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## CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF WARWICK LODGE, No. 2504.

Almost immediately after the installation of Bro. Lord Brooke to the Provincial Grand Mastership of the Province of Essex, some worthy brethren sought for and obtained his lordship's permission to found a lodge, to be called after his name, and the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, was warranted, and has been doing good work in the province since 1883. Similarly, now, that his lordship has succeeded to the earldom of Warwick, one of his first Masonic official acts has been to recommend to the favourable consideration of his Royal Highness, the Grand Master, the petition of some five-and-twenty brethren, to be allowed to form and hold a lodge at the Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill, to be called the Earl of Warwick. The Grand Master having acceded to the prayer of the petitioners, the noble Earl paid his first visit to the province since the death of his father, and on Wednesday, the 11th inst., consecrated the lodge.

As might be expected upon so interesting an occasion, there was a large attendance, those associated with the noble Earl in the consecration ceremony being Bros. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Deputy Prov. G.M.; B. Hoddinot, Prov. S.G.W.; Harris Hills, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. T. Armfield, Prov. G. Chap.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; Albert Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D. of C.; and E. H. Bailly, P.P.J.G.W., acting I.G.

After the usual preliminaries, the PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren, assuring them of his continued interest in the work of Freemasonry in the province, and his pleasure at the progress that had been made since he had the honour of having been appointed Provincial Grand Master. In considering applications for new lodges, both himself and his advisers were most careful to consider the requirements of the district in which it was desired to hold the lodge. When the application came before him for that new lodge, there was an opening for it, and he considered it a great compliment that the founders wished to call it after himself.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. T. J. RALLING, then read the petition of those who wished to found this lodge, and the warrant, signed by the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for its foundation.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then called upon the Chaplain of the Province, Bro. the Rev. H. T. ARMFIELD, for an oration on the nature and principles of the institution. The Chaplain's oration was an extemporaneous address, which for some 10 minutes held the brethren spellbound, as well by the ability and research displayed in its composition as the impressive manner of its delivery. He said:

No one acquainted with the principles of Christianity as enunciated in the New Testament, and those of Freemasonry, could fail to be struck with the remarkable similarity of the two; and both institutions had, at times, been seriously misunderstood or very much maligned. The tenets of the former laid down by St. Paul in the words—"Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the king," so exactly represented the principles inculcated by their Order that the impression generally prevailed among them that they had been adopted from Christianity. This had been his view until a close examination of the Testament, aided by an intimate knowledge of the language in which it was written, as well as of Hebrew and some kindred tongues, compelled him to doubt whether, on the contrary, the founder of the Christian faith had not accepted and enforced principles already propounded by their Order as it then existed. Expressions or words from time to time made use of in the sacred writings, though translated in our English version in such a manner as to conceal allusions which would otherwise have been apparent to any Freemason, were, in the original terms, which undoubtedly corresponded with those then used in connection with the mysteries, and in no other sense. There were allusions to initiation, "builder" should appear as "master mason," and several other examples were given. The very charge on which Christ was slain was shown to be Masonic; and he thought the hostility of the priesthood to the teaching of Christ gave a clue to the derivation and meaning of a word used in Masonic ritual to denote "stranger" or "enemy," of which no one had given a satisfactory explanation, but which he found was pure Hebrew for "priest." It was very clear to him that not one of the translators of the authorised version of the New Testament was a Freemason. Concluding the most able oration on the Order it has been our lot to hear, the speaker urged the brethren so to carry out what they had undertaken that the correspondence to which he had drawn attention might be apparent to all.

The solemn ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the anthems and other musical portions being beautifully sung by Bros. Dutton (of St. Paul's Cathedral), Lovett King, and G. T. Miles, under the direction of Bro. Walter Latter, R.A.M., acting as Organist.

Bro. C. C. Black, P.M. 29, P.G. Steward, was then installed as first

W.M., the ceremony being performed with his well-known dignity and ability by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, the D.P.G.M. At its conclusion the officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. C. G. Cutchey, I.P.M.; Col. Lockwood, M.P., S.W.; J. H. Retallack-Moloney, J.W.; the Rev. Thos. Lloyd, Chap.; Sir W. N. Abdy, Bart., Treas.; W. G. Norman, Sec.; W. G. Bridges, S.D.; T. Brandreth Gibbs, J.D.; C. J. Smith, I.G.; Walter Latter, Org.; E. White and J. B. Gregar, Stewards; and J. Ives, Tyler.

