permission to mention that his motives were without animus—they were impartial, and they were according to his conscience and understanding a true, proper interpretation of the Constitutions. That he was no party to the subject matter of dispute between the brethren, and that he was then and now a friend to all parties they might believe, and the brother who felt aggrieved was personally assisted by him to appeal to a higher Masonic authority if he disputed the partiality and correctness of his ruling; that that brother had given and certified in writing his belief that his (Bro. Green's) action was impartial, without animus, and in the belief that it was correct. He confessed, if he had abused his position to inflict annoyance or to do a wrong to a brother in any way, that he should have been richly deserving of the most severe punishment which this Grand Lodge could inflict upon him; but he did submit as the great point of difference that his case was not of that character, and if he might be permitted to use a simile, he was in the position, in the first place, of a judge whose ruling had been over-ruled, and who was not over-ruled, but sentenced also; and, in the second place, that he was somewhat in the position of a man who had committed a civil offence being punished by the infliction of a criminal penalty. He had had practically a sentence of six months' imprisonment without the option of a fine. He had nothing left to do but to throw himself—which he did—absolutely upon the mercy and upon the justice of this Grand Lodge, and he avowed in the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe and before this august assembly that he was not conscious of any fault, act, word, or deed that would tarnish the honour of any English Mason (loud applause); and he asked respectfully that Grand Lodge would see that the judgment of the Board, which he had said he admitted was a solemn and a righteous judgment, should be followed by a justice which should be equally righteous. And, strong in the consciousness that his case was right, he threw himself upon the mercy of this Grand Lodge, and, as he said, upon their justice, and he awaited their decision, he would make bold to say, not with the gloomy forebodings of a criminal awaiting punishment, but with the glad some expectancy of a captive panting for release. (Loud and long-continued applause.)

Bro. THOMAS FENN said he felt a little worn with his day's work, and did not feel able to address Grand Lodge at any great length, even if he was so disposed, but he had a very few words to say. He did not wish to say, and he was sure the brethren did not wish him to say, one word against the appellants, but the Board wished the Grand Lodge to understand that they had acted within their powers and strictly according to the law. He wished them to understand the principle upon which the Board had acted during the 10 years now coming to a close that he had had the honour of presiding over it. That principle was that in cases where breaches of the law were committed and a Mason was not injured, or if he was injured the penalty inflicted was always very lenient, very light; but in cases where a brother was disgraced before his lodge it was different and the punishment was heavy, and if they thought a fine or a reprimand scarcely met the case a severe penalty was imposed. It was known that a Master had very great powers entrusted to him, and in the case of the removal of officers there was a rule to limit that power in order that a Master of a lodge should not be allowed to act in an arbitrary manner to an individual, and it was enacted that he could only remove an officer when a majority of the brethren of a lodge gave him the power to do so. As to the motives which actuated these brethren on the cause of quarrel between them, that was not a subject which the Board of General Purposes could possibly entertain, because the law said that if it should appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded the Master should have power to displace such officer and to appoint another. With the subject of the quarrel the Board had no power to interfere at all. In the appeal they left this matter entirely in the hands of Grand Lodge. There were certainly some things had come out that night, which these brethren never laid before the Board of General Purposes. Whether they were truly stated or not he could not say; but they must assume they were. Grand Lodge must recollect they had not had an opportunity to enquire into these statements that night, but the Board only wished that Grand Lodge should believe they acted within their powers and according to the law. He left the matter in the hands of Grand Lodge. If Grand Lodge came to the conclusion that the sentence should be modified, the Board had not the slightest objection.

Bro. C. J. R. TILLO, Asst. G. Purst., said he was sure Grand Lodge would sympathise with the two brethren who had conscientiously done their duty as Master and acting Master respectively of the lodge. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Mead, in the communication which he addressed to the Grand Secretary, had, he was sure, put the case most fairly. He had stated there that he thought he was acting strictly in accordance with his Masonic duties; Bro. Green, in his statement, had said the same thing. They both of them now admitted the justice of the finding of the Board of General Purposes, and he felt satisfied that the Grand Lodge would think the punishment unnecessarily severe. He would not go into the facts at any length; there was no occasion for that; but he would now move as an amendment that this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the punishment of six months' suspension inflicted by the Board of General Purposes upon Bros. Mead and Green be set aside as from this date. The brethren would understand that these brethren had from the date of the meeting of the Board until the present time suffered the indignity of being suspended from all Masonic functions and had been prevented from attending the present Grand Lodge. They felt the justice of the judgment which had been given, but he hoped Grand Lodge would feel that the six months' suspension was excessive and that his resolution would be carried by Grand Lodge.

Bro. BEACH suggested that the resolution be altered. He did not think "set aside" was a proper term to apply to the decision of the Board of General Purposes. The Board had to act on the case as set before them. Whether the penalty was too excessive or not was not for Grand Lodge to decide. After the explanation they had had Grand Lodge would say whether the sentence be altered.

Bro. R. D. M. LITTLE, Q.C., Dep. G. Reg., said he had been thinking of the case during the evening, and it seemed to him that all Grand Lodge would be of opinion that they might make a little alteration, because, in the

first place the brethren would recognise that the Board was within its jurisdiction. In the next place, he thought they would recognise that, *prima facie*, the offence was of such gravity as, unless for the different circumstances, was deserving of a severe penalty, but having said that, it was for Grand Lodge to consider, after hearing the President of the Board of General Purposes, what the penalty should be, and he would suggest as an amendment to be accepted: "That this Grand Lodge, while fully recognising that the Board of General Purposes is fully within its jurisdiction, is of opinion that the remainder of the order of suspension on Brothers Mead and Green be remitted."

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., seconded.

The amendment was carried amidst great applause, and Bros. Mead and Green were conducted fully clothed into Grand Lodge. They were received with a burst of cheers, and having been placed in front of the pedestal were thus addressed by

Bro. BEACH: Brethren, Grand Lodge, having fully considered your case, and having heard the explanation you have offered, have unanimously decided that the Board of General Purposes, while right in taking notice of a violation of the Book of Constitutions, which had evidently been committed, have, notwithstanding, decided that the remainder of your sentence be remitted. (Renewed applause.) The remainder of your sentence is remitted.

Bros. Mead and Green then bowed, and retired amidst further manifestations of rejoicing.

Bro. BEACH then announced the following result of the election for Grand Treasurer:

Bro. Dimsdale	...	1317
Bro. Stiles	...	1200
Bro. Hudson	...	568

Consequently he declared Bro. Dimsdale elected Grand Treasurer. (Applause.)

Grand Lodge was closed in form.

### GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, presided, and among the other brethren who attended were Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy G.M.; Frank Richardson, as S.G.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., J.G.W.; R. Loveland-Loveland, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; Col. A. B. Cook, Gordon Miller, P.G.T.; F. Mead, G. Treas.; C. H. Driver, Baron de Ferrieres, J. S. Eastes, C. F. Hogard, C. Martin, W. M. Stiles, Capt. Weston, G.I.G.; Major C. W. Carrell, Joseph S. Tamburini, Eugene Monteuiis, and a large number of Present and Past Grand Officers.

After Bro. MATIER, the Grand Secretary, had read the minutes, which were confirmed, the following report of the General Board, on the motion of the President, Bro. R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, seconded by the Past Grand Treasurer, Bro. GORDON MILLER, was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

During the three months ending 31st December, 1893, there have been issued Mark certificates, 322; total number registered, 32,099. Warrants for new lodges five, viz.:

- No. 468, Quarries, Jhansi, Bengal.
- " 469, Savage Club, London.
- " 470, Ballarat, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.
- " 471, Lilford, Thrapston, Northamptonshire.
- " 472, New Capstone, Mozufferpore, Bengal.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 101; total number registered, 4119.

Warrant for a new Ark Mariner Lodge, Portsmouth, to be attached to the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 17.

Complaint having been made that Bro. John Whowell had been twice installed in the chair of the Callender Lodge, No. 123, Bury, Lancashire, contrary to Art. 99, he not being an Installed Master of a Craft lodge, and not having obtained the dispensation of the M.W. Grand Master,

On consideration of the complaint, and after W. Bro. W. O. Walker, P.G.D., the senior P.M. of the lodge, had appeared, and been heard in extenuation, the Board resolved—

That the Secretary, Bro. James Shaw, be, and is hereby, severely admonished for twice making an inaccurate return, in certifying that Bro. John Whowell was an Installed Master of the Craft Lodge Relief, No. 42.

That W. Bro. G. W. Yapp, the Master in the chair on the occasion of the first installation of Bro. John Whowell, be, and is hereby, severely admonished for not making proper inquiries as to the necessary qualifications, and for not properly obligating the W.M. elect.

That the Callender Lodge, No. 123, be, and is hereby, severely censured and admonished, and fined the sum of five guineas, and that the brethren be, and are hereby, directed to apply for a dispensation (*nunc pro tunc*) to enable Bro. John Whowell to assume the chair of Master, notwithstanding his want of qualification as an Installed Master of a Craft lodge.

That on receipt of such dispensation a Board of Installed Masters be opened at the next regular meeting of the lodge, and that Bro. John Whowell be re-obligated.

That the warrant of the lodge be detained by the Grand Secretary until the fine be paid.

That the ruling of the Board be read at the next meeting of the lodge, and entered on the minutes.

The fine having been paid, the warrant has been restored to the lodge.

The Studholme Lodge, No. 197, London, reported to the Board that they had inadvertently installed a Master in the chair who was not properly qualified, and expressed their great sorrow and regret. It was resolved that the lodge be fined one guinea, and at once apply for a dispensation, on receipt of which the Master be re-obligated in presence of a Board of Installed Masters at the next regular meeting when this resolution and the dispensation be read.

