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THE LION AND LAMB LODGE AND CHAPTER, No. 192.

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Under the year 1845—November 6th—the incident is recorded of a member having been raised, who had been initiated and passed in the Lion and Lamb so far back as 1827; and in connection with it a somewhat curious case of much later date, which arose in the same lodge, was cited. A candidate was being initiated, but, after the preliminary questions had been put, it was found that he was suffering from such acute deafness as to render it impossible to proceed with the ceremony, and he was therefore conducted out of the lodge. The matter was referred to the late Grand Secretary, who decided—"That the lodge having gone so far, are now bound to initiate the candidate as best they can, either by means of an ear-trumpet, or by a deaf alphabet."

At this point of the narrative our Bro. Hughan makes a pause, while he explains:—"Work begun, all things being equal, should be finished. In my own experience once, a candidate was taken with fainting fits during the ceremony of initiation. He was not, however, conducted outside the lodge, but accommodated with a seat inside; as soon as he was sufficiently restored, and before another attack came on, the chief portion of the Degree was conferred."

Fainting fits were not uncommon during the early "fifties" in lodges which possessed a strong military element, and by no means unheard of in others where the membership was practically restricted to civilians. Indeed, in the St. John's Lodge, Gibraltar, then No. 132, now No. 115, composed of Spaniards, the amazing trials of their fortitude, to which the candidates were subjected in 1857-58, more often than not, resulted in one at least of the number who underwent them—the initiations were ordinarily conducted in batches—falling into a swoon before the conclusion of the ceremony.

Very curious cases occur in lodges, and to the record of Bro. Hughan's experience in this direction I should like to add a reminiscence or two of my own. But I must not lose sight of the fact that my function in the present instance is to write a review, not an autobiography.

The admissions into the Lion and Lamb Lodge from 1861 to 1870 were very numerous. Bro. George Kenning was initiated on April 4th in the former year, and installed as Master on January 5th, 1871, by Bro. Henry Muggidge. He subsequently served as Treasurer from December 2nd, 1875, to November 3rd, 1881.

Bro. Kenning is now the third oldest on the Roll of members, and of the services which he has rendered to the Craft, our Bro. Hughan observes: "So few particulars have been published of my old friend's eventful Masonic career, that I have taken the liberty to obtain those of the more important, so as to meet the wishes of brethren in and out of the Lion and Lamb Lodge. He joined the Villiers, No. 1194, and was a founder and member of the Burdett, No. 1293, in 1869, both being held at Hampton Court; and participated in the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, in 1870, when he was appointed Prov. Grand Steward, and Prov. Grand Deacon in 1871. Of No. 1293 aforesaid, he was the first Senior Warden by nomination on the warrant of November 9th, 1869; Junior Warden in 1871, and also officiated as Secretary. The Mariners, No. 249, Liverpool, elected him a joining member (1875), and so did the Anglo-American, No. 2191, London (1887). He was likewise a founder of the Aldersgate, No. 1657, in 1877, and of the St. Botolph, No. 2020, in 1884, being the first Treasurer of the former in 1877-78, Senior Warden in 1879, and Master in 1880-81. The members of this lodge, to mark their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf, decided to ask Mrs. Kenning's acceptance of a gift of the value of 30 guineas; having presented Bro. Kenning with a handsome Past Master's jewel on the completion of his first term as W.M. That lady in the most sisterly manner, and knowing how interested her husband was in the support of the Masonic Charities (as Patron of the Boys' School, Vice-Patron of the Girls' School and R.M.B.I., and having served 31 Stewardships), preferred to endow the Master's chair of the Aldersgate Lodge as a Vice-President of one of the Institutions, by adding 20 guineas to the intended gift. The R.M.I.B. was selected for that purpose by the grateful brethren.

Bro. George Kenning was one of the earliest to join the Correspondence Circle of the celebrated Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London; is a life member of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, bis, Glasgow; was also affiliated in St. David's, No. 36, Edinburgh, during 1877, and has the honour of having been elected a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Pennsylvania. His fame, however, throughout the Masonic world is due to his originating the *Freemason* newspaper in 1869, of which he is the energetic proprietor, no paper in connection with the Craft being so well known. The 'Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar,' and many other works printed and published by him, have made his name a 'household word' wherever the Fraternity flourishes.

His entertaining a large party of American brethren at an international banquet, at his sole cost, on July 31st, 1878, doubtless paved the way for the fraternal courtesies which have happily distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of North America of late years."

At the banquet referred to, I had the privilege of being a guest, and was mistaken by Sir John Bennett for the host, a circumstance which remains engraven on my memory, from the candour of the worthy knight, at a later period of the evening, in assuring me that I ought to feel highly

flattered, considering how much better looking Bro. Kenning was than myself!

Bro. Hughan's graceful allusion to the well-merited fame of the *Freemason*, will be heartily endorsed by the numerous readers of this paper, nor shall I err in ascribing no slight measure of its success to the unswerving support rendered by Bro. Hughan himself, who wrote an article in the first number of all, and has since contributed, almost without a break, to each succeeding copy of what is now generally recognised as the leading journal of the Craft.

Chapters VI. and VII. carry on the history of the lodge from 1868 to 1881, and from the latter year to 1893—the principal event in these two periods being the completion by the Lion and Lamb of the first 100 years of its existence. The centenary was celebrated with much rejoicing on February 6th, 1890.

(To be continued.)

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHPORT MARK LODGE, No. 473, AT SOUTHPORT.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., on Thursday, the 29th ult., performed at the Masonic Buildings, Lord-street, Southport, the somewhat rare ceremony of consecrating a Mark lodge, which will be numbered 473 on the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and is named the Southport Lodge. The P.G.M. was assisted by Bros. Walter Simpson, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; D. Jones, P.P.S.G.W., as J.W.; the Rev. T. B. Spencer, P.G.C. England, as Chaplain (assisted by Bro. the Rev. C. Hesketh Knowllys, P.P.G.C.); J. C. Robinson, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and John Fletcher, P.G. Steward, as I.G.

After the consecration had been most impressively performed in the presence of about 60 brethren, including many of the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, the installation of the W.M., Bro. W. Platt, P.P.G. Organist, was proceeded with by Bro. J. H. Barrow, P.P.J.G.W.; and the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers, nine of whom had joined with him in the petition for the foundation of the lodge. The officers were Bros. Warwick Wood, P.P.J.G.O., S.W.; Walter Connard, J.W.; J. Platt, P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; P. Rawsthorne, M.O.; H. Peak, S.O.; W. E. Bland, J.O.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; James J. Lambert, P.P.G.R., R. of M.; Fawcett Cave, S.D.; E. Leigh, J.D.; E. J. Coop, I.G.; C. F. Woodworth, E. Wright, and T. A. Hudson, Stewards; and G. Rockliff, Tyler.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. T. BARTON SPENCER, M.A., P.G.C. England, P.P.G.C. (Vicar of St. James's, Preston):

You begin your lodge to-day under most auspicious circumstances. You are honoured in having your lodge consecrated by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, our beloved Provincial Grand Master, whose presence gives *éclat* to any gathering, and great pleasure to all who are met together. In addition you have made a wise and admirable selection for your three principal officers in Bros. William Platt, Warwick Wood, and Walter Connard; while in the other founders you have brethren who are well known to be true and trusty in Bros. James Platt, J. H. Barrow, J. J. Lambert, John C. Robinson, P. Rawsthorne, H. Peak, and W. E. Bland. As you have said, my lord, it gives pleasure to you, and also, I am sure, to our genial and kind-hearted Prov. G. Sec., Bro. John Chadwick, to see a lodge planted in the Southport soil which contains within itself such good seed for a future crop of excellent Worshipful Masters and officers, and I join in wishing from my heart God-speed to this Southport Lodge of Mark Masons. Now, in speaking to you upon Mark Masonry this afternoon, let me first bring before you a lesson taught by this Degree, namely, that those in higher positions in Masonry should help their brethren in lower ones to rise to superior stations—to higher offices. We learn this because when the timber prepared in the forest of Lebanon was carried on floats by sea to the place of its destination, tradition informs us that the shore was so steep that it was impossible to ascend from the rafts without assistance from above, which was rendered by persons stationed there. This help is given both in the Craft and Mark Provinces of Lancashire, but still it is well to keep it in mind. This aid may be given by actual help. This was done by our ancient brethren on the rocks above. Those in a higher position may help others in a lower one by helping them directly in the performance of their duty, or by acting in such a way towards them as shall make the performance of it more easy. But because this help is afforded, it must not be made an excuse for laziness or incompetence on the part of those to whom it is rendered. These must do their best to exert themselves in order to profit by the aid given, just as those on the rafts would have to exert all their powers to take advantage of the assistance given by those stationed above. But help may be rendered by those in higher positions in Mark Masonry to others in lower ones by means of kind words of encouragement. Do you not think that among our ancient brethren standing on the floats there would be some more timid than others, who would require not only help, but kind words of encouragement, to persevere in trying to rise from the rafts to the rocks above. And so it is with many of our younger brethren. Some of them are of a retiring disposition, and distrustful of their own powers, and need not only help, but kind words of encouragement, to enable them to persevere in rising from the lower offices to the highest the lodge can bestow. But a kind word, or even look, or a cordial shake of hand, is most helpful to them, because it is cheerful and cheering, and thus gives strength. Kind words of encouragement are the bright flowers of

Masonic as well as of earthly existence. They have a power to heal the spirit that is weighed down with a sense of responsibility or of diffidence in its own powers. Kind words of encouragement cost no more than unkind ones. Let us, therefore, as Masons, cultivate towards our younger brethren the art of saying appropriate words in a kindly way. What a grand pattern for our imitation in this have we in our beloved Prov. G.M., and the art, of which he is a past master, of saying appropriate words in a kindly manner is one that never gets out of fashion, never ceases to please, never fails to give new life and hope, and, helping others by act or by word, like the twin sisters Mercy and Charity, blesses not only him who receives, but him who gives, for doing this can give us pleasure, even in the midst of our sorrows and troubles. And let us not be afraid to receive this help by deed and word from those placed in a position to afford it. Our ancient brethren did not reject the help of those stationed above them on the rocks. Let no one refuse this help, but rather be grateful for it. I feel deeply grateful to you, my lord, and those placed in high positions in Masonry for the help and encouraging words which I received when a younger Mason, and it is to this that I owe in great measure my present position in Masonry, of which I feel so proud. Our manhood does not forbid us to receive this aid, especially when it is freely offered and generously given. There is one other point to which I would like to call your attention. Do not be too eager to get new members. Try to keep the privileges of this Mark Lodge to worthy men and to worthy men alone. Surely of this duty the name of your lodge will constantly remind you. It is called the Southport Lodge. One derivation of the word "Port" is from "porta a gate," and thus Southport would be South Gate. You know what is the duty of the J.O. at the South Gate. It is to guard that gate and examine materials for the building of the Holy Temple. So guard this Southport Lodge, so examine the qualifications of all brethren seeking to be admitted to its membership, that none shall be passed by it but those who will receive the mark of approval of those in the highest positions in this province, and that none admitted will be condemned as useless to Mark Masonry. Remember a lodge is not great merely because it contains a great number of members, but it is great because its members put in practice outside the lodge those virtues and principles they are taught within it. A Mason's character is judged not by what he may seem to be in his lodge, but by what he is in his home, in his business or profession, or in his social circle. The virtues, or alas the vices of Masons are a language easy to be understood by the outside world, and by these our Order is judged by them. But as the style of a great artist is recognised in the drawing and colouring of his pictures, as the genius of a great musician may be known by the sweetness of the music, so if we be true Masons there should be the impress of those moral virtues which Freemasonry in general and Mark Masonry in particular inculcate. "And let no work receive your approval but such as is calculated to strengthen and adorn the Masonic Temple." Putting in practice the two lessons I have tried to draw, viz., that those in higher positions should be helpful to those in lower ones, and to carefully guard the entrance to this lodge, may this Southport lodge which is launched to-day, commanded by an experienced captain as well as manned with well-qualified officers and crew—may it ever sail in the fair winds of prosperity, and be the means of bringing into the Mark Degree many who will do credit and honour to it. And may all its members "be industrious and diligent in disseminating a knowledge of that true and perfect work which alone can stand the test of G.O.'s square in the hour of trial and tribulation." So mote it be.