Bro. the Rev. Thos. Lloyd, P.M. 2342, P.P.G.C., was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and several propositions for initiation and joining having been made, the Consecrating Officers were, on the motion of the W.M., all elected as honorary members, and were presented with a founder's jewel as a memento of the day's proceedings.

About 80 brethren afterwards dined together at the Roebuck, a very *recherche* dinner being well served by Bro. Smith, the highly-respected host.

The new W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by the Earl of Warwick and a number of distinguished Grand and Provincial Grand Officers.

In replying to the toast of his health, proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

The Earl of WARWICK said they had it on the highest authority that a good name was more to be desired than great riches. He knew he had succeeded to a name that was untarnished; his great desire for himself was that it should remain so. In confiding it to the brethren of the new lodge, he felt confident that they would so carry on the work of Freemasonry in the province that no taint would fall upon this escutcheon.

The consecration of the Earl of Warwick Lodge brings up the number of lodges in Essex to 35, and we understand that the strength of the province will be still further increased directly, his Royal Highness having granted warrants for the Ixion Lodge, No. 2501, and the Thomas Ralling Lodge, No. 2508. The Prov. Grand Master has fixed April 30th and May 1st for the respective consecrations of these two lodges.

## CONSECRATION OF THE GOODACRE LODGE, No. 2495, AT BOOTLE.

An event of considerable interest to local Masons took place on Monday, at the County Hall, Bootle, the occasion being the consecration of a new lodge to be called the Goodacre, No. 2495.

The ceremony brought together a strong and representative assembly of brethren from the Province of West Lancashire, among whom, in addition to the Consecrating Officer, the Pro G.M. of England, Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, were:

Bros. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, P.G. Chap.; Walter Simpson, P.S.G.W.; J. B. Murray, P.G. Treas.; Thomas Forrester, P.G. Std. Br.; G. A. Myers, D.C.; R. G. Bradley, A.D.C.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; John C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; David Jones, P.M. 1070, P.P.G.D.; J. N. Patterson, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Milligan, P.P.G.D.; John Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; J. P. McArthur, P.P.J.G.W.; John Christie, P.P.G.W.; Alfred Cross, P.P.S.G.D.; John Slyman, 1730, P.P.G.D.; G. S. Willings, P.M. 617, P.P.G.D.; James J. Lambert, P.P.G.R.; William Savage, P.P.G.T.; A. Kirkpatrick, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Lanes; James Platt, P.P.G.D.; Richard Sharrock, P.M. 1313, P.A.G.D.C.; Richard Armitage, P.P.G. Reg.; C. Forthergill, W.M. 2463, P.G.D.; George A. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas., and others.

The founders of the new lodge who were present were Bros. John Fletcher, W.M. designate; I. Platts, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., S.W. designate; G. C. A. Moir, J.W. designate; A. E. Smith, Gilbert Leigh, W. Taylor, P.M.; R. Rawlinson, James Pearson, Thos. McHugh, and John Blundell.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. John Fletcher was installed the first W.M. by Bro. W. Simpson, Prov. S.G.W., after which Bro. Fletcher invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. E. Smith, acting I.P.M.; Isaac Platts, S.W.; G. C. A. Moir, J.W.; Gilbert Leigh, Treas.; W. Taylor, Sec.; W. Macvie, Asst. Sec.; J. Pearson, S.D.; H. Musker, J.D.; R. Rawlinson, D.C.; J. Blundell, I.G.; T. McHugh, W. Musker, and D. W. Molyneux, Stwds.; and W. J. Doran, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet supplied by Bro. W. Holmes, of the Metropole, Liverpool. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. John Fletcher, presided, and he was supported by the Earl of Lathom and the Provincial Grand Officers who had assisted in the ceremony of consecration.

The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and received with enthusiasm and musical honours.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave in suitable terms "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom," which was also very heartily received.

His LORDSHIP having replied, Bro. I. PLATTS submitted "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was acknowledged by Bro. FORRESTER.

Bro. W. TAYLOR proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. J. NEWALL responded; and the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY proposed "The W.M.," to which Bro. FLETCHER felicitously replied.

The other toasts included "The Visitors," submitted by Bro. G. C. A. MOIR and acknowledged by Bro. WILLINGS, and "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. CHRISTIE and responded to by Bro. RAWLINSON.

A programme of music was rendered during the evening, to which the following contributed—Bros. R. Rawlinson, R. Wilson, F. H. Seddon, and E. Edwards, the proceedings being brought to a close by the brethren joining in singing "Should auld acquaintance be forgot."