V.W. Bro. Alfred J. Burbidge, G. Sec. of G.L.M.M.M. of New South Wales, having complained, through the Representative, that a brother, regularly advanced in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the G.L.M.M.M. of New South Wales, had offered himself as a joining member of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 141, Ashton-under-Lyne, and had been made to go through the ceremony of advancement, inquiry was made. The Master of the lodge admitted the fact, expressed his great regret, and assured the Board that the error was entirely caused by ignorance and inadvertence, and that the lodge had apologised to the brother aggrieved. The Grand Secretary was directed to convey to the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales the sincere regret of the Board, and also the assurance of the fraternal esteem and regard in which that Grand Lodge is held by the G.L.M.M.M. of England.

The Board have accepted the design for the case of the "Portal Organ," which is in course of erection.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have pleasure to announce that the 26th Annual Festival will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 11th July, when R.W. Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire, will take the chair. The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards are much needed, and will be gladly received by the Grand Secretary.

The Board have elected on the Annuity Fund without a poll:

Bro. John Moxon, of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, No. 172.

The following cases have been relieved:

Bro. J. M., Lodge No. 172 ... .. 10 0 0  
Mrs. A. M. D. (widow of a brother of Lodges Nos. 28 and 256) 10 0 0

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.  
FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.  
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

On the motion of Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, seconded by Bro. GORDON MILLER, the above report was then adopted.

Bro. EUGENE MONTEUUIS, Past Grand Steward, then rose, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, I feel it indeed a very great honour that I should be allowed the privilege of proposing his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Mark Master Masons of England for the ensuing year. I am sure that in this assembly it is unnecessary that I should dwell on his merits and qualities. I am satisfied that this proposition will be received with acclamation, for I have heard the applause with which his name is always greeted at our meetings. But may I, as W.M. of the Mark Lodge La France, be allowed to remind you that among those who owe Masonic allegiance to our Most Worshipful Grand Master there are men of many climes and many nationalities, and I am sure I am not advancing too much when I say that to them as well as to you it is a source of great congratulation that he should rule over us all. No man has proved himself more free from prejudices, more cosmopolitan in his ideas than His Royal Highness, and he is therefore pre-eminently fitted to preside over that great agglomeration of men of all countries, who are proud to be English Mark Masons. Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, I don't think I need say more. I beg to propose that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. JOSEPH S. TAMBURINI, W.M. 104: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, and I have very great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Earl of EUSTON: Brethren, I am sure the motion needs no words of mine to commend it to you. I hope the election will be unanimous.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. Major C. W. CARRELL, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales duly elected as Grand Master of Mark Masons.

Bro. FREDERICK MEAD, Grand Treasurer: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I have great pleasure in proposing Bro. Richard Turtle Pigott, D.C.L.—a Worshipful Master, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Craft, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Royal Arch, a Life Governor of all the Charities, for each of which he has served as Steward several times, and has also served three Stewardships of the Mark Benevolent Fund, a joint member of many lodges and chapters, a brother who is well known for his Masonic work, and who is greatly esteemed—for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. I am sure his election will be extremely popular among all Mark Master Masons. (Applause.)

Bro. Major C. W. CARRELL, A.G.D.C.: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Earl of EUSTON: Nobody else being proposed, I announce Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott duly elected as Grand Treasurer during the ensuing year.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

### CONSECRATION OF THE WELLESLEY CHAPTER, No. 1899, AT CROWTHORNE, BERKS.

The consecration of the Wellesley Chapter, No. 1899, took place at the Wellington Masonic Hall, Crowthorne, Berks, on Monday, the 5th instant. The consecration was performed by Comp. John Thornhill Morland, Grand Superintendent, assisted by Comps. R. C. Mount, Prov. G.H., as H.; J. O. Carter, Prov. G.J., as J.; John W. Martin, Prov. G.S.E., as S.E.; the Rev. J. Stewart, P.Z., as S.N.; and E. Margrett, P.Z., as D.C.

The founders of the chapter are Comps. S. G. Kirchhoffer, 1st G. Std. Br.; Major Oswald Ball, Lieut.-Col. S. Jopp, Lieut.-Col. E. Ball, Lieut.-Col. G. Taylor, Rev. J. Stewart, P.Z.; Major C. M. Edwards, Capt. R. A. Rowley, Capt. W. R. Bolton, and Capt. D. Henderson.

The chapter having been opened, the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting.

Comp. MARTIN, Prov. G.S.E., then addressed the Principals, and afterwards read the petition and charter.

The D.C., having formed up the founders in due order in the chapter, they signified their approval of the officers nominated in the charter in Masonic form.

Comp. the Rev. JOHN STEWART, P.Z., delivered an impressive oration on the nature and principles of Royal Arch Masonry.

The chapter was then duly consecrated, dedicated, and constituted, Comp. Bowles, P.P.G.R. Surrey, ably presiding at the organ.

The Principals were then installed; the Grand Superintendent installed Comp. Major O. Ball as H.; and Comp. E. Margrett installed Comp. Col. Jopp as J.; and the other officers were appointed as follows: Comps. Col. Taylor, Treas.; Rev. J. Stewart, S.E.; Major Edwards, S.N.; Capt. Rowley, P.S.; Capt. Bolton, 1st Asst. Soj.; Capt. Henderson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Hemmings, Janitor.

Comp. R. C. MOUNT, Prov. G.H., gave the addresses in a very able way.

The M.E.Z. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Superintendent and companions who assisted in the consecration ceremony, which was carried in a hearty manner.

Nine candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was then closed.

A capital banquet took place afterwards at the Wellington Hotel, at which the honoured toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" was given and enthusiastically received.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

## FREEMASONRY IN QUEBEC.

Dr. John H. Graham, P.G.M. of Quebec, has written a History of Freemasonry in that Province, by authority of the Grand Lodge, and with the general support of the Fraternity in that jurisdiction.

He tells us it has taken him "eighteen months' continuous labour," the result being the publication of a massive octavo volume, got up in an attractive manner and running to some 650 pages. It covers an immense deal of ground, has many copies of documents, warrants, &c., and moreover contains histories of the old lodges in Quebec of a most entertaining character. The frontispiece is from a print supplied by her Majesty the Queen, of her beloved father, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, who was Provincial Grand Master of Lower Canada, 1792-1812, and to his revered memory the handsome volume is dedicated.

The work embraces an account of the Quebec Craft from 1759 to the present time, and includes many particulars respecting the Royal Arch, Knights Templar, and other Degrees. The "British and Irish Masonic Memorabilia" form an excellent introduction to the local history; but it is well to note that the organisation at York was never called a "Grand Lodge" until 1725, as Bro. Hughan has often pointed out; especially in relation to lodges in America, which derived their authority from the "Ancients" or "Atholl Masons" in London. It would have been better had Dr. Graham given no countenance to the absurd notion that these "Ancient" brethren, either in England or America, were in any way entitled to the name of "Ancient York Masons." The time has come for intelligent brethren to drop all such unmeaning "tall talk."

We are one with Bro. Graham in believing that the probabilities are strongly in favour of Lord Alexander, Viscount Canada, having established an *Operative Lodge* among the colonists on the banks of the River St. Lawrence in 1634. That no records now exist is nothing to the purpose, as we know he was a member of St. Mary's Chapel Lodge, No. 1, Edinburgh, prior to leaving "Old Scotia," and, doubtless, several of his followers were Freemasons. We only know of the initiation of several gentlemen in 1646 and 1682 through Ashmole's Diary, without which we should literally have been in ignorance as to such admissions, so it must not be wondered at if still earlier meetings are unrecorded.

Dr. Graham is right in only briefly alluding to those Military Lodges that were at the Siege of Quebec, in 1759, and the capitulation of Montreal in 1760, but did not remain in that colony beyond a few years, more or less. Only those that did abide, and subsequently became Civil Lodges, have any real interest for him as to his work. Of these, happily, there are several, and abundant material has been at hand, or yielded to his researches, with which he has been able to weave many an interesting and welcome history, which should prove especially acceptable and useful to the local Craft.

No. 1, "Antiquity," Montreal, he dates from 1752, but it was only after an eventful career down to 1846, that it was actually domiciled in "Lower Canada." Prior to that the world may be said to have been its parish.

No. 2, "Albion," Quebec, is erroneously placed at 1752, but really dates from 1781, as Bro. Lane has shown in his masterly chapter on "Lodges in America" under the English Constitution, 1733-1889, and Bro. Hughan many years ago demonstrated that fact from actual documents, the most important of which, we believe, he had from Dr. Graham, or rather copies thereof, through his valued aid. It was most unfortunate that a centenary jewel warrant was granted in 1862 by the Grand Lodge of England, whilst the "Albion" was on our roll, but it was wholly in ignorance of the true state of the case.

No. 3, "St. John's," Quebec, was warranted in 1787, and has "continuously resided in ye ancient capital." Had Quebec, therefore, continued a Prov. Grand Lodge, this lodge would be No. 1, locally.

The numerous histories also deserve a careful study, and the historical sketches make good reading. An immense array of facts have likewise been accumulated and presented in the volume as to extinct lodges, but the abundant matter has not been always as carefully arranged as might be, and at times is not correctly placed, but this book is always entertaining, and dullness is a word unknown in the volume from first to last.

We believe Dr. Graham is wrong in declaring Sir Guy Carleton—Lord Dorchester—was Prov. Grand Master, though, of course, he ought to know better than ourselves. We believe it was Christopher Carleton, then a Colonel, or Lieut.-Colonel, and possibly the same brother as the doctor refers to at p. 63, when Lieutenant. We hope the author will look up this point, and set the matter at rest for a second edition.

We cannot follow Dr. Graham in his attempt to set aside the agreement made by the Grand Lodge of Canada, with our Grand Lodge, as respects the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but it is a tender point, and so we drop it, save to say, that no warrant of the Grand Lodge of England from 1721 has ever been withdrawn, save for disobedience of the Regulations, and it is well for this fact to be recognised by all Colonial District Grand Lodges, when they go in for grand Lodges of their own, as they have an undoubted right to do.