On the conclusion of the ceremonial, Bro. JAMES PLATT moved the election of Lord Lathom as the first hon. member of the lodge. He said his lordship had on previous occasions been informed that the Prov. G.M. Lodge had a standing invitation to Southport; and he, Bro. Platt, believed the P.G.M. found it congenial to himself to visit the Southport lodges.

In accepting the honour, Lord LATHOM acknowledged that it was always a pleasure on his part to enter a Southport lodge.

Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, Prov. G. Sec., was then elected a hon. member of the lodge, and briefly expressed his thanks.

At the invitation of the Southport Lodge, the visiting brethren adjourned to the Masonic club room below the lodge room and partook of a repast, served by Bro. G. Rockliff. Among those present were Bros. John Marshall, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.G.S.W.; and A. Middleton, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.S.G.O. The day was one which will remain memorable in the annals of Mark Masonry in Lancashire.

CONSECRATION OF THE VALE OF EDEN LODGE, No. 2493 AT APPLEBY.

In the presence of a very large and influential gathering of brethren, the consecration of the above lodge took place at the Tufton Arms Hotel, on the 30th ult. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Geo. J. McKay, J.P., acting P.G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M., P.G. Std. Br. of Eng. Bro. the Rev. JAMES ANDERSON, as P.G. Chap. and Assistant Secretary, addressed the brethren assembled in lodge as follows: Addressing the acting Prov. Grand Master, officers, and brethren, after a few introductory words, Freemasonry was described as a "peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." Morality is religion. There can be no separation between the two; without religion there can be no morality. It starts with a belief in a Divine Being, and his sacred law speaks to all—"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." That is the morality of Masonry, and that is the morality of religion. Masonry employs allegory and symbol; the former inculcates moral truths by dark sayings, the latter by outward and visible signs. The three grand principles on which the Order is founded are—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Its members are brethren and are to be linked together by the golden chain of love. With the utterance of that spirit we open and close our lodges—"That our labours thus begun in order, may be conducted in peace, and closed in harmony." Love unites the whole.

Behold how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
Together such as brethren we,
In unity to dwell.

"Pity is akin to love," and here the principle of relief comes in, so beautifully expressed in our Masonic ritual. Hence those schools, and schemes of benevolence and Charity which rise up to call her blessed. Truth follows in her train. We relieve because we are true, and we are true because we love, a trinity of graces in unity, which disdains hypocrisy and sham. In keeping

with these principles and the qualifications of candidates for the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason—"Just, upright, and free men, of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals." Worth, not five guineas and an annual subscription. We seek not the world's honour, but we desire the world to know us; we seek not praise, but we desire to be praiseworthy.

Our actions still by virtue blessed,

And to our precepts ever true,

The world, admiring, shall request

To learn, and our bright paths pursue.

And now for the remaining ceremony of this consecration hour. The Vale of Eden is as one risen from the dead. Her new warrant stands upon the ruins of the old. This is the day of rejoicing, as it is the day of her resuscitation. May the Vale become as the Garden of Eden in the pristine charms of its primeval state before the apple by the Arch Deceiver was touched, which marred the fair and spoiled the innocent, and demoralised posterity. May she gather into her embrace the sons of the mighty, the leal-hearted and the true; may her future career be one of enjoyment of unity, peace, and concord, and may the eyes of Appleby be proud to own the purple and the blue, and that she has within her not merely an order and a name but a science and a life.

After the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., assisted by Bros. James G. Gandy, P.S.G.W., S.W.; Edward Clarke, P.J.G.W., J.W.; Rev. James Anderson, as P.G. Chap.; R. P. Hunter, P.G.D.C., D.C.; and D. H. Cook, P.G. Org., when Bro. Charles Robert Rivington, P.G. Steward of England was duly invested as Master, Bro. George Thomas as S.W., and Bro. James Postlethwaite Watson as J.W.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.

Another new volume is started with Part I., extending to some 60 pages or more, and a wonderful beginning it is of Volume VII. On the completion of this work, or book, I hope to take a retrospect of the seven fine volumes and the other publications of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076. Meanwhile, however, the present part lies before me, and awaits a friendly word or two, according to custom.

Part I. of the new volume will rank with any of its numerous predecessors, both in general interest and special importance. There is plenty for the ordinary reader, as well as much for the Masonic student, and, if a fair sample of the remaining Parts, Volume VII., holding the "perfect number," will be most difficult to beat. At any rate, my esteemed friend, Bro. G. W. Speth, the Secretary and Editor, has never failed to publish proceedings of a most valuable character on behalf of our lodge, and, what is more, continues to give us, as members or subscribers, fully as good fare as when he started as the Editor of this remarkable and invaluable series.

The report of the Audit Committee to the lodge, held 5th January last, had been carefully prepared, so its exhaustive character is not to be wondered at, and as it enables any member to judge of the success or otherwise of each department, nothing need be said by way of explanation, excepting to state, once again, that I do not believe in our Secretary being allowed to have his own way, as heretofore, and be a creditor for £150, thus making the accounts generally look better, at his expense. Under existing circumstances, however, I have consented to the ancient verdict of "Not guilty—only don't do it again." Out of a total of £1343 13s. 10d., which would have been over £1500 had the arrears not been so heavy, there should be no difficulty in providing the honorarium for our hard-worked friend.

Bro. Vernon sent a capital paper to be read, entitled "From Labour to Refreshment in the Olden Time," and being so familiar with the records of our old Scottish lodges, his real difficulty was in compressing the information at his disposal in anything like reasonable space. He managed it, however, and well deserved the vote of thanks passed by acclamation on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the Secretary.

The next paper is by our only associate member Mrs. H. G. M. Murray-Aynsley, on "Further Lights on Sikh Initiation," and the same gifted lady contributes a short note relative to "Masons' Mark at Orcha in Bundelkand, India." I am not inclined to accept it as a Masons' Mark myself, as it is too elaborate for such a purpose. Bro. Ladislav de Malczovich continues his deeply interesting "Sketch of the Earlier History of Masonry in Austria and Hungary," but it is not our idea of a sketch, but more like an elaborate treatise, the like of which for thoroughness, importance, and interest has never before been written, and many of us are anxious for more space to be devoted to its publication, so that it may soon be completed. Bro. F. J. W. Crowe has written another valuable paper on "Continental Lodge Jewels and Medals," and as there are few who know so much about the subject as he does, we are treated to very pleasant and suggestive reading on points but little known. Those who are grateful to our good brother for thus enlightening them, can but show their gratitude by forwarding some old certificates, jewels, aprons, medals, or aught else curious to add to his extraordinary collection, which becomes the property of our lodge on his demise, which we trust will not be for many years yet.

Bro. Speth reviews Bro. Brown's History of No. 295, Bro. Norris' of No. 291, and that of No. 294, as well as a volume on Thomas and Paul Sandby, R.A.'s. (by William Sandby); Bro. Rylands' "Masons' Marks" (which I should like to see wholly incorporated in our proceedings, plates and all, because of its great value and interest) and Dr. Begemann's treatise on the "Regius MS." Many of us are especially glad that Bro. Speth has noted Dr. Begemann's important labours, as, unfortunately for us ordinary mortals, the essay is in German, and it is only by having such an able linguist as Editor that we know of such an article having been written by one of the most trustworthy and interesting writers in the field of Masonic research, especially as to these "Old Charges."

At the lodge held 2nd March, our respected W.M., Bro. Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, read an able paper on the "Rosicrucians, their History and Aims," which requires careful reading and study to be rightly appreciated, and the discussion, all too briefly reported, was beyond the average interest and suggestiveness. The information afforded by Bro. E. Conder, jun., now made public for the first time (though known to a few of us privately before), as to the Masons' Company, is of considerable consequence, particularly if our brother is able to prove "The Degree of a Master Mason" was known and recorded in 1636!

I think it likely that his hint about Dr. Fludd may lead to a trace of that old worthy hitherto unknown.

The notes and queries, the obituary, and a mass of information else go to make up this excellent part, and the several illustrations will prove welcome additions to the interesting text.]

W. J. HUGHAN.

Royal Arch.

Royal Jubilee Chapter (No. 72).—The usual convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 5th ult., when Comps. N. Turner, W. F. Bates, and J. Reid occupied their chairs. There were also present Comps. F. Dunn, P.Z.; C. J. Axford, P.Z.; A. Dark, P.Z.; H. Lovegrove, S.E.; T. Lightfoot, W. F. Bates, and others. Bro. J. Cohen was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the chief part of the work being undertaken by Comp. E. W. Lewcock, P.Z., in his usual accurate style. Dinner followed.

Mark Masonry.

Old Kent Lodge (T.I.).—The installation meeting was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 11th inst. A large attendance of Grand Officers and brethren took place. Bro. Skinner, P.M., took the chair, and, after the usual routine work, Bro. Money, P.M., P.G. Stwd., installed Bro. James Willing, jun., P.M. 355, into the chair as Master of the lodge for the year.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern. The usual loyal toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. Willing, in a most effective manner, and genially accepted. Bros. Ramsey, Money, and Stiles replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Money and Skinner replied to "The Health of the Installing Master and Past Masters."

"The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bros. Scurah, Drew, Stephens, Edmonds, Welford and others.

"The Masonic Charities" were replied for by Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Notts, Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys.