The following gifts have been made to the lodge: Mrs. A. E. Smith, Master's chair; Mrs. W. Taylor, Senior Warden's chair; Mrs. Gilbert Leigh, Junior Warden's chair; Mrs. G. C. A. Moir, Wardens' columns; Mrs. D. W. Molyneux, ballot box and Charity box; Mrs. John Fletcher, Bible, cushions, &c.; Mrs. W. Macvie, "Emblems of Mortality;" Mrs. John Blundell, tripod and stand; Mrs. Isaac Platts, box of tools; Mrs. A. Cross, set of gavels; and Bros. McHugh, Pearson, and Walter Musker presented the three tracing boards.

The lodge was furnished throughout by Bro. George Kenning.

### THE PROVINCE OF GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

We briefly announced in our last issue that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to constitute the Islands of Guernsey and Alderney into a Province for Masonic purposes, and that Brigade-Surgeon Dr. Balfour Cockburn had been appointed Grand Master. We are now enabled to give our readers some particulars of the Masonic career of the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Master, and to offer to him our congratulations on his accession to so dignified and honourable a position, and to the Province on having such an able and truly Masonic brother to rule over them.

Bro. Balfour Cockburn was initiated in St. Stephen's Lodge, Edinburgh, in 1851, affiliated to and one of the earliest members of the Pentangle Lodge, Chatham. Proceeding to Gibraltar after several years service there he left the Rock as P.M., and P.P.Z. 278, and Past District Senior Grand Warden, also in the Mark as P.M. of 43, and Past Senior Grand Deacon of England and Wales, also I.P. of the Calpe Preceptory, and P.M.W.S. of the Europa Chapter of Rose Croix, and for distinguished service in assisting to restore this latter chapter to good working order he was promoted to the 30°, and some time after to the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Being ordered to India, Bro. Balfour Cockburn did good Masonic work at Bangalore, becoming a Past Master and a P.P.Z. of the Bangalore Lodge and Chapter, No. 1043, and whilst stationed on the West Coast resuscitated the Western Star Lodge, No. 1449, at Cannasson, and was a P.P. of the Mysore Excelsior Preceptory. In Guernsey he is a P.M. of Doyle's Lodge, and a member of Mariners, the oldest lodge in the island. He founded the Sarnian Lodge, No. 425, of Mark Masters in Guernsey, and was the first to work the Degree in the island. A lodge of Ark Mariners, which bears his name, was also founded by him in Gibraltar. Bro. Cockburn is a member of the 32°, and holds the office of Intendant General for Guernsey in the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. He has been summoned as an Officer of Great Priory, and it is an open secret that he is shortly to hold a further office of great importance and trust in Grand Mark Lodge. Bro. Cockburn is a Life Governor of all the Institutions and has served many Stewardships, he also holds high office in the Allied Degrees and the Cryptic Rite.

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

By BRO. R. F. GOULD.

(Continued from page 155.)

In Chapter VIII., which is devoted to the Royal Arch, Bro. Hughan tells us—"The 'Ancients' were not the first to work the Degree, for the ceremony was known in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and possibly in North America, prior to the constitution of that Body. They, however, recognised and were very partial to what was then known to them as the 'Fourth Degree,' or 'Holy Royal Arch,' and permitted all their lodges by virtue of the warrants granted by their authority to hold chapters according to the 'Laws and Regulations for the Instruction and Government' thereof. Consequently, the Lion and Lamb Lodge, from its origin in 1789 to the end of 1813, was empowered to duly confer the Degree on any qualified member."

The two rival Grand Chapters followed the example of the two Grand Lodges with which they were respectively connected, and peacefully united on August 18th, 1817. But the practice then established under which the Royal Arch was to be worked in the future, may be characterised as an entirely new departure in English Masonry.

Before the fusion of the two Grand Lodges (1813), the brethren under the older of these bodies were admitted to the "Arch" in chapters, which were really though not ostensibly in strict alliance with the lodges. Under the younger Grand Lodge, however ("Ancients"), the usage was dissimilar. The Royal Arch was conferred in the lodges, and the Degree was referred to in all branches of the jurisdiction with honour and respect.

But after August 18th, 1817, it was decided that the system of working the "Arch" in private lodges should be discontinued, and at the same time the mode of conferring it in chapters was brought nearer to the rival (and more ancient) practice, by a regulation being enacted, that every chapter should be attached to a lodge, and bear its number. For further particulars relating to the Rise, Progress, and Vicissitudes of the Royal Arch Degree, the interested reader must necessarily be referred to the works of those writers who have made a special study of the history of this most interesting adjunct to Freemasonry; Hughan's *Origin of the English Rite*, and *Introductory Sketch* prefixed to the latest reprint of Dassigny's *Serious Enquiry*, may be here cited as together presenting a "bird's-eye view" of a very large and complicated subject.