There is much else to refer to, but as this great work can be obtained for three dollars, and is exceedingly cheap at that, brethren interested in the subject should procure copies for themselves, and we hope many will do so in this country, the reproduction of old and valued documents being alone more than worth the money, and as a work of research it is both commendable and readable. Bro. Hughan has styled it a "noble volume," and so we say.

HAGUE.—The capital of Holland, called also La Haye, and Haag; in Dutch it is Gravenhage. Freemasonry was founded practically there, in 1731, by the Special Lodge which, under a dispensation from Lord Lovel, G.M., initiated the Duke of Tuscany and Lorraine. There is no trustworthy evidence, in our opinion, of the Lodge "Het Vredendal," or "Frederick Vredendal," which is said to have been founded by an Englishman in 1637, some even say from 1519 to 1631, on an English warrant, though, as far as we know, no actual warrants were given until the 18th century. A French lodge seems to have been founded there in 1734, "Loge du Grand Maître des Provinces Unies et du ressort de la Généralité," at the Golden Lion at the Hague, by Vincent de la Chapelle mainly. A Dutch lodge was formed, it is said, in 1735, under the name of "Le Vénérable Zèle." There seems also about this time another lodge, termed "L'Union," to have been formed by Von Dargan, and this, and the "Véritable Zèle," and the Lodge "La Royale," the third in order of consideration, led to the formation of the National Grand Lodge, December 25, 1756. The Hague is also identified with the early history of the Royal Order of Scotland—a warrant having been granted in 1758 (as shown in D. Murray Lyon's "History of Freemasonry") authorising the erection at the Hague of a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Order. But there is no evidence that the warrant was ever acted upon.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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**ELECTION OF GRAND  
 TREASURER.**

BRO. CHAS. W. HUDSON

begs to thank all those brethren who so kindly  
 attended at Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, and  
 recorded their votes in his favour.

Bro. Hudson pledges himself to contest the next  
 election, and trusts that the efforts of his friends will on  
 that occasion place him on the head of the poll.

**To Correspondents,**

We are still unable to find room for several Reports of  
 Lodges and Lodges of Instruction, but hope to do so next  
 week.



SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1894.

**Masonic Notes.**

Great Queen-street on Wednesday afternoon pre-  
 sented a most animated appearance. Carriages and  
 cabs came along in an unbroken procession and de-  
 posited their occupants at the doors of Freemasons' Hall.  
 Inside was what could only be described as a surging  
 crowd, numbering throughout the afternoon over 3000  
 and from the excitement and interest exhibited it was  
 difficult to believe that the occasion of all this was not  
 a grave constitutional crisis in the history of Free-  
 masonry.

But it was not—the three thousand true and trusty  
 brethren, all either Past Masters, Masters, or Wardens  
 of lodges, had congregated from all parts of the  
 country to decide the question as to who should fill the  
 honourable but not very onerous office of Grand  
 Treasurer for the year. In April next something like a  
 score of brethren will be quietly appointed to their  
 several posts, all equally honourable, some higher  
 some lower, in rank, without much more than a passing  
 comment, or possibly a word of congratulation from a  
 friend. We can only account for the contrast by the  
 fact that an Englishman dearly loves a fight, and  
 does not lose his relish for it by becoming a Mason



The contest throughout was, on the whole, good-humouredly fought, and as each of the candidates were true and trusty men, deserving well of their fellows, we can only congratulate the successful brother, and condole with the defeated candidates.

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Now that the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has come and gone, leaving behind it a pleasant memorial in the shape of donations and subscriptions amounting to close on £13,000, the duty devolves upon us of calling our readers' attention to the second great anniversary gathering of the year. This, as was announced some time since, will take place at Freemasons' Tavern on the 9th May under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and as the occasions on which his lordship has already presided have been attended with marked success, we indulge the hope that a similar fate may attend the Festival which is now approaching.

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In 1873, his lordship—then Lord Skelmersdale—signalled his appointment to the office of Prov. Grand Master by presiding at the 85th Anniversary of the Girls' School, when the proceeds, amounting to not far short of £7500, exceeded those of the preceding year by some £3300. In 1876, he presided at the Benevolent Festival, the Returns reached £9300, or £2300 more than in 1875. In 1880, he was Chairman at the Boys' Festival, the Returns being £14,000, or £3500 in excess of those of 1879; while, in 1891, when he presided a second time at the Festival of the same School, the total reached £29,000. These facts augur well for the gathering in May.

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As regards the claims of the Institution to a generous support, there is little to be added to what has already been said times out of number. Since its establishment in 1788 the School has benefited some 1750 girls, while the system of training and education which has been adopted throughout its whole career, but more especially since 1861, when Miss Davis was appointed Head Governess, has been most praiseworthy.

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Of this we have annually the most satisfactory evidence in the successes of those pupils who are entered for the various public examinations. Indeed, it was only last week we reported how all the 17 girls who had been candidates at the Cambridge Local Examinations in December, 1893, succeeded in passing. Three of these were seniors, of whom one took second class honours, while the others satisfied the examiners. Of the 14 juniors one took first class honours, two second class, and two third class, the remaining nine passing. Among these as many as 12 distinctions in particular subjects were awarded. This is the third time in the last five years that all have passed, the percentage of failures being only three during that period, as against 27 for the whole of England.

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As regards the ways and means of the Institution we have pointed out on many former occasions that the permanent income when compared with the expenditure is small. The former is about £2000 per annum, the latter between £12,000 and £13,000. Thus the assistance of the whole Craft is needed in order to enable the Institution to carry on its beneficent work with the same vigour, and at the same standard of efficiency as heretofore.

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Under these circumstances it is imperative that a generous response should be made to the efforts of the Stewards and the appeal which Lord Lathom will make on the appointed day. His lordship and his great Province of West Lancashire are a host in themselves, but a second host will, no doubt, be formed from the other Provinces and London, and by the efforts of the combined forces, acting together with the most complete harmony, we trust that such a total of donations and subscriptions will be obtained as will enable our senior Charity not only to pay its way during the current year, but carry over to the next a substantial balance, which will be available for such heavy contingent expenses as the recent enlargement of the Infirmary, or in times of serious need, when a grave political or commercial crisis renders the collection of large sums of money impossible.

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The Subscribers to the Boys' School will notice a departure in the voting papers just being issued for the April election, which we think is a step in the right direction. By perforating the paper, the voting sheet will be more easily detached, and with less risk of

tearing the voting half. To those actively engaged in dealing with heavy numbers of papers on the day of election this improvement will be a welcome one, and Bro. McLeod is to be congratulated on making it.

## Correspondence.

### ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As it is impossible for me to thank personally the brethren who supported me yesterday in the election for Grand Treasurer, I ask you to allow me space in your valuable paper to convey to them my appreciation of their kindness and thanks for their votes and interest.

It will be my earnest endeavour to retain their confidence by doing all in my power to uphold the dignity of such a high position in the Craft.—I am, dear sir, yours fraternally,

JOSEPH C. DIMSDALE.

March 8th.

### REPORTS OF IRISH LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I send you the enclosed "Special Notice" which has been issued to the brethren of the Masonic Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Sir John Marcus Stewart, Bart., 32<sup>d</sup>.

Is it any wonder you have few correspondents in Ireland, and that the *Freemason* has no very extensive circulation among us.

It seems to me that the step taken by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh is a backward one. What do we do or say at our installation dinners or other entertainments to be ashamed of? or who and where are the individual brethren who are ashamed to associate their names with our ancient and honourable Institution?

Freemasonry is not a secret society. It may have its secrets (and has) but its members are known to the world, its meetings are regularly held, and the time and place duly published, the temples of the Craft adorn both city and hamlet, and its members shed their lustre on every rank of society.

Why, then, all this humbug, which savours more of a clandestine institution than of our Noble Order? And the sooner the Grand Lodge of Ireland eliminates Rule XXIV. from our Book of Constitutions, the sooner will that light which Irish Freemasonry has so long languished for, be let in upon it, and with the breaking up of the darkness will come the breaking up of that clique which has so long held our order in Ireland in its iron grasp.

Sgt. A. Q. C.

Rule 24. Page 14. Grand Lodge of Ireland, Dublin Laws and Constitutions—1888:

"The transactions or proceedings of any meeting of the Grand Lodge, of any Provincial Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, or any Masonic Committee, or any comment thereon, or reference thereto, shall not be printed or published, without the permission of the Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, or, if in a Masonic Province, of the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy."

"Special notice.

"Masonic Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh.

"Prov. Grand Secretary's Office,

"Enniskillen, 23rd Feb., 1894.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"I am directed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Sir John Marcus Stewart, Bart., to call your most particular attention to the grave breach of Masonic obedience, and direct violation of Rule XXIV., Book of Constitutions, which is being committed by Lodges in publishing reports of their proceedings at installations and Lodge dinners, or other entertainments, giving the names of individual brethren taking part therein, together with toasts, songs, &c., &c."

"This reprehensible practice has been condemned and frequently forbidden by Grand Lodge, and by its direction Provincial Grand Masters and Authorities have also forbidden it within their bounds.

"At the last meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master brought the subject prominently forward—again condemning the practice, and expressing his intention of dealing with future transgressors penally according to the Laws of the Craft—he is therefore the more surprised and grieved to find that these authoritative admonitions have been disregarded, and the Law of the Order flagrantly broken, even since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He now directs the issue of this circular and notice to all Lodges, Officers, and Brethren, within this jurisdiction, warning Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of their personal responsibilities in the matter, and announcing his determination to enforce in future the penalties attached to any breach of the laws in force on this subject, and he calls upon the Officers and Brethren throughout the Province to discountenance the practice, and prevent its repetition.

"You will cause this circular to be read in open Lodge and promulgated amongst the members.

"Fraternally yours,

"O. TERNAN,

"Provincial Grand Secretary."

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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### AN OLD CERTIFICATE.

From the East where Silence rose.  
Lodge of Virtue and Honour, No. 625.

These are to Certify, That Brother John Cawse Harvie was regularly made a Mason on 24th October, 1811, and admitted to the Third Degree of Masonry in our Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons held in the Town of Totnes and County of Devon named and numbered as above, and has behaved during his stay with us as becomes a true and faithful Mason and as such we recommend him to all regular lodges throughout the World after due trial and examination.