Other toasts having been given, the brethren retired, having spent a most pleasant evening. The programme of music was enthusiastically received, the artistes affording great delight, reflecting the highest credit upon Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald, several songs being encored.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 332).—The installation meeting of the above small yet influential lodge took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich, and was both a memorable and pleasant function. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. P. Carter, W.M., and the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Dr. Ralalp Gooding, M.D., P.G.O. Eng., by special request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Burney, S.W., having been duly presented, that brother was installed in the chair of A. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Carter, I.P.M., Sec.; T. P. Newton, S.W.; G. Burney, sen., J.W.; G. Burney, jun., M.O.; R. H. Brutton, S.O.; W. J. Huntley, J.O.; Dr. W. C. Burney, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.R.M., Treas.; J. Pace, R.M.; G. Pocock, S.D.; H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G. I. of Wks., I.G.; and E. Spinks, Tyler. Bro. Gooding then gave the address, and so concluded a splendid list of work. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and after Bro. Carter had been presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel "for services rendered the lodge, and to mark the esteem of the brethren," the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the handsome assembly room of the establishment most splendidly, Bro. Burney coming in for honest praise for his superb catering and serving. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Dr. H. W. Partridge, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; D. W. Forbes, D.C. 406; E. W. Carpenter, late 323; C. Jolly, P.M. 226, W.M. 309, P.G.D.; and others.

Bro. Gooding, in responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that it had been complained of in Grand Lodge, and even in that lodge, that too often the Installing Officer was somewhat neglected; but at the present moment he could say that he was well supported, and he felt proud to be present, not only as a member of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, but as a Past Master of that lodge, and the friend, he trusted, of every one present. At their head they had H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, heir to the throne of England. Their P.G.M. was the Earl of Euston; the D.G.M. was Bro. Lord Dungarvan, both of whom were hard-working Masons, while, from his experience of the rest of the Grand Officers, he knew that they were all ready and willing to do their duty for the welfare of every brother and lodge in the Order. He wished the W.M. a pleasant and prosperous year of office, and that he might be enabled to install his successor, so that when he had completed his duty they might say "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Bro. Jolly having briefly responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," the I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M." in glowing terms, expressing his assurance that under the sway of Bro. Burney the lodge would go on and prosper.

Bro. Burney, in returning thanks, spoke earnestly of his determination to do his duty and deserve the trust of the brethren. He then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer."

Bro. Gooding having suitably replied, Bro. Forbes responded for "The Visitors," and the other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

Bros. G. Burney, sen., Carpenter, and Jolly contributed to the harmony, and the whole affair was a complete success.

Egerton of Tatton Lodge (No. 400).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 30th ult. at Mark Masons' Hall. Present: Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, P.M., Treas., acting W.M.; W. Thomas, P.M. 181, P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, S.W.; Hy. Wright, J.W.; A. W. Peckham, S.O.; C. M. Jessop, Sec.; Raymond Tucker, S.D.; E. J. Mills, Tyler; Belgrave Ninnis, P.M., P.G. S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.M., G. Sec.; J. H. Bradshaw, W. Westcott, and G. Phillips Parker. Visitors: Bros. Dr. C. Gross, S.O. Bon Accord; and Col. A. H. Bircham, P.M. 361, P.P.G.W. Middx. and Surrey.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. George J. Harley Thomas, F.S.A., the W.M., Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, P.M. and P.G. Stwd., occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, the Tyler was elected. A ballot was then taken for Bros. Wm. Westcott, 1827; W.

T. Rabbits, of the same lodge; and G. Phillips Parker, 1337, which was unanimously favourable. Two of the brethren, Bros. Westcott and Parker, being in attendance, were advanced to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, S.W., was presented by Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, P.M., P.G.S.B., to the Installing Officer, Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, for the benefit of installation. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. J. Harley Thomas, F.S.A., I.P.M.; Hy. Wright, S.W.; George Danford Thomas, J.W.; A. W. Peckham, M.O.; H. E. Jester, S.O.; Raymond Tucker, J.O.; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Jessop, Sec.; Harry S. Foster, M.P., S.D.; Baron de Bush, J.D.; J. Hilditch Bradshaw, I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. The officers were conducted to their several stations, and addressed by the Installing Officer on their respective duties. The Treasurer made his annual statement, announcing no outstanding debts and a balance in hand.

The brethren afterwards dined together at Freemasons' Tavern.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Frascati's, 30, Oxford-street, W. Present: Bros. J. Swift, W.M.; J. Maurice, S.W.; J. Lee, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; C. Cope, S.D.; W. Truman, J.D.; C. D. Lindsay, I.G.; J. R. Harnell, P.M.; A. Pettit, J. Beynon, J. Cogliati, and F. S. Jarvis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jarvis being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Jarvis. Bro. Beynon answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Beynon being the candidate. The W.M. re-occupied the chair, and resumed the lodge in the First Degree. Bro. Rutherford was unanimously elected a joining member. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Holland, W.M.; Cox, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Bradley, S.D.; Ollive, J.D.; Botterill, I.G.; Moody, Webb, Winsborrow, Fayers, and Thomas.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Winsborrow being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Fayers, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Webb, of the Jersey Lodge, was proposed by Bro. Webb and seconded by Bro. Stutfield, was elected a joining member of the lodge, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Cox was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was proposed by Bro. Carlstrom, and seconded by Bro. Austin, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Holland for the able way in which he had taken the chair in the lodge for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; A. Terry, S.W.; J. Boehm, J.W.; Geo. Hill, S.D.; J. Keen, J.D.; W. Fowles, I.G.; J. Paul, Preceptor; J. Thom, Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Willby, Hon. Sec.; J. Mason, Org.; G. W. Sturgess, S. Cross, and F. Osborne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sturgess being the candidate. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Paul, Preceptor; the 5th Section by Bro. Thom, Asst. Preceptor; and the 6th Section by Bro. Hoggins, W.M. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. Keen, Hon. Sec. of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, was elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. At the second rising Bro. Terry was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M. 834, W.M.; R. Josey, P.M., S.W.; W. Beattie, W.M. 95, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., I.P.M.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Scharien, S.D.; James Banks, J.D.; R. Phillips, I.G.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366; E. Fox, J. Worth, Knight, A. J. Dalton, H. Bone, G. C. Stafford, R. Reid, W. Hinds, and Joseph Cox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. Bro. A. Williams acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Hillier as W.M. elect. The lodge being resumed to the Degrees as necessary, Bro. Hillier invested the officers, and the addresses were given by Bro. A. Williams. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Whitaker, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; Knight, S.D. 501, S.W.; E. W. T. Hoare, J.W.; Leighton, S.D.; A. Chevalier, J.D.; C. Hooper, P.M., I.G.; and Haslett, P.M., acting I.P.M.

The evening was set apart for the working of the 15 Sections, the following brethren taking part: 1st, Bro. Page, 1613, 2426; 2nd, Bro. C. H. Denny, S.D. 1671; 263, 2381; 5th, Bro. Whitney, P.M. 1671; 6th, Bro. Clegg, 3rd, Bro. W. W. Williams, 1671; 4th, Bro. Leighton, horn, P.M. 1287; 7th, Bro. Knight, S.D. 861; 8th, C. Hooper, I.P.M. 1613; 9th, Bro. Cole, W.M. 1671; 10th, Bro. Cowan, P.M. 1572; 11th, Bro. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; 12th, Bro. Hill, I.G. 1572; 13th, Bro. E. W. T. Hoare, 1580; 14th, J. Russell, P.M. 1671; and 15th, Bro. A. Chevalier, 2021. A most pleasant and instructive evening was spent, 75 members in all being present, which is a record for this lodge. A most credible fact for the lodge is that 12 of the 15 working the Sections are members, and also proves the attention that is given to both lodge and members by that grand Preceptor, Bro. S. Whitaker, P.M. Among the workers, attention must be called to two young members, first Bro. E. W. T. Hoare, a Mason of 18 months. He is Secretary of this lodge of instruction, and a more hard-working member the lodge cannot boast; his heart is in his work, and we are sure he, with Bro. Whitaker, P.M., must feel overjoyed at the success of the 2nd instant. The second is Bro. W. W. Williams, a Mason of a little over 12 months, and the manner he did his Section was faultless, and a credit to Bro. S. Whitaker, P.M., Preceptor. A vote of thanks to Bro. S. Whitaker, P.M., and the Section workers having been accorded and responded to by Bros. Whitaker, Knight, and E. W. T. Hoare, the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present: Comps. Grumman, M.E.Z.; Phillips, H.; Loader, J.; Voisey, Treas.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; Eedle, Salmon, North, F. W. Williams, H. G. Martin, Cureton, Bannister, Block, Longhurst, Elgar and Telling.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Eedle personating the candidate. Comp. Telling, Sterndale Bennett Chapter, was elected a joining member. The sum of five guineas was voted from the chapter funds, and placed on Comp. F. Williams's list for the Girls' School in the name of the Treasurer. The installations of Z., H., and J. were rehearsed respectively by Comps. Bannister, Hilton, and Grumman. Comp. Phillips being elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, the chapter was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall; Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Court having been read and confirmed, Bro. Henry Smith was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Scrutineers for the election were appointed, and the election of 23 girls out of a list of 40 candidates were proceeded with. The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

NAME.	VOTES.
Hicks, Jessie Winifred	1927
Harwood, Nellie Margaret B.	1733
English, Elizabeth Kate	1456
Frostick, Grace	1304
Roberts, Dorothea Agnes	1242
Vigor, Esther Louisa	1214
Cammack, Maud Mary	1007
Sculley, Elizabeth Lara	1002
Jarvis, Violet Constance	986
Lucy, Constance Ruby Primrose	892
Morris, Gertrude	546
Andrews, Florence Rosalie	434
Brinjes, Maude Elizabeth	424
Tubbs, May Aline	382
Manley, Madeline	167
Caudwell, Emily	87
Pearce, Bertha Kathleen	19
Robinson, Agnes Marion	8

The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertising columns.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWARD HAGGIS, P.P.J.G.W. CAMBS.

At Cambridge, early on the morning of the 5th inst., Bro. Edward Haggis died suddenly from angina pectoris, in his 62nd year. The deceased, who was formerly proprietor of the Hoop Hotel, and for several years past held a position of trust at Pembroke College, was apparently in his usual health on Wednesday, and had supper with his wife and family at 10 p.m., but he was taken ill at three the next morning, and died within about two hours of the attack. Bro. Haggis, in addition to several public positions, held a prominent position in Freemasonry at Cambridge about 20 years ago. On five different occasions (namely, in 1856, 1857, 1863, 1864, and 1867) he was W.M. of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 411, and his services as Installing Master were frequently requisitioned. It goes without saying, therefore, that he was endeared to the brethren of his lodge. In the Province of Cambridgeshire he held the position of P.P.J.G.W. In Royal Arch Masonry he rose to the highest possible rank in the province. He was First Principal (Z.) of the Fidelity Chapter, No. 441, in 1876, and was subsequently appointed Prov. Grand H. The funeral took place at the Mill-road Cemetery, Cambridge, last Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended by Past Masters, officers, and brethren of No. 441; also the entire body of the servants of Pembroke College, and many other personal friends in the town and district.