In 1817, the Lion and Lamb Chapter might have sprang into existence, but it did not, nor was it until 1871 that a warrant was obtained from Grand Chapter. On the 10th of January, 1872, Chapter No. 192 was consecrated by Comp. Henry Muggeridge, with Comp. George Kenning (the originator and a founder) as the first M.E.Z. The members are now 25 in number, and the success of the Lion and Lamb Chapter may be said to closely approximate to that of the lodge.

In a final chapter (IX.) the illustrations—31 in number—are pleasantly described by Bro. Hughan. Among these are portraits of Bros. Peter Thomson, Henry Muggeridge, and George Kenning—the last in Mark clothing, as showing the highest Masonic rank he has attained. The historian of the lodge—Bro. Hughan—also tells us that Bro. Kenning was "advanced" in 1864; became a K.T. and Rose Croix, 1869; 30°, 1872; Red Cross, 1867; and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, 1872.

Finally, there is an appendix of 34 pages, containing a set of by-laws as recommended by the "Ancients" (1789), lists of W.M.'s, places of meeting, presentations, &c., &c.

One marked characteristic of No. 192, viz., its devotion to the cause of Charity, I have omitted to notice in the proper place. The Lion and Lamb is a Vice-President of the three Institutions, and has over 70 votes in perpetuity for these truly Masonic establishments. Including those of Bros. Muggeridge (155) and Kenning (296), more than 600 votes are possessed by the lodge and its members.

Bro. Kenning is very heartily to be congratulated on the success which has crowned his efforts to provide the "Lion and Lamb" with an adequate memorial of its long and honoured career. In his preliminary address, he tells the brethren of No. 192: "In the first place, I wished to bring the present members, as it were, face to face with those brethren who had worked, and carried on the lodge for the past century. Secondly, I was anxious that all the statements made should be accurate, and capable of being verified. For this purpose I consulted and obtained the valuable assistance of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., the first Masonic historian of the day. Thirdly, I wished to perpetuate the memory and the services rendered by good and worthy members of our Great Order who had taken part in the working of the lodge."

These objects have been fully attained, and in his latest "Lodge History" Bro. Hughan has indeed amply rendered the "valuable assistance" that was so confidently expected from him—an expression, by the way, which I am anxious should be deprived of any ambiguity of meaning, arising from a want of clearness in the opening words of this article, wherein I may possibly be held to imply that our Bro. Hughan "assisted" in the preparation of the historical sketch, whereas what I meant to convey was, that by enacting the familiar *role* of historian, he had both ably and gladly assisted a very old friend in carrying to a successful issue, the generous and happily-conceived design of presenting the members of his "mother lodge" with an "accurate" record of its history.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the supporters of this Institution was held on the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the chair was taken by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Eve moved the following resolution on behalf of the Board of Management: "That the proposal from the Province of Kent for the right to a Perpetual Presentation, to be called 'The Eastes Presentation,' to be purchased by the payment of twelve hundred guineas (£1200) on the same terms as previous agreements of a like nature, be accepted, subject to the condition that the Presentation shall be available only for sons of Kent Masons, and that each boy presented under same shall in every case be qualified under the then existing Laws of the Institution." This was carried, and the election of Treasurer was next proceeded with.

Bro. GEO. EVERETT, P.G. Treas., in proposing Bro. Charles E. Keyser for the office, said the position of Treasurer to the Institution had been worthily held during the past year by that very popular and esteemed brother, the Grand Secretary, but he, finding that the various duties connected with his high and important office precluded his giving the attention to it which he desired, and which he considered the office demanded, had not presented himself for re-election. The retirement of Bro. Letchworth was much to be regretted, but it afforded him (Bro. Everett), an opportunity of which he eagerly availed himself, of nominating as his successor, a brother equally popular and estimable in the person of Bro. Charles E. Keyser, Past Grand Deacon and Patron of the Institution. Bro. Keyser had not only given with princely liberality to the various Charities connected with the Order, but he had worked hard for them as well. That was especially the case with regard to the Boys' School, for, as a member of its Board of Management, he had given much time and rendered most valuable services, to which those who had the honour and pleasure of working with him could testify. The Institution was most fortunate in finding a brother so eminently fitted as Bro. Keyser to take upon himself the duties of its Treasurer, and he would go further, and venture to say that, were it possible to have a Treasurer made to order, they could not improve upon the pattern they had now before them.