And in case of Death or otherwise this might be made an improper use of we have caused him to sign his Name in the Margin. Please to see him do the same.

Given under our Hands and Seal of our Lodge this Sixth day of June, 1814, and of Masonry 5814.

Jno. Murch, R.W.M.

Henry Cridland, S. Warden.

Roger Hopkins, J. Warden.

JNO. C. HARVIE.

Secretary,  
Thos. Daw.

The foregoing refers to a lodge at Totnes, which was warranted 1st May, 1811, and erased 5th December, 1827. I do not remember having previously seen a certificate desiring that the bearer should be asked to sign his name for the purpose of identification, although I have no doubt it was frequently done.

JNO. LANE.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge (No. 4).**—The installation meeting of this Time Immemorial lodge was held on the 26th ultimo at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Thomas Kingham, P.M., P.G.S., W.M., presiding. There was a very large attendance. The Past Masters were represented by Bros. W. T. Whitmore, H. Mackintosh, T. A. Ruglin, H. P. Hughes, Geo. Weldon, H. J. Gardiner, C. F. R. Kayne, J. A. Joseph, C. Cousins, W. Stephenson Hoyte, O. T. Hodges, J. W.; C. F. R. Payne, S.D.; and A. Adams, J.D. The visitors were Bros. E. J. Barron, J. Sampson Peirce, Charles E. Keyser, J. Lewis Thomas, Charles Martin, C. Hammerton, C. F. Matier, W. de M. Sergison, E. Letchworth, F. A. Philbrick, W. Ganz, W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167; E. R. Quincey, 259; W. Coward, 2000; W. H. Brereton, P.M. 1920; C. Ackerman, 1706; A. G. Hanson, S.W. 2484; J. Harper Kereton, S.D. 1920; C. Lock, 1361; K. Hovenden, 21; E. W. Postan, P.M. 34; J. W. 2484; J. Ford, P.M. 58, P.G.S.; C. Belton, 1, P.D.G.D.C.; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; E. St. Clair, W.M. 14; J. Simpson Jay, 1718; H. Rayner, 2127; P. K. Langdale, 1361; F. Laurance, 255; S. Spicer, W.M. Grove Lodge; F. Eve, P.M. 657; H. W. Kirby, 1; E. A. de Paiva, P.M. 176; H. O. Yeatman, W.M. 1159; A. B. Trindell, 1874; J. H. Scott, 1673; F. Lang Day, 1328; D. Godfrey, 256; G. H. Tatham Armitage, P.P.S.G.W.N. and E. Yorks; H. P. Harris, 10, P.P.G. Registrar Bucks; Bradshaw Brown, P.M. 1, P.G.S.; B. B. Mulding, 88; Horace A. Lomer, 91; A. J. Norris, 569; G. D. Lister, 909; W. B. Billinghamurst, 2312; and R. O. B. Lane, Q.C., 1506.

The W.M. installed Bro. Albert John Venn, M.D., as W.M., and was himself invested as I.P.M. The other brethren appointed to office were Bros. Hodges, S.W.; Paine, J.W.; the Rev. A. W. Oxford, P.M., P.G.S., Chap.; Gresley Hall, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Frederick West, P.M., Sec.; A. Adams, P.M., S.D.; Hartung, P.M., J.D.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Organist; Stewart Brown, P.M., I.G.; Hugh Mackintosh, P.M., P.G.S., D.C.; Fenn, P.M., Steward; and Freeman, Tyler. The S.D., Bro. A. Adams, P.M., was elected Grand Steward for the year; a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M.; and the brethren then adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice banquet awaited them.

The usual toasts followed, the speeches being interspersed with some beautiful music performed by Mlle. Elena Leiler and the Westminster Singers, and Bros. Walter Coward, Harper Kearton, Charles Ackerman, and W. H. Brereton, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz conducting.

**Robert Burns Lodge (No. 25).**—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present: Bros. W. P. Barnsdall, W.M.; W. C. Maynard, S.W.; T. Hawkins, J.W.; J. S. Elliott, Treas.; J. W. Harvey, Sec.; T. B. Fullwood, S.D.; J. F. Deaton, J.D.; H. C. Miller, I.G.; A. Pennington, Org.; Harding Tyler; J. Robins, I.P.M.; G. Deaton, P.M.; J. C. Watts, T. J. C. L. Bordenaux, F. V. R. Romilly, and others. Bro. W. Roots, P.M., was a visitor. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Boldman, 193, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Messrs. F. V. R. Romilly and H. S. Dauton were initiated. Bro. Watts was passed to the Second Degree, and several propositions were made for initiates and joining members. The lodge was then closed, and a banquet afterwards took place.

**Panmure Lodge (No. 715).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on the 17th ult. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Solomon Myers was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bros. Quicke, I.P.M., and E. M. Anderson. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. Spiers,

S.W.; J. Isaacs, J.W.; Cohen, S.D.; Louis Nüeburger, J.D.; and Kemble, I.G. Among the large number of visitors present were included Bros. F. Cooper Willis, S.D., and Lewis Lipman.

The banquet which took place afterwards was well attended, and the W.M. gave the usual loyal, Masonic, and other toasts, which were gracefully responded to.

Bros. Kemble, I.G., and Zwinger, P.M., acted as pianists, and amongst those who sang were Mr. Grover, the well known tenor; Bros. Lipman, Birdseye, P.M.; Kemble, I.G.; Quicke, I.P.M.; and many others.

**Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Frederick Hughes, W.M.; James Smith, S.W.; T. W. Fisher, J.W.; T. Selby Henrey, Chap.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; Henry Legge, P.M., Sec.; R. Sarson, S.D.; A. J. Holmes, J.D.; George Goodes, P.M., D.C.; George Abbott, P.M.; John George Marsh, P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, P.M.; S. T. Lucas, P.M.; J. M. Mower, P.M.; Eggleton, George Everett (Hon. Member), Garton, Simmonds, Clarke, Miner, W. Baker, Robeson, F. R. Kenning, Stokes, Bevan, Martyn, London, and Johnson. Visitors: Bros. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; J. Roberts, P.M. 65; George King, P.M. 172; and 14 other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the report of the Audit Committee read and adopted. Bro. Eggleton was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Henrey, F. R. Kenning, Robeson, and Stokes were passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Edwin Grove Johnson was balloted for and initiated. Bro. Couchman was re-elected Tyler. The installation of Bro. James Smith as W.M. was then performed. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Fredk. Hughes, I.P.M.; T. W. Fisher, S.W.; Robt. Sarson, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Selby Henrey, Chap.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; Henry Legge, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Holmes, S.D.; Charles Garton, J.D.; Geo. Miner, I.G.; J. M. Mower, P.M., D.C.; and Wm. Baker, Stwd. A Past Master's jewel of the value of 10 guineas was voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Hughes. A proposition of Bro. H. Legge, P.M., that a donation of 10 guineas be made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the amount be placed on the list of Bro. Frank R. Kenning, who is representing the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming annual Festival in aid of that Charity, was carried unanimously. Several presentations of furniture were made to the lodge by brethren present, amongst others, a kneeling chair for candidates by Bro. Garton, two new pedestals by Bro. F. Hughes, I.P.M., and a handsome cloth for the Secretary's table by Bro. W. Baker. Bro. H. Legge, Secretary, stated that he had received from Bro. George Kenning, P.M., a copy of his illustrated history of the lodge for presentation to the lodge. He regretted that Bro. Kenning was not present to make the presentation in person. On looking over the book, he had been delighted to find the history of the lodge illustrated and recorded in so splendid a manner, and considered it to be a book that should be in the hands of every member of the lodge.

Lodge was then closed, and a banquet afterwards took place.

**Mount Edgumbe Lodge (No. 1446).**—The installation meeting of this distinguished and flourishing lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Saturday, the 10th ult., when there were present, Bros. J. Wynne, W.M.; Jos. Whitehead, S.W., W.M. elect.; G. H. L. Renton, P.M., J.W.; G. W. Perry, P.M., Treas.; G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M., Sec.; E. Darling, V. Wood, acting J.D.; W. Duncan, D.C.; E. S. Cockton, Org.; A. Burch, I.G.; J. Pullen, Stwd.; and a large number of members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. T. Jones passed, and Mr. Harry Lamb initiated by the W.M. in capital style. The Auditors presented their report which was received and adopted and showed a very substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. Jos. Whitehead, W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Wynne, which ceremony was performed in a commendable manner. The three addresses were ably executed by Bro. J. Wynne, I.P.M. Bro. Jos. Whitehead, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Wynne, I.P.M.; C. H. L. Renton, P.M., S.W.; R. Darling, J.W.; G. W. Perry, P.M., Treas.; G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Nutman, S.D.; J. Pullen, J.D.; J. Brown, I.G.; W. Duncan, D.C.; E. S. Cockton, Org.; A. E. Mullins, and W. G. Hale, Stwds.; J. Masters, A.D.C.; and Geo. Harrison, Tyler. The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds and placed on the list of Bro. G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M., Sec., who was standing as Steward for the Girls' School. This sum was well supplemented by the brethren during the evening. A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. T. Cull, P.M., who had sickness in his family.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Pearce, the proprietor, in his usual excellent style.

**Rose Lodge (No. 1622).**—This lodge met at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 3rd inst., Bro. S. J. Durham, W.M., presiding. Bros. Cohen and Elden were passed, and Messrs. S. F. Hilton and Biggs initiated. The W.M. very kindly afforded Bro. Hilton, P.M., the privilege of initiating his son, the ceremony being performed in a manner in which only an old P.M. and Preceptor could render it. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

**Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2976).**—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, W.M.; Rev. C. J. Ball, S.W.; E. Macbean, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; C. Pardon Clarke, J.D.; S. T. Klein, I.G.; W. H. Rylands, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Dr. Sir B. W. Richardson, and Dr. Belgrave Ninnis, R.N. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. A. Howell, J. W. Thompson, Rev. Hugh Thomas, H. B. Papienius, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, G. R. Cobham, W. R. D. Adkin, R. Palmer Thomas, H. Thompson, E. A. T. Breed, F. F. Giraud, J. J. Hall, F. Wood, C. B. Barnes, W. G. P. Gilbert, Dr. C. R. Alder Wright, W. F. Stauffer, C. N. McIntyre North, R. Manuel, C. M. Brander, W. G. Poole, J. Frost Creswick, J. Robbins, G.