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At a GENERAL COURT of this Institution held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, W.C., on THURSDAY, 12th of APRIL, 1894, Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Treasurer and Vice-Patron, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION by BALLOT of 22 Girls into the Institution from a list of 40 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	VOTES.
1	34	Bleakley, Nellie Rose Katie (last)	3419
2	33	Duke, Beatrice Sibel (last)	3259
3	31	Abbott, Edith Grace	2962
4	15	Holloway, Lavinia Francis (last)	2929
5	27	Eagle, Doris	2905
6	20	Jowett, Mary Elizabeth Annie	2891
7	19	Clever, Vera Marianne	2866
8	29	Edmeston, Mary Ellen	2837
9	12	Oliver, Eda Gwen	2833
10	13	Brown, Edith Harriet	2819
11	5	Lloyd, Edith Mary	2770
12	10	Whitcombe, Martha	2750
13	14	Brereton, Maud Ethel	2714
14	18	Thomas, Kate Gwendoline Vaughan	2665
15	6	Rosewarne, Nellie	2636
16	24	Hardy, Emma (last)	2628
17	21	Eddevane, Ethel	2602
18	32	Summers, Edith Mary	2418
19	39	Caron, Pattie	2416
20	3	Seward, Fanny	2220
21	35	Thompson, Nora Marguerite	2068
22	28	Maalen, Mary Irene Victoria	2038

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Masonic Notes.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales has appointed Lord Llangattock Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales in succession to the late Sir George Elliot.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to constitute the Islands of Guernsey and Alderney into a Province for Masonic purposes, and has appointed Brigade-Surgeon Dr. Balfour Cockburn Provincial Grand Master.

The instances are rare in which, within a few weeks of celebrating the annual Festival of one of our Masonic Charities, it becomes possible to announce that a Chairman has been obtained for the next year's Festival of the same Charity. It must, therefore, be all the more gratifying to Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, that he has been able to announce in the reprint from this journal of the Report and Analysis of the Stewards' Lists at the Festival in February last, that Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G. Master of Somersetshire, has very kindly promised his services as Chairman at the Old People's Anniversary in February, 1895.

It is several years since Somersetshire has held the place of honour as the "Chairman's Province" at one of our Anniversaries. The late Earl of Carnarvon, who was Grand Master of the Province from 1868 till his death in 1890, acted as Chairman on three occasions—for the Old People in 1869, for the Boys' School in 1875, and for the Girls' School in 1878. Somersetshire, however, has always been a firm and generous

supporter of our Institutions, and we may therefore look forward with confidence to her acquitting herself well in this capacity, more especially as it will be the first occasion on which Bro. Lord Dungarvan will occupy the chair at the Festival of one of our Central Charities.

While on the subject of the Benevolent Institution and its Festivals, it may not be out of place to mention that the ultimate total of the Returns at the recent Anniversary is £13,086 6s. 7d., the number of Stewards being 299. This fact was announced by Bro. Terry at the monthly meeting of the Committee of Management on Wednesday, and must have delighted the ears of Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, who was present to receive the thanks of the Committee, which had been voted to him as this year's Festival Chairman.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 12th instant, when 22 children were elected from an approved list of 40. The other business was of a formal character. The names of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

The statement of account and balance-sheet for the year 1893, as contained in the report of the General Committee, are as satisfactory as might have been expected, when we bear in mind that the Festival in May, 1893, under Bro. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master of Northants and Hunts, was the most successful that had been held since the year of the Centenary; and it would have been more satisfactory still but for the very heavy unforeseen expenditure rendered necessary by the outbreak of scarlet fever during the year. The receipts from all sources amounted to £17,041 2s. 7d., and the expenditure to £14,915 15s. 5d. In the former are included donations and subscriptions amounting to £14,792 10s. 1d., and interest on investments and deposits, £2006 7s. 6d. In the latter will be found £405 10s. 2d., re-construction of drainage system, Junior School; and £1498 6s. 6d. in respect of expenditure incidental to the outbreak of fever. The balance remaining to the credit of the Institution is £2125 7s. 2d.

The statement of account and balance-sheet in respect of the same period for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are even more satisfactory, the Festival of the year under Bro. Lord Brooke having produced about £22,000. Here the receipts, including £19,892 2s. 3d. for donations and subscriptions, and £1165 6s. 6d. for dividends and interest, reached £21,515 12s. 5d., and the expenditure—general, £12,014 15s. 8d., and special, £464 12s. 9d.—to £12,479 8s. 5d., the balance to the good being £9036 4s. It is further gratifying to note that the investments now amount to £38,333 17s. 6d., as compared with about £17,500 towards the close of the late régime. The Quarterly Court for the election of 30 from a list of 43 candidates is in progress at the time of our going to press.

The Province of West Lancashire has added yet another to its already long roll of lodges by the consecration, at Bootle, on Monday last, of a lodge bearing the name of the respected Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Goodacre. The ceremony, which took place in the County Hall, was performed by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M. of West Lancashire. His lordship was assisted by several Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and there were present a large number of brethren from other Provinces.

Bro. Oscar Philippe, whose zeal for the Charities and unbounded hospitality have been such marked features of his two years' rule of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, signalled his coming retirement from the chair by a most charming banquet and entertainment at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Wednesday last. Many visitors of distinction were present, including Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; the Grand Secretary, Bro. Letchworth, and many others. All united in paying a hearty tribute to the many Masonic virtues of the host. A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation to every officer of the lodge of a memento of his two years' Mastership, in the shape of a silver match box, bearing a suitable inscription.

The Duke of Cambridge, who was accompanied by Col. Viscount Downe as aide-de-camp, held a levee on Thursday afternoon at the Horse Guards. About 150 officers attended.

Correspondence.

MILITARY LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As an old military as well as civil Freemason, I have read with very great pleasure two articles in your present issue which induces me once again to trouble you with a letter, to give ease to my feelings, excited by the perusal.

The remarks of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught at the emergency meeting of the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, on 29th ultimo. His Royal Highness's position in the Craft gives additional weight to the words he uses, when taking even an ordinary part in a lodge's working of which lodge I see he is an old member.

From many years of experience as a military Mason, I can most conscientiously endorse all his Royal Highness says as to the great advantage which accrues to any regiment or garrison where a military lodge visits. During my years of active service I had opportunities, perhaps but few had as many, of observing the tone given to the Army members, while a lodge was in active working order, compared with the want of it, when, through the exigencies of service, this lodge fell into a dormant state, to be again awakened with the old good results. May military lodges increase in numbers and usefulness I sincerely trust.

The other matter which struck a responsive key note was the very able and unbiassed speech of Mrs. Tucker Pain, at Exmouth, when laying the foundation stone of the Sun Lodge. Nothing could have been in better taste, and I feel, if possible, more proud of being a Freemason than I was before, although now 47 years have nearly passed since I "first saw the light."

The value of a publication like yours, which spreads abroad all that both instructs and warns members of the Craft, is more and more patent as your numbers go on to such high figures as 1309. May this continue.—Yours fraternally,

H. G. COLVILLE.

P.M. 330 (E.C.); P.M. 322 (I.C.),
in 29th Regt.; P.P.S.W., P.P.S. Soj. Cornwall;
P.D.J.W. Bengal, &c.

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AN OLD JEWEL.

My well-informed Bro. W. J. Hughan attributes the placing of "1772" upon the old jewel of Lennox Kilwinning to an error of the engraver for 1792. The lodge in question was erected in 1772, by Mother Kilwinning, upon petition of "Sundry Masons," in Campsie, but in 1792 it transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The introduction of "No. 247" into the medal shows that it was not made in the 18th century. It would be worn as a decoration as a memorial of the lodge's former connection with the Kilwinning fraternity, 1772.

D. MURRAY LYONS.

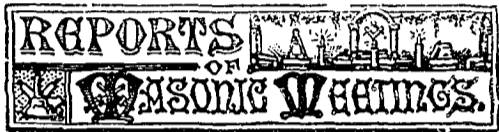
Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF THE PROV. GRAND LODGE AND PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT, FOR 1894."—This important annual is in its 17th year of publication, and this time has been creditably printed at the "Journal" Offices, Rochester. The originator and editor, Bro. Thomas Samuel Warne, has this year consented to accept assistance in his heavy labours, the joint editors now being Bros. Warne and G. R. Cobham, and most ably have they discharged their onerous duties. This provincial directory has to do with more Masonic lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies than any other issued in this country save West Lancashire. Those of East Lancashire and West Yorkshire not being in what may be termed "book-form." Some idea of the labour involved in the compilation of this most useful annual, known locally as the "Immortal," may be obtained, from realising the fact that full particulars are afforded of the officers and Past Masters, or former presiding officers of 59 lodges, 23 Royal Arch chapters, 20 Mark lodges, four Rose Croix chapters, two Knights Templar preceptories, four Red Cross conclaves, &c. The number of members under each lodge, and the totals for the past four years are duly detailed, 3650 for 1893 being the largest yet obtained, being an average of about 62 brethren to each lodge. This is a much larger average than usual. The by-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and also those of the Prov. Grand Chapter, as also the Treasurers' accounts for these two bodies, are printed; most desirable features in such publications. The total votes for the Central Masonic Charities held by lodges and other Masonic bodies in the province amount to 4349, and by brethren, &c., 9907, the grand total being 14,256, besides 1372 in the excellent Mark Benevolent Fund. There is also a calendar for 1894, giving the dates of installation and other meetings of all the Masonic lodges, chapters, &c., noted in the manual—an immense labour to compile. Bros. Warne and Cobham make admirable editors.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF OXFORDSHIRE, 1894-5." 1s. 6d. post free.—This admirably printed and ably arranged annual is published and edited by Bro. W. R. Bowden, High-street, Oxford, who has acted in such capacity for many years. There are 12 lodges with nearly 600 members; five Royal Arch chapters having a total of some 200 companions, and several other Masonic bodies. The particulars concerning the Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter, and of each of the lodges and chapters, are most ample, including the names of the officers from the origin of each, and much else useful information, involving considerable labour in the prepara-

tion of so many names and figures. The Prov. G.M. is the Earl of Jersey, his lordship's Deputy being Bro. Viscount Valentia. The Grand Superintendent, the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, has his portrait as frontispiece to the present issue, which will be a glad sight to many; and, contrary to the usual custom, Bro. Bowden gives accounts of the last annual meetings of the various provincial bodies, as well as particulars of the Festivals, making use of the columns of the *Freemason* for that purpose, and gracefully acknowledging his indebtedness accordingly. For the year ending December 31st, 1892, the large sum of £675 was disbursed in Charity by the province and the lodges, and during 1875-1893 the grand total of £6599 was raised for the three Institutions. This directory is more than usually interesting, because of the important rolls of members of some of the Oxonian lodges, and Bro. Bowden has not failed to do justice to the compact and zealous province of which he is an enthusiastic member. An exhaustive series of lists of votes for the Masonic Charities is also appended.

"PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE CALENDAR, 1894."—The shape of this most useful annual is not what we like, though the matter is all that can be desired. It seems to us it would be better if sewn and paged in the ordinary way, so as to be in a handy form. An immense amount of information is literally crammed into this sheet, to describe which, in detail, would occupy many lines of the *Freemason*. The days of meeting for the year of all the 76 Lodges, 42 Royal Arch Chapters, 12 Preceptories, 12 Mark Lodges, and three Rose Croix Chapters, means a deal of labour to compile, all of which are supplied by the courteous Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. Herbert G. E. Green), in this extraordinary condensed Calendar, besides other valuable particulars.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge (No. 45).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, the 5th inst., when a large number of the brethren were in attendance, no doubt partly in consideration of the event of the evening outside regular work to do honour to the candidate for the Master's chair, Bro. J. G. Cobb, P.M., 2278, P.G. Std. Br. Herts, who is well known in the neighbourhood of Gresham-street, and whose popularity was evinced by the unanimity of the voting in his favour. He is now the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, and will doubtless prove a most acceptable Master. Representatives from our oldest colony, Newfoundland, were present, and at the social gathering afterwards many kind things were said both with regard to the in-coming Master and the universality of the science as shown by the presence of colonial brethren.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—A regular meeting of the lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 22nd in lieu of the 23rd ult., that being Good Friday. There were present Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, G. Stwd., W.M.; R. Barton, P.M., P.G. Stwd., as S.W.; W. H. Kempster, jun., G. Stwd. nominate, J.W.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S.B., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Cotton, S.D.; Debenham, P.M., P.P.G.D., I.G.; and Polinz, Stwd. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

An emergency meeting was held on the 30th ult. Among those in attendance were the W.M., and Bros. Masters, P.M., P.G. Stwd., S.W.; W. H. Kempster, jun., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.G.S.B., Sec.; R. Barton, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; H. Slade, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd., D.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Dehane, I.G.; and Polinz, Stwd. Bro. Indrwick, 354, was a visitor.

Bro. Jacques was raised to the Third Degree. The subject of brethren in arrear having been discussed, and a vote taken thereon, it was resolved that the summer banquet should be held at the Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court, on the 22nd of June. The matter of the special centenary jewel enquiry was left in the hands of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Kempster, M.D., I.P.M., P.G. Stwd., was prevented by indisposition from attending the lodge. It having been announced that Bro. Masters, S.W., would represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well-served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Mantel.

Upon the removal of the cloth, a few toasts were given, and a most agreeable evening spent. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

United Strength Lodge (No. 228).—A "ladies' night" was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 10th inst. After the usual lodge meeting, an excellent banquet, to which nearly 70 sat down, was well served. A musical entertainment followed, and dancing was continued until an early four in the morning. A feature of the entertainment was the admirable exhibition of legerdemain by Mr. Frank Kennard, whose sleight of hand tricks were truly marvellous, and much enjoyed by the company. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. W. Amies King.

Royal Arthur Lodge (No. 1360).—One of the most interesting and successful gatherings of this prosperous lodge took place on the 25th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Francis Tomlin, a respected and highly esteemed member of the lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. F. Driver, W.M., supported by Bros. F. Tomlin, J.W.; H. Baker, G. Cranmer, C. Gibb, Treasurer; J. J. D. Magee, P.M., Secretary; J. Reeves, P.M.; R. J. C. Cawse, A. E. Halfhide, J. R. Rutter, F. Neller, F. Butler, T. Williams, Tyler; and 26 others. The visitors were Bros. W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; N. Simmonds, P.P. G.S.B. Suffolk; H. Jarvis, P.M. 1927; H. W. Wildis, P.M. 1638; J. Kilvington, P.M. 1799; T. A. Compton, P.M. 2384; F. Dearing, W.M. 2384; A. H. Cole, S.W.

1744; T. Jefferies, J.W. 1744; W. Tyler, J.W. 1707; T. Douglas Norman, J.D. 172; W. E. Jeffery, 1622; J. B. Guy, 40; H. Hall, 1669; J. Wilson, 2384; F. Bartlett, 1110; W. T. Clarke, 45; E. J. Virdier, and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, and a satisfactory balance-sheet adopted, Bro. F. Tomlin, W.M. elect, was presented and installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. W. F. Driver. The following were appointed and invested officers for the year: Bros. H. Baker, S.W.; G. Cranmer, J.W.; C. Gibb, Treasurer; J. J. D. Magee, P.M., Secretary; J. Reeves, P.M., D.C.; R. J. C. Cawse, S.D.; A. E. Halfhide, J.D.; J. R. Rutter, I.G.; F. Neller and F. Butler, Stewards; and T. Williams, Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. W. F. Driver. The first duty of the newly-installed Master was to present Bro. W. F. Driver, the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which he did in a few appropriate words, remarking that he was an excellent worker of the ritual, and had performed the installation ceremony in a very impressive manner, and it could not have been done better. Bro. Driver expressed his thanks for the kind appreciation of his services and said he would continue to work his hardest for the lodge. Ten guineas having been unanimously voted to be placed on Bro. Driver's list as Steward for the Girls' School.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet.

At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable brevity, and which were duly honoured.

In responding for the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. W. P. Brown, in a lengthy speech, said that he could not lay claim to an elevated position at Grand Lodge, but he had the good fortune to know the Grand Officers personally. This was his first visit to the lodge, although he had been connected with Wimbledon for 21 years, and he had known their estimable W.M. for a very long time. He had attended many lodges, but in none had he seen better working than that of their I.P.M., Bro. Driver. The working also of the officers was pre-eminent and satisfactory in every way. He hoped other Grand Officers would make a point of attending the lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Driver, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," stated that the toast would be reciprocated by all the members. Bro. Tomlin had taken a very great interest in the lodge. He had suffered much, but was now happily restored to health. He wished him from his heart a very prosperous year of office.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm as was the W.M. on rising to respond. He was much gratified at his reception, and said he owed a great debt of gratitude to the brethren for placing him in that exalted position, which he would not have accepted if he thought he had not their confidence and sympathy. He was of opinion that every member should aspire to the chair in his mother lodge. Relying upon his officers, of whom he was proud, he would do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office, which he hoped would be satisfactory to the brethren, and when he vacated the chair his earnest wish would be to leave it as unscathed as he found it.

The Worshipful Master gave the next toast, "The Installing Master, Bro. Driver," observing that the ceremony was very impressive and reflected great credit on the lodge that they had a member so ably qualified, and he was honoured by being installed by Bro. Driver.

Bro. Driver, who received a hearty greeting, responded. He thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast and the W.M. for his kind words. He had had a successful year of office—the best ever known since the formation of the lodge—for which he had to thank his officers for their assistance, and he hoped the brethren would do to their genial W.M. the same as they had done to him.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms by the W.M., and the following brethren responded: Bros. Dearing, W.M.; Kilvington, P.M.; Simmonds, Jarvis, P.M.; and A. H. Cole, S.W.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed a very delightful evening.

The vocal and musical entertainment was one of the very best and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The following took part: Bros. T. R. Porter, J. B. Guy, R. J. C. Cawse, C. Gibb, W. J. Holmes (recitation), G. Cranmer, J. R. Rutter, F. Butler, Mr. A. E. Spearpoint; but special mention should be made of Bros. A. H. Cole and Bartlett (recitation).

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1382).—The annual installation meeting was held at the George Hotel, Millwall, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when there were present a large number of members and visitors. After the usual business of the lodge, including the raising of Bro. J. Hastler and the initiation of Mr. Quickly, the installation ceremony was worked by Bro. Millington, P.M., and Bro. S. G. Bonner was installed. The officers invested included Bros. J. Linn, I.P.M.; F. Bassett, S.W.; B. Barcham, J.W.; R. Pitt, Treas.; A. Oakley, Sec.; E. Brindley, S.D.; W. Greateux, J.D.; A. Flint, I.G.; W. Millington, D.C.; F. Kidd, Org.; G. Parrett, H. Rogers, and T. Tildesley, Stwds.; and Williams, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received, after which the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," pointing out that her Majesty, Patroness of the Institution, was "a patron to all Princes living with her, and all that shall succeed."

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. drew attention to the good work that had been done by the Grand Master for the Order.

The W.M., in proposing "The Grand Officers," said that he had had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge under the presidency of the M.W. Pro G.M., also the R.W.D.G.M., and again of the Grand Treasurer, who was present that evening; of Bro. Terry he could say how much they appreciated his affability, wit and kindness. As Secretary of the R.M.B.I., he was ever ready to go "to the end of the world" to do a good act. Bro. Tijou, the A.G.P., was a representative of the East-end of London in the Grand Lodge, and it was needless for him to extol his many virtues, or his aid at the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. S. Cochrane, G. Treas., in a short and well-timed speech, said how glad he was to see the W.M., whom he had known for so many years, installed. He also thanked the brethren for their hospitality and kindness.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in a witty and thoughtful speech, drew attention to the onerous duties of the Grand Officers, spoke of the "Old People," and the need of remembering the genuine tenets of the Order. He closed by a reference to the good work the W.M. had done for the Charities.

Bro. Tijou, A.G.P., referred to his name of "Charity tiger," and said he was glad to be so called. If Bro. Cochrane represented all England, Bro. Terry represented the whole world, while he represented the East-end of London. He had met the W.M. many times, and it was only out of deep respect for him that he had missed the meeting of the Board of Benevolence to come that evening to the lodge.

Bro. Linn, I.P.M., next proposed "The W.M.," of whom he could say with truth that he was the right man in the right place. He could assure the brethren that the lodge would lose nothing of its dignity by placing so good a Mason in the chair.

The W.M. said that he was very proud of his position. For 16 years he had been looking forward to such a dignity, and felt how great was his obligation to the brethren for satisfying his ambition. He hoped that the lodge would "flourish as a green bay tree" during his year of office; that love and harmony would prevail; that none of the keenness of good fellowship would be lost, and that all would pull together in the sacred cause of Charity.

In proposing "The Installing Master," who urged the rest by equal steps to rise," the W.M. pointed out the work done by Bro. Millington, as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. He had, at great personal inconvenience, come that day to the meeting, and all were grateful for his kindness and encouragement.

Bro. Millington, P.M., thanked the brethren. He was proud of the W.M., and was sure he would be an honour to the Craft. They must remember that unity is strength, and pull together to make the coming year of office a great pleasure to the W.M. They must remember that Charity one with another was one of the foundations of the Order.

In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that "in the multitude of councillors there is wisdom." Bro. Millington had already done his duty that evening, and he hoped that all the Past Masters would support him in the coming year, rally round in the Corinthian Lodge, and make Freemasonry a reality on the "island."

Bro. Saunders, P.M., said that although the P.M.'s held no office, they must look after the welfare of the lodge. He was proud to have first placed the W.M. in office.

Bros. Morrison, P.M., and Linn, P.M. also responded. The W.M., in toasting "The Visitors," said:

"Feast with the best, and welcome to my lodge.

Let them want nothing that my house affords."

The visitors were many that evening, and he trusted they had seen that the Corinthian Lodge possessed the full knowledge of the genuine principles of the Order.