Stevens, J. Roper, E. Armitage, R. Tucker, H. H. Shirley, E. Glaeser, J. Shepherd, S. D. Wade, J. A. Gartley, C. A. Hardwick, W. Pile, W. F. Sheppard, Dr. C. L. Tuckey, G. A. Nock, G. Gregson, C. Fruen, H. E. Frances, S. R. Baskett, T. Charters White, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., E. Haward, Dr. R. T. Cooper, Rev. J. W. Horsley, and H. Harris. Visitors: Bros. Dr. S. Kapadia, 1159; and Rev. J. L. Evans, 1118. Six corporations and 72 brethren were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle. The W.M. read a paper on "The Rosicrucians, their History and Aims, with reference to the alleged connection between Rosicrucianism and Freemasonry." The lecture was listened to with much interest, and at its conclusion the Secretary read some written remarks which had been forwarded thereon by Bros. E. Conder and W. J. Hughan. A discussion followed, maintained by Bros. W. H. Rylands, E. Macbean, G. W. Speth, and Rev. J. W. Horsley, and a warm vote of thanks to the W.M. was passed by acclamation.

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

**St. Martin's Lodge (No. 2455).**—A regular meeting of this successful young lodge was held at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, on the 28th ult. Bro. Charles S. Lee, P.M., W.M., was supported by Bros. W. T. Farthing, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Thos. Baptie, S.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., J.W.; G. W. Murnane, Sec.; C. Mason, J.D.; W. Challice, I.G.; F. Swinford Smith, Org.; Geo. Marshall, Stwd.; and many lay members. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Ashplant, 179; A. J. Wickenden, S.D. 1599; F. S. Hewett, 1194; C. Porter, 889; A. E. Vupps, Org. 1295; G. Whallis, 2347; H. J. May, 834; L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. F. J. Redman and P. E. Pilditch were then passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. D. J. Jones and E. Robins, having been approved by ballot, were impressively initiated into Freemasonry. This being the meeting appointed for the selection of a W.M., a ballot was taken, and Bro. Baptie, S.W., was declared elected. The Treasurer and Tyler were re-elected. A Past Master's jewel and a P.M.'s collar and jewel were unanimously voted to Bro. C. S. Lee, W.M., as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren at the energy and zeal he has displayed during the first year of the lodge. Propositions were received, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Adelphi Restaurant, Strand, and the usual toasts were afterwards given.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it afforded him a great amount of pleasure to do so, because he felt that Bro. C. S. Lee had done a very great deal for the good of that lodge and its prosperity. The best thanks of every member were due to the W.M., who had left no stone unturned to promote the interests of the lodge, and its present state of prosperity was largely due to him. In retiring from the chair, Bro. Lee enjoyed the best wishes and hopes of the brethren for his future happiness.

Bro. C. S. Lee, W.M., said the I.P.M. had made so many kind remarks that it was a difficult task to respond. He thanked Bro. Farthing for his kindly expressions, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He should always look back upon his year in the chair as one of the happiest in his life. The work had been perhaps a little arduous, but his year had been a thoroughly happy one. Everyone seemed to have worked well together, and as he remarked when installed in the chair by the Grand Secretary, they were a scratch crew, but could pull well together. It was suggested by the J.W. that after a year's hard work he was entitled to have a quiet second year as W.M., but having filled the position for 14 months he thought it was desirable the officers should have the opportunity of being raised a step. He had initiated 23 candidates, and during the existence of the lodge £550 had been paid into the funds. From the first they maintained they wanted quality, for then they would get the quantity, and this had been verified to a marvellous extent, and if they went on in the future as they had done in the past, they would have one of the best lodges in London. They had not only a goodly number, but they had H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M., as one of their Honorary Members. He asked for his successor the same kindness and courtesy as he had found extended to him, and the same support from the officers and members. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the kindness he had received from all, and could say that his successor would have one of the best lodges to preside over.

"The Initiates" having been honoured,

The W.M. gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," and said the lodge was deeply indebted to Bro. Farthing for his valuable help. Bro. Farthing was a distinguished Mason of 30 years' standing, and was an authority on Freemasonry, and he (the W.M.) heartily acknowledged the assistance and advice he had received.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, I.P.M., expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to occupy the position of acting I.P.M., and assist the W.M., and, if anything he had done had in any way conduced to the harmony or prosperity of the lodge, he was amply repaid.

Bros. L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381; and Wilkenden responded for "The Visitors," after which Bro. Murnane, Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

"The Officers" was given, and the Tyler's toast concluded an enjoyable and pleasant evening.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### AMERSHAM.

**Carrington Lodge (No. 2421).**—An emergency meeting was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Crown Hotel, Bro. J. C. F. Tower, W.M., presiding. The lodge having been opened, Messrs. Joseph Greer, John W. Smith, and Vincent L. Bennett were initiated. Bros. W. T. Oades and T. Pallister were raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge having been closed, the brethren afterwards sat down to a very excellent repast, served up in admirable manner by the new host, Bro. V. L. Bennett.

##### BANBURY.

**Cherwell Lodge (No. 599).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th ult. Among the visitors present were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G. Master; Viscount Valentia, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Past Grand Chap. England; S. Lyon, P.M. 43, 1474, P.P.G.D.C. Warwickshire; M. Jones, P.M. 43, Prov. G. Std. Br. Warwickshire; S. Barnett, P.M. 185; Green, P.M.; Wilkinson, P.M.; Dixon, W.M.; S. J. Davis, J.W. 43; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Master was announced, received and saluted. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then took the chair, and Bro. Mark Nathan, S.W., Prov. G. Stwd., was presented and installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master in a most able manner, and giving great satisfaction to all present. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. S. Hood, I.P.M.; G. C. Sykes, S.W.; H. Bartlett, J.W.; J. S. Palmer, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wood, P.M., Sec.; F. T. Robinson, S.D.; H. Kilby, J. D.; R. W. Flick, I.G.; H. Warner, D.C.; John Fortescue and W. Page, Stwds.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the White Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

##### BARNET.

**Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).**—The regular meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 23rd ult., when there were present: Bros. F. C. Collingwood, W.M.; R. W. Oldfield, S.W.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Blizard Abbott, I.P.M.; J. P. Euerby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Baxter, P.P.G. Reg.; J. E. Cussans, P.M., P.P.G.W.; S. Tryon, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Anneveld, S.D.; H. J. Tibbatts, J.D.; W. Marshall, I.G.; R. F. Young, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; John Mason, A.D.C.; B. Spicer, and Rainsford, Stwds.; Goddard, Tyler; Cranston, Billson, Alten, Hornby, C. Grimwade, Dade, Haskins, Org., and others. Visitors: Bros. Grant, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Overed, P.M. 1708; Nicole, S.D. 2278; Anneveld, 1950; Stodart, Mother Kilwinning (S.C.); Alderman, 1327; Larner, 1327; and Bateman, 100.

The minutes of the January meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Albert King, Henry Robert Hume, and Charles Ellis, which proved favourable, and Messrs. King and Hume, being in attendance, were forthwith initiated into the earlier mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being rendered by the W.M. most ably and impressively. A sum of £5 5s. was voted from the funds of the lodge to be placed on the list of the W.M. as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the other business being disposed of, lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together, a most agreeable evening was spent, the pleasure being the greater by reason of the songs contributed towards the harmony of the meeting by Bros. Cranston, Goddard, Grimwade, Mason, and Anneveld.

##### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 1st ult., Bro. John T. Last, W.M., presiding. Messrs. Thos. Herbert Bedford and Joseph Braithwaite Childre were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. T. Wainman Holmes, P.P.G.O. The lodge was then closed.

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

##### CHICHESTER.

**Lodge of Union (No. 38).**—On Thursday, the 1st ult., the brethren of this lodge held their annual installation meeting at the Council Chamber, when there was a good attendance of members of the lodge, who were honoured with the presence of several distinguished visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. John St. Clair, P.P.G.W., the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. Thomas Weller Pooley, P.G.D. of England, and P.M. of Nos. 10 and 1629. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. St. Clair, I.P.M.; H. H. Moore, S.W.; G. Fielder, J.W.; Rev. Musgrave Hilton, Chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; A. I. Raven, S.D.; C. R. B. Knight, J.D.; Oliver Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; Felton G. Kandolph, A.D.C.; A. W. Lambert, P.M. 588; P.P.G. Org. Lincolnshire, Organist; S. Baker, I.G.; E. King and D. Waddington, Stwds.; and W. A. Beatson, Tyler. The Past Master's gold jewel presented to Bro. St. Clair so long ago as 1868, when he first served the office of Worshipful Master, having been enriched with a gold bar, bearing the dates of his two years of office—1868 and 1893—was handed back to him by the W.M. Bros. G. Smith, P.M. P.P.G.W., and O. N. Wyatt were re-elected Charity Stewards (the latter to serve on the Charities Committee of the Province), and the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—to which the son of a late member of the lodge has recently been admitted. This amount was increased during the day to between £50 and £60 by individual contributions, and the whole amount placed on the list of Bro. Weller Pooley, who consented to go up as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival.

Business being ended, the brethren sat down in the Assembly Room to a banquet served in unexceptionable style by Bro. Hornsby.

##### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Lodge (No. 48).**—There was another very successful and influential meeting of this lodge held on Monday, the 20th ult. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Jobson, presided, and was supported by a large number of members and visitors. Mr. Wm. Southren, previously balloted for, was initiated. Bros. W. E. Peacock, Robt. Kelly, and R. Dobson were passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M. Bro. Wm. Stafford, S.W., was afterwards unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months.

and Bro. M. Corbitt was re-elected as Treasurer. The Finance Committee was appointed, and two new candidates were proposed.

After other business had been transacted, and the W.M. had received many kindly wishes from the visitors, the proceedings were closed, and an adjournment took place to the refreshment board.

#### LEICESTER.

**Golden Fleece Lodge (No. 2081).**—The annual festival and installation of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 19th ult., and was a very successful function. There were present brethren representing nearly all the lodges of the province, and many from distant and neighbouring provinces. Besides 30 Past Masters who honoured the occasion, there were present, the whole of the Past Masters of the lodge except one who died last year, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. E. Holmes and many officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. Lodge was opened, and, after the usual preliminary business, the installation of the W.M., Bro. Arthur J. West, was proceeded with, the ceremony being ably performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. H. Staynes. The address to the W.M. was very impressively given by Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. Bro. West invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. H. Staynes, I.P.M.; Arno Jahn, S.W.; E. C. Kilby, J.W.; A. Chamberlin, Treas.; F. S. Waterman, Sec.; C. F. Spencer, S.D.; J. H. Lees, J.D.; G. Jessop, D. of C.; E. R. Fox, Org.; A. Tacey, I.G.; W. C. Marris and S. J. Ewing, Stewards; and James Tanser, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Staynes, by the lodge, and the presentation was made by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. West, in appropriate terms, and feelingly acknowledged by the recipient. After certain business the lodge was closed.

#### MANCHESTER.

**Newall Lodge (No. 1134).**—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Again there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. B. Eckersley, W.M., who opened the lodge, was supported by all his officers. The business consisted of three passings, the ceremonies being performed by the Worshipful Master, the other two by Bro. E. Webb, I.P.M., who display great ability in the exposition of the Degree. The working tools were presented and the address given by Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.M., D.C. Upon the notice of motion from Bro. Duffin, £10 was subscribed to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

**Duchess of York Lodge (No. 2482).**—The regular meeting of this successful lodge was held on Monday, the 19th ult., at the Victoria Hotel, under the Mastership of Bro. J. Archer Howe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., W.M. The W.M. took the chair, and opened the lodge. The business on the summons was a passing and two raisings, all the work being performed by the Worshipful Master. There were several handsome presents given to the lodge by various members, so that in a very short time, if those brethren are as liberal as those already members, the lodge will soon be complete with every requisite.

#### MONKWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

**Williamson Lodge (No. 949).**—There was an exceptionally large attendance at this lodge on the occasion of the monthly general meeting on the 10th ult., particular interest attaching to the meeting by a fraternal visit from the officers of the Province of Durham, there being altogether over 40 Worshipful Masters and Past Masters present.

The lodge was opened in due form, and a ballot taken for Mr. W. T. Fowler, who was declared elected, and was afterwards initiated by Bro. A. Logan, I.P.M. 949. Bro. Smith was duly passed by Bro. W. Biggam, W.M. So. Before closing the lodge, the "Hearty good wishes of Grand Lodge" were expressed by Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., and the "Hearty good wishes of Provincial Grand Lodge" were suitably conveyed by Bro. J. Pattison, P.G.S.W. The W.M., Bro. Halfnight, in the course of the proceedings, presented to the lodge his portrait, very substantially framed. Bro. J. G. Kirtley, P.M., Treas., in accepting the portrait on behalf of the lodge, said he had much pleasure in doing so, and he felt there was no property belonging to the lodge which would be more valued than this portrait of the W.M.

After further business, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the banqueting room, where Bro. R. W. Halfnight, P.P.G.T., presided. After justice had been done to a substantial repast, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Master of England," both of which were enthusiastically received. The W.M. then proposed "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

#### GLD TRAFFORD.

**Talbot Lodge (No. 2231).**—The regular meeting was held on the 16th ult., at the Local Board Offices. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Roberts, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was a passing, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. Bro. R. E. Stringleman, I.P.M., resumed the chair, and raised Bro. Baybutt.

#### TEIGNMOUTH.

**Benevolent Lodge (No. 303).**—The 101st annual installation of this prosperous old lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 12th ult., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. As the lodge will this year celebrate its centenary, it had been unanimously agreed that the senior Past Master should be re-installed in the chair with the understanding that he would appoint as the officers of the year the Past Masters of the lodge. Accordingly, Bro. P. W. Burden, P.M. (who had been W.M. in 1870 and 1871, a P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.), was duly and ably installed in the chair of the lodge by Bro. F. C. Hallett, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and he appointed as the officers for the current year the following brethren: Bros. E. Andrews, I.P.M.; J. I. O. Evans, S.W.; F. C. Frost, F.S.I., P.G. Supt. of Wks., J.W.; F. C. Hallett, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. U. Valentine, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Rev. G. F. Ford, M.A., Chap.; E. L. Cordes, S.D.; R.

C. Musgrave, J.D.; H. A. McBryde, D. of C.; G. H. Johnson, M.D., I.G.; P. G. Dobson and W. H. Whiteway-Wilkinson, F.R.C.S., Stwds.; and W. Robbins, Tyler. Bro. F. C. Frost, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks., was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Committee of Petitions. The installation ceremony was rendered most impressively, additional effect being given by the musical service, conducted by Bro. G. L. Loam, Prov. G. Org.

After the business at lodge had been transacted and the lodge duly closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. McBryde's London Hotel, where a banquet of a most *riche* description was spread, which was more numerous attended than in any previous year. The evening was spent most harmoniously, the usual toasts being duly given and responded to, and music and recitations from several brethren added much to the enjoyment of all present.

### Mark Masonry.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).**—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 23rd ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. Huish, W.M., in the chair. By the W.M.'s request, Bro. Dr. Pocock assumed the chair, and ably installed Bro. P. Monson as W.M., assisted by Bros. Lawson, as S.W.; Dr. Kiallmark, as J.W.; and Parkhouse, as I.G. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Wadham, S.W.; Dr. Kiallmark, J.W.; Larter, M.O.; Beard, S.O.; Lawson, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; and T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec. The other appointments were postponed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Huish. The death of Bro. G. Gardner, S.O. of the lodge, having been reported, a vote of sympathy was passed to his widow. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, the lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

**Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).**—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 21st ult., Bro. W. H. Holroyd, W.M., presiding. Bro. W. Harvey was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Nelson Prower, Treasurer; and Bro. Goddard, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. W. H. Holroyd. The lodge was then closed, and adjourned till the third Tuesday in April next. A banquet followed.

#### ALTRINCHAM.

**Stamford Lodge (No. 148).**—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Unicorn Hotel. Bro. the Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, M.A., Worshipful Master, presided, and opened the lodge. The ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Craven, J.P. and D.L., W.M. 1253, and Bro. Henry Franc, 1357, both being favourable. Bro. Thomas Wood was advanced, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Cartwright, P.M., P.P.G.W., in a very impressive manner.

Under the able president, we feel assured there will be a very prosperous year.

#### BOGNOR.

**West Sussex Lodge (No. 453).**—The first anniversary of this lodge was celebrated at the Assembly Rooms, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Alfred Lloyd, Prov. G.D. of C., as W.M. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. V. Paxton, Prov. G.M.O., who was supported by many distinguished members and visitors. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. F. V. Paxton, when Bro. Alfred Lloyd, the newly-installed Master, appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. V. Paxton, Prov. G.M.O., I.P.M.; E. E. Street, P.P.G.W. Hants, S.W.; H. Langton, J.W.; W. Bennett, P.P.G.D.C., M.O.; W. C. Blaker, S.O.; E. T. Cooksey, J.O.; G. Powell, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; G. Gatehouse, R. of M.; J. H. Longman, Sec.; Rev. P. Crick, Prov. G. Chap., S.D.; H. Williams White, J.D.; and W. F. Simpson, I.G. Before closing the lodge the new W.M. presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Dr. Paxton, with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the excellent manner he had performed his exceptionally arduous duties as first W.M. of the lodge during the past year.

The brethren then adjourned to the Octagon Room where an excellent banquet was provided.

#### CHESTER.

**Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 195).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the 21st ult., Bro. J. Woolley, W.M., P.P.G.D., in the chair. The business of the evening included the advancement of Bro. Jas. W. Shaw, P.M. 1570, and Bro. C. H. Davies, of the same lodge, after which Bro. James S. Warren, Prov. G.O., S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Chas. Edwards was elected Treasurer.

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

#### EGREMONT.

**Sewell Lodge (No. 421).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Nelson, W.M., P.P.G. Reg. of Mks., when Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., was invited to preside, and Bro. Dr. T. M. Kimpster was advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. Bro. Nelson, being W.M. elect for the second time, was presented and installed, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Jas. Lowery, I.P.M.; Dr. Braithwaite, S.W.; J. Hellon, J.W.; W. Irving, M.O.; J. Hodgson, S.O.; T. McLeod, J.O.; Rev. G. B. Armes, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Jas. Muncaster, Treas.; J. A. Parker, Reg. of Mks.; Jas. Lowery, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Stout, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., S.D.; Dr. Kimpster, J.D.; and H. Hartley, P.M., P.J.G.W., I.G. The following were also present: Bros. Wm. Armstrong; J. Wakelield, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; A. Moordaff, P.P.G. Org.; Edwd. Jackson, P.G. Stwd.; and Rev. Jos. Anderson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dalrymple for his services, and the lodge was then closed.