In response, Bro. Making, P.M. 1278, was glad that he had had the pleasure of initiating the W.M., for he had now an excellent knowledge of the ritual, Book of Constitutions, and routine of the lodge. He would have no difficulty in governing them, and they would have to emulate his example. He knew what Freemasonry should be, and his work in the past fully justified his promotion.

Bro. Pulsford, P.M., was delighted, as President of the East London Masonic Benevolent Association to see the Secretary installed that evening. No brother worked harder nor better.

Bros. Warner, Stwd. 1259, and Salter, W.M. 79, also responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiate," and Bro. Quickly responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers," and the following responded: Bros. Pitt, Treas.; Bassett, S.W.; Barcham, J.W.; Brindley, S.D.; Greateux, J.D.; Flint, I.G.; and Parrett, Rogers, and Tildesley, Stwds.

After the Tyler's toast, the brethren dispersed well pleased with all they had seen and heard, including the music provided by Bro. E. Simmons.

Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1524).

—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 29th ult., when there were present: Bros. P. M. Rogers, W.M.; E. J. Turnbull, S.W.; T. W. Oakley, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; several Past Masters and about 50 brethren. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting confirmed, when the ballot was taken for Bro. E. De Seef as a joining member, and Messrs. O. C. John and J. J. Elenbass, which, proving unanimous, they were duly initiated. A notice of motion by Bro. Burgess was then discussed, and it was resolved to set one night apart for the invitation of ladies, and the lodge was closed.

At a banquet which followed, after the usual loyal toasts were responded to, the W.M. rose and said he had now a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present to Bro. Brand, P.M., a testimonial which had been subscribed to by the brethren of the lodge for his long and efficient services as Treasurer to the lodge, which had now entered upon his 15th year. The presentation consisted of a silver five o'clock tea set, and a gold Treasurer's jewel, handsomely engraved.

Bro. Brand, in response, expressed his high appreciation of the kind and thoughtful wishes of the brethren in considering his past services, and that what he had done in the past he trusted he would still continue to do in the future. His endeavours to do the utmost for his mother lodge, of which he was the first initiate, would always be one of the greatest pleasures he had in Freemasonry, and for the kindness also of the brethren in thinking with the presentation of Mrs. Brand who he knew would receive this token of respect with grateful heart. He begged most sincerely to thank them all for the generous appreciation of such services as he had been able to render.

A few words from Bro. Lorkin, P.M., closed this very happy and gratifying presentation, in which all present heartily conjoined.

Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1553).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the White Lion Hotel, Putney. Present: Bros. A. Grundy, W.M.; W. Fayers, S.W.; Keene, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., D.C.; R. R. Collick, P.M., Treas.; G. A. Knight, Sec.; Cox, Org.; Barber, I.G.; Gregory, Tyler; Robinson, P.M.; Pardo, P.M.; Joseph Cox, Thomas, E. R. H. Knight, and others. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Wm. Fayers, S.W., was elected W.M., Bro. R. R. Collick, P.M., re-elected

Treas., and Bro. Gregory re-elected Tyler. Two brethren were elected on the Audit Committee, and the Past Master's jewel of the lodge was unanimously voted to the W.M., Bro. Grundy. The lodge was then closed.

At the dinner, which followed, Bro. Fayers, S.W., presided in place of the W.M., who had to leave through indisposition. The usual toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Wanderers Lodge (No. 1604).—This lodge, which is largely composed of military men belonging to the Home Command, held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., before a large gathering of members and visitors—among them Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, and who has for many years filled that office in this lodge; Bro. Cottebrune, P.A. G.D.C., and others. The usual routine business disposed of, Bro. Ogg, the retiring W.M., installed his successor, Bro. Thomas Sims, in a most impressive manner, and the new chief appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. W. Ogg, I.P.M.; H. E. Fraser, P.M. 2206, 2331, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts, S.W.; W. Thatcher, J.W.; Capt. Butterworth, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; Smales, S.D.; H. Gardiner, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Engel, Org.; Lewis, D.C.; Mann and Brooking, Stewards; and Young, Tyler.

At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Sergeant-Major Gardiner singing the solos.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and alluded in kindly terms to the hearty reception he himself had, always met with at the hands of the brethren of 1604, with whom he had been associated for many years, and which acquaintance had left many pleasant and sacred memories which had left no sting behind. He was very delighted with the manner in which the Installing Master, Bro. Ogg, had performed his duties, and the way in which the W.M. had concluded the work was a happy augury for very great happiness, and a high standard of excellence for the forthcoming year.

Bro. Ogg proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke of his good qualities, and the earnest way he had climbed up the ladder of promotion, faithfully discharging the duties of each office in succession, until he had reached the chair, the duties of which, he (the speaker) was sure, the W.M. would discharge with the same zeal, courtesy, and efficiency as he had those of the minor offices; and hoped that the brethren would find their new Master plenty of work, which he was quite competent to perform.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

The W.M., after giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," in eulogistic terms, presented that brother with the usual Past Master's jewel, the gift being suitably acknowledged.

Bro. Barnett responded for "The Initiates," and the remaining toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening a high-class selection of music, songs, recitations, &c., was given, under the direction of Bro. Engel, the Organist, and among the artistes were—Misses Victor and Morse, Messrs. Hermann Samuels and Chas. Solomon, Master Herni, Bro. Sergeant Brown, and others.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bro. N. P. Lardner, W.M.; H. Herbert, S.W.; C. Bachoffner, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Murphy, J.D.; Webb, Steward; Capt. T. C. Walls, G. Steward, I.P.M.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; and J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Lewis was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony was well performed. Bro. Herbert was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. H. J. Lardner, re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. E. Mallett, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. T. Simpson, P.M.; C. Schultz, P.M.; Nelson Prover, P.M.; Dr. Lott, P.G. Org. Eng., Org.; Dr. Hinton, M.A., Asst. Org.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed. The proposer of "The Health of the W.M." said that it seemed but yesterday that he had the pleasure of giving the toast for the first time of their W.M. However, 10 months had rolled by since then. He remembered predicting that Bro. N. P. Lardner, although but a young Mason, would keep up the traditions of the lodge. He had done so, and he (the speaker) trusted to see him (the W.M.) install his successor in the chair of K.S., and to receive the jewel which had been voted to him that night, and which he had so deservedly earned.

The W.M., in reply, said that he had done his best to keep up the dignity of the lodge, and the hospitality and conviviality of the Fourth Degree. He took that opportunity of thanking the Past Masters and the officers for their cordial co-operation and support. The Farringdon Without was a prosperous and important civic lodge, and he felt highly gratified in being its Master. He thanked the proposer of the toast for his kind remarks.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. expressed his regret at the absence, through domestic trouble, of one of that distinguished body, whose geniality and ready wit had won for him not only the esteem of the members of the lodge, but a host of friends in the Ward—he alluded to Bro. Past Master Simpson.

A few other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated.

During the evening Bros. J. Young, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; and Plummer, P.M., vocally entertained the brethren.

St. Ambrose Lodge (No. 1831).—A regular meeting of this energetic and well worked lodge took place at the St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., under the able presidency of Bro. W. Hoggins, W.M. There was a most pleasing and touching ceremony enacted on this occasion, when Bro. F. W. Buxton, P.M., initiated his son, Bro. F. P. Buxton, and the ceremony was rendered in a most effective and masterly manner. There were present: Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; E. F. Rynner, S.W.; R. W. Jones, J.W.; P. P. Perry, Treas.; W. F. Bates, Sec.; W. Ham, S.D.; G. B. Spicer, J.D.; Dr. Davies, I.G.; F. C. Conway, P.M.; F. W. Buxton, P.M.; L. Lichtwich, P.M.; G. May, H. J. Thwaites, Albert Lichtwich, E. J. Rix, S. Struts, W. J. Jones, J. Whicher, F. P. Buxton, W. H. Briggs, R. Tyndall, E. F. Calle, S. White, J. H. Dyas, and H. Smith. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Anthony

Nutt, S.D., 2410; F. Cox, S.D. 865; T. C. Scarey, Org. 1987; Jas. Rowe, 2191; I. H. Price, 1321; F. Kedge, 2191; J. Payne, 1287; and J. Green, 1681. There was a great deal of business transacted, and the W.M., who is going up as Steward for the Girls' School, takes with him 70 guineas, collected by Bro. F. W. Buxton on that night in the lodge. The W.M., who has our beautiful ritual, so to speak, at his fingers ends, and is, in fact, a perfect Master, initiated Bro. W. H. Briggs and Bro. R. Tyndall, Bro. F. Percy Buxton having been previously initiated by his father. Bros. A. Lichtwich and H. J. Thwaites were raised and admitted as Master Masons.

The banquet was most excellent, and as the three initiates were all musical, they added greatly to the harmony of the evening, and Bro. F. P. Buxton played one of his compositions, the St. Ambrose March, with finished execution. Bro. S. White, the musical director, gave some of his favourite songs in his accustomed form, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge (No. 2241).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 21st ult. Bro. J. R. Keep, W.M., presided, and very ably initiated Mr. James Dangerfield. Bro. F. W. Potter, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., was again re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rawles, Tyler. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and a visiting brother was proposed as a joining member. Bros. H. Lovegrove, Sec., Buck, P.M.; and Hepburn, P.M., with several members and visitors, were present. A banquet followed.

Galen Lodge (No. 2394).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a larger attendance of brethren than at any time since the consecration. Bro. T. Hodgkin, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, was most ably installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Lancaster, a Past Grand Officer of Surrey, and appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. H. Mathews, S.W.; J. W. T. Morrison, J.W.; Mackers, Treas.; Rogerson, Sec.; Matland, S.D.; Bascomb, J.D.; Butler, D.C.; W. Thomas, I.G.; and Littleboy and H. A. Thomas, Stewards. Several candidates were proposed for initiation, and it has been necessary to arrange emergency meetings for the purpose of getting through the great amount of work to be done this year. All the brethren present were unanimous in their opinion that the lodge had never been in more perfect harmony, and that there was a brilliant future before it.

The brethren and their guests dined together after labour, and the postprandial speeches were interspersed with musical talent of the very best.

Bro. Col. Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Dr. Dutton, 2410, and several other distinguished brethren speaking for "The Visitors."

Hiram Lodge (No. 2418).—A meeting of this professional lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 28th ult. Bro. F. A. Powell, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. T. Bonner, S.W.; G. Elkington, J.W.; F. R. Farrow, I.P.M., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; A. F. Wrightson, J.D., as S.D.; W. West, I.G.; and G. Austin, Tyler. Bro. Ebbetts kindly acted as I.P.M. Bro. White and Vickers were passed to the Second Degree, the lecture on the tracing bard being given by Bro. Ebbetts. Three members for joining and a gentleman for initiation were duly proposed. Dinner at Freemasons' Tavern followed.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Crowle Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Fox, W.M.; J. Faulkner, S.W.; H. L. Burtonshaw, J.W.; R. Wood, P.P. Std. Br., Sec.; J. Constable, P.G.O., Chap.; T. Stanforth, P.G.W., Almoner; W. Pickering, S.D.; S. H. C. Ashlin, J.D.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; W. A. Wressle, I.G.; J. Franks, and A. S. O. Birch, Stwds.; W. Burtonshaw, P.P.G.P.; H. Hor, W. S. Scholey, and G. Naylor, Tyler. Bro. E. Hirst, 2359, was a visitor. Mr. A. W. Cundall, who received a unanimous ballot at the last meeting, was duly initiated as an E.A. by the W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Stanforth, Constable, and Ashlin. The result of the late concert was declared to be £4, and this, together with a vote from the lodge, was made up to 10 guineas for the Lincolnshire Centenary Benevolent Fund.