#### JERSEY.

**Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).**—It must have been very gratifying to the Secretary of this lodge (Bro. J. W. Hamling), after years of unceasing devotion to its interests, interests, indeed, which some years ago threatened to vanish altogether, to be present, and to take an active part in the duties of such a meeting as gathered together on Wednesday, the 21st ult., within the walls of the imposing Masonic Temple of the Island, to witness the installation of Bro. F. G. Hamilton into the chair. Under the favouring support of the Grand Master Overseer of England and Wales, Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, with a roll of members close on 70, and numerous and capable brethren of good social standing, either holding office or anxiously looking forward to the same, the supply of excellent Worshipful Masters is not likely to fail, and, without presumption, we may forecast a long and steady period of prosperity for the Cæsarean Lodge. We offer our very hearty congratulations to Bro. J. W. Hamling, and may each succeeding W.M. for many years to come be fortunate enough to secure the services of so excellent a Secretary. The meeting was called for 6.45 p.m., and at 7 precisely, the W.M., Bro. C. Marett, opened the lodge. After the usual preliminaries, the Installing Master, Bro. Balfour Cockburn, P.S.G.D., who has acted as Installing Master of this lodge for some years past, assumed the gavel, and Bro. P. G. Hamilton having been duly presented was regularly placed in the chair in the presence of the following: Bros. C. Marett, P.M.; Major F. Godfray, P.M.; L. P. Hespriadoux, P.M.; J. Le Sueur, P.M.; Dr. T. Aubin, P.M.; John Gray, P.M.; E. Bree, P.M., G. Stwd.; and Col. H. Wylie, P.M., P.D.S.G.W. Gibraltar. The W.M., Bro. P. G. Hamilton, then appointed the following as his officers, and they were duly invested: Bros. C. Marett, I.P.M.; J. Goldsmith, S.W.; J. C. Barrette, J.W.; H. Stevenson, M.O.; S. Gilley, S.O.; C. Malet de Carteret, J.O.; F. Vincent, R. of M.; J. W. Hamling, Sec.; A. Hadley, S.D.; Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier, J.D.; J. Elliott, D.C.; C. H. Wilson, I.G.; and J. Cumming and J. De la Perelle, Stewards. Bro. Pugsley, re-elected Treasurer, was unavoidably absent. Since the last Mark installation it has been our sad duty to record the death of a valued member of our Order (Bro. Rogers), who not only was Tyler of the Cæsarean Lodge, but had been custodian of the Masonic Temple for many years. This evening Bro. Hamlyn, who had already been appointed custodian, was elected and invested as Tyler of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the annual installation supper took place.

### Cryptic Masonry.

**Grand Masters' Council (No. 1).**—The election meeting of this council was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 23rd ult. Among the officers present were: Comps. Capt. Walls, P.T.I.M., Recorder, as T.I.M.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.C. of W.; A. McDowall, C. of C.; J. N. Fry, as C. of G.; and E. Mills, O.S. Comp. George Powell was unanimously elected Thrice Illustrious Master; Comp. George Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; and Comp. E. Mills, Outer Sentinel. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Edwin Storr, P.T.I.M., for his services during the past year. The resignation of Comp. Nicholson was received with regret. The council was then closed, and adjourned till the third Thursday in May next. A dinner was afterwards held at the Holborn Restaurant.

### Ireland.

#### INSTALLATION DINNER OF THE THOMAS VALENTINE LODGE, No. 21.

The above lodge held their installation dinner recently, at Crozier's Imperial Cafe, Inn-street, Belfast. There was a good attendance of the members, visitors, and lady friends, and dinner was served in excellent style by Bro. Crozier, who did everything in his power to merit the approval of the lodge.

After a sumptuous repast, and on the removal of the cloth, Bro. W. STERLING, W.M., was called upon to preside, and requested the Secretary, Bro. R. B. Andrews, P.P.G.S.B., to read the letters of apology which he had received from the following distinguished brethren, viz.: Bros. Thomas Valentine, J.P., P.D. G.M.; G. Andrews, J.P., P.M.; W. Redfern Kelly, P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. Richard Irvine, DD., R.D., P.G. Chaplain; W. J. Morton, P.P.G.S.; Henry Valentine, and the officers of the Ark of Freedom Lodge, No. 664.

The W.M. then in a happy manner gave a few toasts, which were enthusiastically received, and duly responded to.

A varied programme of songs and recitations were well rendered by Miss H. Bell, Miss McAlpine, Mr. T. H. Sterling, Bros. J. F. Scott, W. Sterling, McAlpine, McKeown, Robertson, Martin, and Andrews, and we may here mention that Mr. Wm. Gibson contributed much to the evening's entertainment by his rendering of comic songs, especially "Ju Ja." Miss Gibb acted very efficiently as accompanist.

The W.M. stated that he had now arrived at the most pleasing part of the evening's proceedings, and that was to make a presentation to Bro. W. H. Hicks, I.P.M., who had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year in such an harmonious and satisfactory manner that it had endeared him to all the members, and that he was pleased to be the medium of conveying to Bro. Hicks their heartiest thanks in a tangible form by presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, of unique design, a Masonic watch pendant, and gold ring as a slight token of their esteem.

Bro. Hicks having suitably replied, Bro. James Minniece officiated as violinist, and dancing commenced, and was kept up to an early hour next morning, when all separated after having spent a pleasant and enjoyable evening together.





The Hon. Lionel Walter Rothschild has been elected a member of the Royal Institution.

The Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, have arranged for a ladies' night on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The programme is as follows: concert, 7 p.m.; dancing, 8.30; supper, 10.30; carriages, 3.

The Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who are the freeholders, having agreed to lease the enclosure to the vestry at the nominal rental of 1s. per year, Bartholomew's-square, St. Luke's, is about to be laid out by the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association as a playground.

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.

A COACHING EXHIBITION.—A novel exhibition, under the highest patronage, will open at the Royal Aquarium in June next. It will consist of everything connected with coaching, riding, and driving. A number of most interesting loans have already been promised, and the project is exciting the greatest interest amongst the coaching fraternity.

A yacht race, in which the Prince of Wales's yacht *Britannia* competed, took place at Marseilles on Tuesday. The *Britannia* came in first, 20 minutes ahead of the Marquis Ridolet's *Oretta* and M. Florio's *Valkyrie*, and thus secured the prize of 2000 francs and a medal. The winning yacht was loudly cheered as she came in by a large number of persons assembled to witness the finish.

H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master has issued a warrant for the consecration of a new lodge of Mark Master Masons at Southport, to be called after that town, and numbered 473. Bro. W. Platt, so well known and highly esteemed in this and other Masonic Orders, will be the first Master, and associated with him in the foundation of the new lodge are Bros. J. Platt, J. H. Barrow, J. J. Lambert, and J. C. Robinson, each holding distinguished provincial rank.

A deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumfriesshire visited the Eskdale Kilwinning Lodge, No. 107, at Langholm, on the 4th inst. The deputation consisted of 10 members, including Bro. Johnstone-Douglas, P.G.M., who presided. He congratulated the Eskdale Lodge on its working, and said it was certainly one of the best managed in the county. It was also remarkable for its munificent hospitality. After the visitation 54 brethren sat down to dinner in the Buck Hotel—Bro. W. A. Connell, R.W.M., in the chair—when a large number of toasts were honoured and a most enjoyable evening spent.

A very pleasing ceremony was enacted on Thursday evening, the 1st inst., at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, Bros. G. Foan and W. Hoggins, Preceptors, when the latter presented a Master Mason's jewel to a great number of the brethren connected with the lodge as a souvenir of his first year of office as Assistant Preceptor. The jewel consists of a square and compass in massive gold, beautifully chased and substantially made that it will last for many generations. The gift will live in the memory, not only of the recipients, who will recollect the many kind, gentle, and painstaking instructions in Masonry they received from his hands, but also in those who come after us. Amongst those who returned thanks for the presentations were: Bros. G. Foan, Sandland, Dukas, Towers, Stewart Walker, Bradley, Nerrington, Warwick, Bond, and Dr. Anthony Nutt.

The directors of the Masonic Hall Company, West Hartlepool, held their second annual meeting on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Hart-road, West Hartlepool. Councillor Nixey, J.P., of Hartlepool, presided over a good attendance. The annual report was presented, and congratulated the shareholders on the completion of the commodious building which was opened on July 25th last. It continued to state: From the very favourable opinion formed by these hiring the assembly-room, your directors are assured of an increasing revenue from that source. The Board, taking into consideration that the value of property will be completely enhanced by the great extension going on in the district, have thought it desirable to secure the adjoining site for the purpose of extending the present accommodation. The co-operation of shareholders is invited to enable the directors to dispose of the unappropriated share capital, and thus further contribute towards the success of the enterprise. Your directors consider that the balance of profit and loss account warrants them in recommending a dividend at the rate of five per cent. per annum for the past half-year, and that the remainder after writing off £5 from the formation expenses, be carried to next year's account.

An erroneous impression appears to have been conveyed by the recently published report of the directors of the Crystal Palace, in that passage of it which refers to the proposed abolition of the great fountains and the cascades. It is not all the fountains which are to be abolished, but only those in the great basin farthest from the Palace. These upon the terrace will not be disturbed, and from the upper part of the grounds the *coup d'œil* when the fountains are on will be affected only to a very slight extent, if at all. The lower basin is to be entirely abolished, and the excavation filled in, thus giving a fine level expanse of green sward, 17 acres in extent. It will be a work of very considerable magnitude, and it cannot possibly be carried out for the coming summer. The directors will be satisfied if they are able to be ready for next football season. The decision to effect this alteration in the Palace grounds seems, partly at least, to be a result of the extraordinary drought of last summer. When there is an abundant rainfall, the vast roof of the Palace supplies plenty of water for the requirements of the fountains, but in a dry summer the supply runs short, and the water company cannot make good the deficiency at so great a height. The Palace has an artesian well of its own, but the 40,000 gallons a day drawn from this is not more than enough to meet the ordinary requirements of the establishment.

The Queen has forwarded, through General Sir Henry Ponsonby, a donation of £10 to the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund.

Bro. the Rev. S. Henrey, the curate of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, occupied the pulpit of St. George's Chapel, Albemarle-street, on Sunday morning.

The festival dinner of the Royal Eye Hospital is to take place on Friday, May 25th, the Lord Mayor presiding, at the Grafton Galleries, Grafton-street.

In the new number of *Fame* is a portrait with biographical sketch of Bro. Wellsman, C.C., the well-known editor of "The Newspaper Press Directory."

An address upon the Imperial Institute was given by Mr. T. C. Colcutt, the architect, at Carpenter's Hall, on Wednesday evening. Sir Joseph Fayer was announced to preside.

Bro. Lionel Monckton, the eldest son of the Town Clerk, is one of the composers whose services have been secured for "King Kodak," Mr. Branscombe's new musical comedy which will shortly be produced at Terry's Theatre.

The Corporation of London have determined to spend a sum not exceeding £1000 in extending hospitality to the delegates of the Young Men's Christian Association, who will assemble in London in June to commemorate the jubilee of that institution. One of the "twelve young men" who met together and started this association in a small room in St. Paul's Churchyard—now close on 50 years ago—is still living, in the person of Mr. G. Williams. The "Y.M.C.A." now possesses in the United Kingdom 843 branches, numbering 87,464 members. Taking the world at large, it is stated that there are 5,158 branches, with a membership of half-a-million of people.

THE NEWCASTLE COLLEGE MS.—The handsome reproduction of the "Newcastle College MS." of the "Old Charges" will be ready for issue in a few days. There are only a dozen or two copies unsubscribed for, at half-a-guinea each. Brethren not supplied should communicate at once with the "Librarian," 24, Shakespeare-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The facsimile gives the whole of the roll, and is accompanied with an historical and critical sketch by Bro. Hughan, and a most important and valuable glossary, with notes, by Bro. F. F. Schnitzer, who has also written for the work a careful transcript of the document, so that in reality there are two complete reproductions of this lately-discovered MS. It is owned by the Northern Rosicrucians having their head-quarters in Newcastle.

Almost every week paragraphs appear in the newspapers drawing attention to the death of the "oldest Freemason in Scotland." We are assured, however, that positively the oldest Freemason resides in Ultima Thule, the exact islet being West Yell. He is Bro. Robert Anderson, and was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft in the early part of 1825, in Solomon Lodge, No. 107, Fraserburgh. His son, an innkeeper in Fraserburgh, is also a member, and he again has dutifully made his son a Freemason at the age of 18, thereby creating him the youngest Mason in Scotland. Thus both the oldest and the youngest Freemasons are members of one family. The great-grandfather of the youngest Mason was one of the founders of Solomon Lodge 100 years ago, his name appearing on the charter.

MASONIC DANCE IN BLACKBURN.—The annual dance promoted by the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345, for the benefit of Masonic Charities, was held on the 1st inst. in the Exchange Assembly Rooms, Blackburn, and proved in every respect successful. Nearly 100 couples were present, and enjoyed to the full a programme of excellent dances, the music for which was supplied by Mr. Abbott's band, a talented combination of local instrumentalists. The dance was under the patronage of Bro. Ezekiel Howard, W.M., and Bro. William Tyrrell, J.D., as Hon. Secretary, superintended the decoration of the room (which, by-the-way, had a very attractive appearance), and did much, by admirable arrangements, to add to the enjoyment of all present. Bro. Robert Parkinson, P.M., was the M.C.

At a meeting of the Liverpool City Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the resignation of Mr. William Thomas Best, Corporation Organist, was received with very great regret, and a minute of the Finance Committee which was carried stated "that the eminent position which he holds in his profession has caused his official connection with the municipality to reflect honour upon the city, and he carries with him into his retirement the thanks of the Council for his valuable and highly appreciated services." Under the Liverpool Improvement Act, 1882, the highest amount of allowance authorised to him is £240 5s., and it was decided to make an annual allowance of that amount. Mr. Best is 67 years of age, and has been organist at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, for the past thirty-eight and a half years. Ill-health has caused him to retire.

The St. Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, Ball in aid of the Masonic Institutions was very successfully held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday evening, the 1st inst., the number of guests nearly equalled 200, and the scene was prettily picturesque. Bro. Osborn, P.M., Sec., was unavoidably absent through illness, but a number of the brethren who had acted throughout as Stewards were present and doing efficient work in good directions. Bro. Everett, P.M., presided at the banquet, supported by Bros. Dresden, I.P.M.; A. J. Cave, S.W.; J. G. W. James, J.W.; and G. W. Larter, P.M. Bros. G. R. Dix and James Deacon represented Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, and T. D. Pannett, jun., the Duke of Cornwall, No. 1839. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were well received and replied to. Bro. Dresden proposed "The Worshipful Master," who replied. Bro. Willie Wright, P.M., had charge of the musical arrangements, which gave every satisfaction. Bro. Banks was a courteous M.C., and every encouragement is given that the festival will prove a great success.

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

Bro. Colonel George Lambert, the president, has presented a handsome challenge shield to the Goldsmith's Institute Cycling Club.

Bro. the Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth gave his lecture on "Cornwall and the Cornish" to the Bloomsbury Chapel Literary Society on Wednesday evening.

Baron de Hirsch has sent a further donation of £200 to the City of London Lying-in Hospital; also a donation of £100 to the Paddington-green Children's Hospital.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Duke of Devonshire, Mr. J. Chamberlain, M.P., and Mrs. Chamberlain arrived at Windsor Castle on Thursday evening on a visit to the Queen, and were included in the Royal dinner party. Her Majesty's guests remained at the Palace.

It would appear that in this age there is a growing disposition to obey law. It is a sort of moral epidemic. Freemasons should be the more earnest and determined to see to it, that the regulations and landmarks of Masonry are implicitly obeyed. The solemn duty is imposed on every Mason. The influence of this fidelity to Masonic law will be a great lesson which our Craft can teach for the glory and renown on the Fraternity.—*Keystone*.

The Prince of Wales received a visit from the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, on board the *Britannia*, at Cannes, on Thursday morning. Many persons, including the Prefect of the Alpes Maritimes and the Mayor of Cannes, called and inscribed their names on the visitors' list at the Hotel de Provence, where the Prince was staying.

A very sad bereavement has befallen Bro. P. Saillard, of 87, Aldersgate-street, his third son, aged about 16, having been accidentally shot by a fellow pupil at Sherborne School Dorset. We can assure Bro. Saillard of the deep sympathy of the brethren of "St. Botolph," "La France," and other lodges with which he is connected, as well as that of the Craft generally.

Mr. Beerbohm Tree and the entire Haymarket company appeared on Thursday afternoon at the Theatre Royal, Birmingham, before the largest matinee audience that has ever been known there, in Mr. Robert Buchanan's play, "The Charlatan." The company returned to Euston by special train, accomplishing the journey in two hours and 18 minutes, which is the shortest time in which the distance has ever been covered.

The Princess of Wales and Princesses Victoria and Maud visited the Queen at Windsor on Thursday afternoon. Colonel the Hon. W. Carrington, Equerry to her Majesty, received their Royal Highnesses at the Great Western station, and attended them to the Castle, where they remained to luncheon. The Princess of Wales and Princesses Victoria and Maud afterwards drove to the Albert Chapel, and placed flowers upon the tomb of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The ball—the first of its kind—given on Monday night at the Cannon-street Hotel in aid of that most deserving charity, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Widows and Orphans' Fund, proved an undoubted success. The object of the society is a noble one in every sense of the word, and the charity is well deserving of public support. Towards this fund all the members of the service contributed, and from it the next-of-kin receive generous allowances in the case of firemen meeting with an untimely end. Monday's ball was attended by nearly 600 sympathisers, so that the coffers ought to be substantially benefited by the effort.

Several famous pictures from private collections were sold in Willis's Rooms by Messrs. Robinson and Fisher, and realised good prices. A portrait of Mary, the wife of Sir R. Carr, by T. Gainsborough, R.A., exhibited at the Royal Academy among the Works of the Old Masters, in 1872, was "knocked down" at 1720 guineas. This picture sold last year at Christie's, for 1190 guineas. "On the Stour," by J. Constable, R.A., went for 400 guineas. These two pictures were the property of Lord Lhurlow. The other important lots were "A Portrait of a Girl," by Romney, 179 guineas; "The Fortune Teller," by Victor, 30 guineas; "Portrait of the Hon. Mrs. Tollemache," by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 120 guineas; and a landscape with cattle and figures, by G. Vincent, 70 guineas.

MORE MASONIC CULTURE NEEDED.—If, in addition to the general routine performance, more intellectual life were infused into our lodge work, Masonry would have more attraction for people of intelligence. The average Mason, as a rule, manifests little desire for an increase of Masonic knowledge. If he holds an office, he is satisfied with having committed to memory that part of the ritual pertaining thereto. If he takes a Masonic paper in his hands, which he seldom reads, it is to see whether his name has been recorded and the fact mentioned of his having presented, in an impressive manner, the working tools of the lodge which he lately visited. If he finds that his conceit and vanity have not been gratified, he throws the paper away as containing no matter of importance, and unworthy of his further notice. Masonic literature is to him a *terra incognita*, and his ideas of Freemasonry remain restricted to the narrowest compass.—*Masonic Tidings*.

The Duchess of Albany was present at a drawing-room meeting, in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, given by Lord and Lady Frederick FitzRoy, at 17, Carlton House-terrace. Among others who attended were the Duke of Grafton, the Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry, the Countess of Chesterfield, Lady Aline Beaumont, Lady Margaret Charteris, Lady Foley, Lady Dorothy and Miss Nevill, Lady Adela Maners, Lady Wilson, and the Hon. Arthur and Mrs. Saumarez. Lord Frederick FitzRoy presided, and the proceedings commenced by Mr. J. Lister Godlee giving a history of the hospital since its foundation, showing the progress made in spite of the many obstacles with which it had contended, and pointing out that at the present time the building was heavily mortgaged, and the annual expenditure exceeded the income by £500. Mrs. Paynter followed with a graphic description of the hospital and its inmates, and made an urgent appeal for subscriptions and gifts of clothing. Miss Meresia Nevill also pleaded for the sick children of the poor, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to her Royal Highness for attending.

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