After lodge was closed, refreshment followed labour, and a very pleasant hour was the result.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. E. H. Newsum, W.M.; F. Webb, I.P.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, S.W.; T. Anelay, J.W.; C. M. Hartley, P.P.G.R., Treas.; F. J. Forth, Sec.; J. H. Buckland, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; T. W. Turner, I.G.; H. C. White, Org.; J. F. Hanson and J. Denison, Stwds.; G. Brooke, P.P. G.W.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; F. Rand, P.P.G.D.; F. Duff, P. Jenner, W. Goodair, H. Gunby, C. Reasbeck, G. T. Smith, G. White, H. W. Burnett, H. Foster, J. M. Axe, R. Bridge, and J. H. Pawson. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable and T. Barber, 2259. The first business was the election of W.M., and this resulted in a unanimous ballot for Bro. C. H. Woodhouse, S.W. Bro. Hartley announced that he must retire from the office of Treasurer, which he did with regret after so many years of official duties in that capacity. His decision was received with profound regret. Bro. Rand was elected in his place, and Bros. J. Hirst and W. Mason were re-elected Tylers. Resignations were received from Bros. F. D. Walker, P.P. G.D., and J. Rayner.

After "Hearty good wishes," the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, and partook of light refreshment.

FERSEY.

Mechanic's Lodge (No. 245).—The regular monthly meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's. There was a large attendance

of members and visitors. Bro. A. Currie, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. O. Dodge, P.M., Sec.; J. Diemel, P.M., Treas., and others. After lodge had been closed, the members and visiting brethren adjourned to the refectory for refreshment. The short speeches made during the proceedings being rendered doubly acceptable by the songs of several musical brethren.

La Cesaree Lodge (No. 590).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge, which is the only one in the island working in the French language with the consent of Grand Lodge, was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Thursday, the 29th ultimo, when there were in attendance very many members of the lodge and various sister lodges. Bro. Ph. Baudains, P.M. (Mayor of St. Helier's), presided, and conducted the proceedings of the evening in his usual able and genial manner. The grand feature of the evening was the annual official visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey, when the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. John Le Cronier, entered the lodge room, accompanied by a large number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. There was no work to do, else all present would have had a thorough mental treat, since both the W.M. and his officers are perfect in the rendering of the ceremonies attached to Craft Masonry.

Lodge over, the brethren, by the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the spacious refectory for refreshments, after which the usual Masonic toasts were tersely given and briefly responded to, the speeches being interspersed with songs and recitations.

The proceedings of the evening terminated at the usual early hour of this lodge.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—This lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when the following brethren attended: Bros. A. L. Peace, W.M.; J. Constable, I.P.M., acting S.W.; J. H. Pawson, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; the Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; E. Simpson, Org.; T. Barber, S.D.; H. G. Fenton, J.D.; G. Eland, I.G.; E. Hirst, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler; F. T. Turner, E. Shillito, and W. T. Chambers. The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. T. J. Smith, which the W.M. having declared unanimous the candidate was duly admitted and initiated by the W.M. It was decided to send as large a subscription as possible to the R.M. Institution for Boys. Supper followed the lodge work.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1794).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when there were present, among others: Bros. Windeatt, W.M.; Müller, S.W., W.M. elect.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Ruffe, S.D.; Playford, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Packinton, Org.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., and T. Middleweek, Stwds.; J. Piller, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Finch, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. J. Porter, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Barnes, P.M.; Middleweek, I.P.M.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx. (non. member); and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Beard, P.P.G.D.C.; E. E. Gomme, W.M. 946; J. Edgen, P.M. 889; J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; J. Bail, 15; A. Finch, 1238; C. A. Sanger, 1642; and C. I. Dory, 2400. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Müller was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Windeatt, assisted by Bros. Finch, P.M. as S.W.; E. W. Warner, P.M. as D.C.; and W. J. Porter, P.M. as I.G. The ceremony was well performed. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. F. Chandler, S.W.; Ruffe, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., Sec.; W. Playgood, S.D.; W. Smith, J.D.; J. Barnes, I.G.; Packinton, Org.; T. Middleweek, D.C.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; B. Williams, and E. Hall, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Windeatt, and a vote of thanks passed to him as Installing Officer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Upon the motion of Bro. Walls, P.M., the sum of five guineas was voted to the I.P.M. as Steward for the R.M.I. for Boys.

The lodge was then closed and a banquet followed.

Bro. H. H. Room, in responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers," made, as is his wont, an interesting and instructive speech. He particularly alluded to the last Provincial Grand Lodge. He said that Bro. Lord George Hamilton, Prov. G.M., was exceedingly pleased with the manner in which the proceedings had been carried out. One of their members had rendered him (the speaker) the most zealous and valuable assistance in carrying out the arrangements, and he took the opportunity of thanking him, Bro. Forge, P.M., for what he had done.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in happy terms by the I.P.M.

The toast of "The Visitors" was enthusiastically received, Bro. Beard, P.M., making a humorous speech in reply.

The W.M., in giving "The Installing Officers," spoke in high terms of the working of Bro. Windeatt. The members of the lodge were glad to see him thoroughly restored to health, and long might he live to wear the Past Master's jewel that had been presented to him that day.

The I.P.M. having replied, the toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. F. Middleweek followed; he, having replied, gave "The Officers," and said that the W.M. had courteously accorded to him the privilege of proposing the toast. He then at length touched upon the good qualities of the various officers, all of whom, with the exception of the S.W., were initiates of the lodge. Bro. Chandler, S.W., had won his spurs in a neighbouring lodge and was a Past Provincial Grand Officer. He was a good man and a Mason. The brethren, perhaps, would be glad to hear that this worthy brother had been elected people's Churchwarden of the large Parish of Kensington.

Bros. E. W. Warner, Sec.; F. Chandler, S.W.; and J. Knill, J.W., acknowledged this toast.

A most excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was ably carried out by Bro. Packinton, the Hon. Organist of the lodge. No. 1793 for many years has been noted for its musical qualities but nothing approaching the entertainment provided on this occasion has ever been presented.

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

A new lodge, bearing the name of the popular Provincial Grand Master of Essex, the Earl of Warwick, was consecrated at Buckhurst Hill, on Wednesday. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Bro. Baron de Bush has been admitted a Liveryman of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls has been elected on the Vestry of St. Dunstan in the West, *vice* Bro. Deputy George Manners, F.S.A., F.R.G.S., &c., deceased.

A Masonic ball, given by the Dover Freemasons, was held at the Town Hall on Friday night, the 6th inst., the Connaught Hall and its approaches being very elaborately decorated for the occasion.

The Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company (Bro. F. B. Fuller) has issued invitations for Monday, the 16th instant, to meet the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole.

The Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar will meet at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, the 19th instant, when Sir Knight G. Gregory will be installed F.P., and candidates will be admitted to the Order. Particulars can be obtained of the Registrar, Henry Lovegrove, Eboracum, Herne Hill, S.E.

It has been arranged by the brethren of Panmure Lodge, No. 299 (S.C.), Arbroath, to hold a grand bazaar in April, 1895. The bazaar, which will be under distinguished patronage, is for the purpose of raising funds to clear off the debt on the lodge property and to inaugurate a benevolent scheme in connection with the lodge.

The first annual dinner of the Kentish Club of Instruction, which holds its meetings on Sunday mornings at the Milton Hall, Kentish Town, was held on Thursday evening the 5th inst., in the Duke's Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. Charles F. Quicke (Preceptor) presided, and was supported by about 100 members and friends. During the evening, an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was gone through.

The Bishop of Grenoble is an ultra anti-Masonic fanatic. In a recent discourse Mgr. Fava exemplified to an amusing degree his craze that the lodges of the brotherhood are federated centres of political intrigue. He said: "It was the English Freemasons who pushed on France to join in the Crimean war against Russia in order that she might exhaust her gold and treasure in that needless combat; it was the French Freemasons who incited France to fight Austria, a Catholic nation, in order to bring about the unity of Italy. * * * resisting the temporal power of the Pope."—*Sheffield Daily Telegraph*.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Lucas, the wife of Bro. Superintendent Lucas (Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192), of the W Division, whose headquarters are at Brixton. The funeral took place on Tuesday, all the shops on the line of route exhibiting, amidst general indications of respect and sympathy, signs of mourning. The coffin was covered with a number of very beautiful wreaths, the donors including the following: The officers of Brixton Station, the Clapham Sub-Division, the Brixton tradesmen, by Mr. J. Leighton, and many others.

At a meeting of Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, held on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, Comp. T. Poultney Giffin was duly installed M.E.Z. of the Chapter, Comps. Dr. F. Gordon Brown and H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor) being respectively installed H. and J. The ceremony of installation was most impressively rendered by Comp. Dr. Ralph Godding. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Sir John Monckton, the Rev. Broke Lambert, and Major J. T. Peirce.

The remains of the late Bro. Thomas Carlisle Sharp, who died on the 1st inst., at his residence, 7, Lombard-road, Edge-lane, Liverpool, in the 52nd year of his age, were interred on Wednesday, the 4th inst., in West Derby Cemetery. The deceased brother was a prominent Freemason, having been connected with the Marlborough Lodge for 14 years, and the respect in which he was held was shown by the large gathering at the ceremony. Among friends present at the ceremony were Bros. James Gresham, I.P.M. 160; J. S. Jolly, I.P.M. 1505; John Deacon, Thomas Sandow, J. P. Leach, 605; G. H. Ryder, J. H. Simms, John Lee, D. Griffiths, T. O. Jepson, 1505; T. Gardner, I.G. 1505; and others. The coffin was covered with floral tributes.

We have the highest esteem for that excellent, hospitable, and charitable body of men known as Freemasons. But we are afraid that the appeal of the Argentine brethren to the Prince of Wales, President Cleveland, the King of Portugal, and President Peixoto, on behalf of the Brazilian refugees will not have much effect as such. If the refugees are all Masons, and President Peixoto be also of the Craft, then, perhaps, a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Argentina might avail something. Only it might not be quite a safe thing for the conveners, for even the most earnest Freemason is apt to forget the principles of the brotherhood in the excitement of politics. But, after all, there is no reason to fear that the Portuguese Government will surrender the insurgents who have sought an asylum on their ships of war. The commanders might have refused to take them in, but having given them shelter, they can hardly with decency hand them over to the tender mercies of the ruthless Peixoto.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE is often a pleasant surprise, especially when it brings us relief from pain. Holloway's Ointment will be found to fulfil both these conditions to those who have faith in its merits. Its success induced the medical profession to introduce it into the hospitals and their private practice, and in many instances where the sufferer was considered incurable, Holloway's Ointment, in conjunction with his Pills, healed the most desperate cases. They are also unparalled in the cure of scrofula, scurvy, and all diseases of the skin, and the cures they effect are not temporary or imperfect, for by their purifying powers they bring about a marvellous and beneficial change in the whole system.

Princess Victor of Hohenlohe, and the Countess Feodora Gleichen visited Sunningdale on Thursday, and placed a wreath upon the grave of the late Prince Victor of Hohenlohe, returning to St. James's Palace in the evening.

Bro. Ernest St. Clair was installed W.M. of La France Mark Lodge at the Café Royal on Tuesday last. The proceedings were conducted wholly in the French language, Bro. Monteuis performing the ceremony of installation most admirably.

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

The fund for commemorating the services, during the last 20 years, of Bro. Sir John Monckton, as Town Clerk of the City of London, will close to-morrow (Saturday), and the presentation will be made by the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at half-past two o'clock. The form which the compliment takes will be, first, a marble bust of Sir John Monckton, by Mr. J. A. Rasmakers, for presentation to the Guildhall Art Gallery; and next, a valuable gift of jewels for Lady Monckton.

The annual banquet of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 100, at the Masonic Hall, Dublin, on Friday, the 6th inst., was made the occasion of the interesting ceremony of presenting Comp. Pecker with a beautifully illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns upon his retiring from the Registrarship of the chapter, and as a tribute to the zeal and great interest he has always taken in the chapter during a period of a quarter of a century, the latter half of which he has acted as Registrar. The presentation was made by Comp. R. Simpson, P.K., in an appropriate speech, and was acknowledged and responded to by Comp. Pecker. After some excellent singing and recitations the companions separated in P.L. and H.

At Emmanuel Church, Compton Gifford, Devon, on the 6th inst., the marriage took place of Bro. the Rev. Thomas William Lemon, D.D., of Erme House, Ivybridge, and Miss Mary Louisa Brian, eldest daughter of the late T. C. Brian, of Plymouth, solicitor. At the meeting of Lodge Sincerity, No. 159, on the same evening it was resolved, on the proposition of Bro. C. F. Dunsterville, to present Bro. Lemon with a Past Master's jewel as a wedding present, and at the after proceedings his health was proposed by Bro. Hendry, as the oldest Past Master present, and drunk with great heartiness. Bro. Lemon is one of the oldest Past Masters of Lodge Sincerity, which is his mother lodge, and of which he is still Chaplain.

Princess Christian, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and attended by Baroness Von Eglloffstein, distributed the prizes at the Fifth Annual Exhibition of Village Industries at Datchet, on Thursday. A large company was present to witness the ceremony, including Lady Mary and Miss Trefusis, the Ladies Cholmondeley, Mr. P. J. and Lady Marcia de Paravicini, Mrs. Granville Somerset, Colonel and Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Felix Palmer and Miss Palmer (Honorary Secretary). Miss Aileen Hinde, three and half years old—the youngest exhibitor, and the winner of a silver thimble—presented the Princess with a posy of orchids and lilies, and the vicar of Datchet, the Rev. J. H. Thompson, made a short statement concerning the progress of the exhibition, after which the successful competitors received their awards. The Princesses then made a critical survey of the various classes.

In presiding over the 27th annual dinner of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, in the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale stated that during the last seven years £2853 had been paid to members. As one of large experience in City banquets, he bore testimony to the deftness and courtesy of those most respectable members of the community who ministered to their wants. A distinct thrill permeated the company when he said there were those who did not approve of public dining, which was relieved by cheers when he expressed his contempt for such persons. He wondered, seeing the number of people who attended banquets, that their society was not better supported. Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, President of the society, commended its efforts to assist members in obtaining situations, and was accorded a specially vociferous rendering of the assertion that he was a "jolly good fellow," when, the subscriptions amounting to £300, permitting the establishment of a special £20 pension to be named after him, he refused to accept the honour unless allowed to provide funds sufficient to maintain it without drawing on the resources of the society. As a matter of fact, the gallant colonel gave the £500 required for that laudable purpose.

AN ANCIENT MASONIC EMBLEM.—Freemasons will be glad to hear of the reception in England of the old and interesting Masonic emblem Mr. Horbury Hunt forwarded by the Earl of Jersey. The late Governor, writing from Middleton Park in October, says that he has forwarded the medal entrusted to him by Mr. Hunt to the Secretary of the St. John's Old Kilwinning Lodge, No. 6, Inverness. The English mail last to hand brings Mr. Hunt the following letter from the Secretary of the lodge: "Dear Sir and Brother,—Earl Jersey has handed over to St. John's Old Kilwinning Lodge of Freemasons, No. 6, of Scotland, the old Masonic jewel which you committed to his care, and which belonged to one of your forefathers, Brother John Gregor. At a meeting of the lodge held on the 16th December last, I was instructed to acknowledge safe receipt of same, and to thank you for so kindly sending back to the mother lodge such an interesting relic. The brethren appreciate the gift very highly, so much so indeed that they have resolved to have a new jewel made for the Right Worshipful Master, in which the medal sent us will form the centre-piece. Yours, &c., Thomas G. Henderson, Secretary." The Earl of Jersey in his letter forwarded a copy from the minutes on record, stating that on the 2nd May, 1775, there was presented to Captain John Gregor, the Right Worshipful Master, a gold medal, with the best thanks of the lodge, for his past services; also that on the 6th February, 1776, a diploma was presented to the same officer.—*Sydney Mail*.

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The Lord Mayor has kindly consented to preside at the festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan Hospital, to be held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, the 30th inst.

The Aged Poor Commission sat on Tuesday to consider the report. The Prince of Wales was present throughout the meeting, and took great interest in the draft scheme of proposals.

In our notice of the elections of churchwardens and other officers of the parish of St. Botolph's Without, last week, we omitted to include the name of Bro. A. B. Hudson, who was elected Parish Surveyor.

The Queen will visit Manchester to formally open the Ship Canal on or about the 21st of May. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Chairman of the company; the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Mr. Alderman Marshall; and the Mayor of Salford, Mr. Alderman Bailey, are in communication with the Queen's advisers in London.

The annual general meeting of the London Magistrates' Clerks' Association was held at Bow-street Court on Thursday evening. Mr. John Alexander, Chief Clerk of the Court at Bow-street, was elected Chairman and Treasurer, and Messrs. Temple, C. Martin, and A. Brienne Halle, Hon. Secretaries.

The Duchess of Newcastle opened a bazaar at St. Albans, Holborn, in aid of the church schools on Thursday. Her Grace observed that there was all the greater need for the support of voluntary schools now that the tendency towards secular teaching in the Board Schools had become so prominent. Among others present were Viscountess Falkland and Lady Wilson, Miss J. Baker, and the vicar, the Rev. R. H. Suckling.

Prince Christian presided on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., at the forty-ninth anniversary dinner of the German Hospital, which was given in the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole. There was a large attendance, including Count Torrielli (the Italian Ambassador), Count Metternich, Count Mensdorff, and Baron von Schröder. The institution in question is perhaps one of the best known of Metropolitan charities. In the annual report it was intimated that the work was carried on with undiminished activity, and it may be added, with continued success. Last year, 1456 in-patients and 1882 out-patients received treatment, of whom a considerable number were English—for an open door is kept at the German Hospital in Dalston to people of all nationalities who require instant medical aid. It was subsequently announced the respectable sum of £2900 had been subscribed. Under the direction of Mr. Wilhelm Ganz, a splendid vocal and instrumental concert was given.

THE MASONIC BENEFIT AT ROCHDALE.—For the past seven years the annual benefit entertainment in Rochdale on behalf of the Masonic Charities has by the kindness and generosity of Bro. F. W. Purcell been held at the Theatre Royal, and in conformity with his usual practice that brother had arranged to give the benefit entertainment for 1894 at the theatre on Tuesday, the 10th instant. The disastrous fire at the theatre placed it beyond Bro. Purcell's power to carry out the arrangement, and the Masonic brethren who had relied upon it had to devise another plan. Principally through the efforts of Bros. R. H. S. Butterworth, S.W., and C. E. Collingwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., a concert was projected in lieu of the entertainment at the theatre, the date was altered, and the concert was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The change does not affect the prospect of realising a substantial amount in aid of the Charities, for the hall was very well filled in spite of the untoward weather, and Bro. Butterworth was able to announce half-way through the concert that the hall held £65, and that the usual donations had still to come in. A very pleasant feature of the proceedings during the interval was the presentation to Bro. F. W. Purcell, P.M., of a solid gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of his many years' service on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and mention was also made of Bro. Purcell's announcement that he hoped to re-open the theatre about the end of August. Bro. Collingwood, when announcing the presentation, stated that no less a sum than £240 had been realised for the Charities by the entertainments Bro. Purcell had given at the theatre year by year since 1886.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.—The annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter, to receive reports and to elect four children on the fund. Bro. E. H. Shorto, P.M. 39, was voted to the chair. Bro. Lord, Treas., presented his report. The value of the fund at the end of the year was £1317 13s. 4d., as against £1164 9s. 4d. the previous year. They had not only added to the number of children on the fund, but had also made a substantial addition to their income. In addition to that he had since received on account of the present year over £241.—On the motion of Bro. Powell, seconded by Bro. C. Watson, Bro. J. R. Lord was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.—Bro. Gregory proposed the re-election of Bro. Gover as Secretary, and Bro. Mutton seconded the motion, which was passed with acclamation. Bro. W. H. Dillion was unanimously re-elected Assistant Secretary on the proposition of Bros. Gover and Lord. Complimentary references and high encomiums were passed on the work of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary respectively for the time, energy, and ability they devoted to the work of the Institution. Bros. W. Allsford and W. J. Stanbury were re-elected auditors, and the following were appointed as the Finance Committee: Bros. H. Stocker, J. Brewer, E. T. Fulford, W. J. Stanbury, W. Powell, and G. Whitley. There were six candidates for the four vacancies on the fund, and there were no less than 2400 votes handed in. The result of the voting was: First, son of a deceased brother of Lodge Benevolence, No. 666, Princetown (third application), 843 votes, including 694 brought forward; second, daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge, No. 70, St. John's, Plymouth, who was drowned in H.M.S. Victoria (first application), 793 votes; third, son of a deceased brother of Lodge, No. 33, Exeter (first application), 705 votes; fourth, daughter of a deceased brother of No. 1125, Tiverton (first application), 450 votes; fifth, son of a deceased brother of Loyal Lodge of Industry, No. 421, South Molton (second application), 81 votes, including 11 brought forward. The first children were declared elected, Bros. Ellis, 66; Hocking, 70; Hy. Stocker, 39; and Ellerton, 1125; being respectively elected their guardians. Votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.