Bro. KEYSER returned thanks for the honour conferred on him. The following brethren were elected on the Board of Management: (London brethren) Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, George Everett, John Glass, William Alfred Scurrah, James Willing, jun., (Provincial brethren) William F. Smithson, R. V. Vassar-Smith, Major J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., James W. Burgess, and W. H. Bailey. The Court then proceeded to elect 30 boys out of an approved list of 43 candidates, the result of which will be found in our advertising columns. The following are the unsuccessful candidates.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Youngs, Herbert	1363	Blackler, Wm. J. Robt. Woodgate	255
Harrison, Frank Sutton	1080	Vockins, Reginald Cecil Hadland	228
Radford, Phillip	917	Baker, Arthur	207
Miller, Alec Stewart	783	Thomas, Percy Alexander (last)	180
Vernon, Arthur Stanley	384	Holland, Walter	7
Martin, Reginald Guy	377	Hurst, John Henry	7
Sellentin, Erdmann Friedrich Wm.	316		

## Mark Masonry.

### Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).—

The installation meeting took place on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Royal Mortar Hotel, opposite the Royal Arsenal, Beresford-square, Woolwich, and was well attended. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. C. Taylor, P.G. D.C., and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. G. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., by special request, took the chair as Installing Officer, and the W.M. elect, Bro. F. J. Downs, having been duly presented, he was placed in the chair of A. and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. C. Taylor, I.P.M.; Major A. C. Hansard, R.A., S.W.; A. W. Orwin, J.W.; C. J. Clapham, M.O.; G. W. Mitchell, S.O.; E. Bryceson, J.O.; E. Sweeney, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., R. of M.; F. G. Nichols, P.M., Sec.; J. O. Cook, S.D.; J. H. W. Davies, J.D.; Baron Henry De Worms, D. of C.; S. Horton, I.G.; and H. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.O., Steward. Bro. Nichols then gave the addresses, and so concluded an eloquent and perfect exposition of this important and impressive ritual. He was presented with a hearty vote of thanks for his services, and Bro. Taylor received at the hands of the W.M. a handsome and valuable Past Mark Master's jewel. Five guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to Bro. Morris's, P.M., list, who is standing as Steward for the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Festival, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the fine saloon of the hotel, and was all that could be desired.

The usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he should have liked to have had two hours to do justice to the toast, but he was only allowed two minutes, so they must excuse him if he fell short of what they might expect him to say. In their W.M. they had a Mason who was in a most unique position. He was, as they were aware, W.M. of their lodge. He was the W.M. of a Craft lodge, and the First Principal of a chapter, so that they would agree with him that Bro. Downs was in a most unique position with regard to Masonry. He felt sure their W.M. would do his duty to them and the lodge, and he asked them to drink the toast heartily.

The W.M., in response, said that as he was but a young Master there might be short-comings on his part, but he earnestly trusted that with the help of the Past Masters and the support of the brethren generally he should be enabled to do the work so as to keep up the good name of the Florence Nightingale Lodge.

Bro. Heaps, in responding for "The Visitors," said that the way the ceremony of installation had been performed that afternoon was one of the greatest treats he had had since he had been a Mark Mason. With regard to their W.M., his work as the M.E.Z. of the Saye and Sele Chapter was perfect. He felt sure they would have a good Master, and on his own behalf thanked them for their hospitable reception of the visitors.

Bro. Cook and Hunter also responded.

Bro. Nichols responded for "The Past Masters," and said that it was usual to call upon the I.P.M., but as he had been chosen to respond, he could assure the W.M. that any assistance he could render him during his year of office would be a pleasure. In saying that, he was only speaking the sentiments of every Past Master of the lodge, whose desire was to make the lodge a pattern to every Mark lodge in the province.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**Lodge La France (No. 459).—**A large number of distinguished Mark Masons assembled at the Masonic Temple of the Café Royal, Regent-street, to witness the first installation ever performed in the French language, that is to say the installation of Bro. E. St. Clair, W.M. elect, by Bro. E. Monteuis, I.P.M. The lodge was opened punctually at 5.45 and the following brethren were present: Bros. Eugene Monteuis, P.G.S.; Ernest St. Clair, Philippe F. R. Saillard, P.M. 144, P.G.S.; Louis Mantell, P.M. 176, P.G.S.; E. L. P. Valeriani, P.M. 8; A. Lamette, P.M. 410, P.G.S.; Felix Bohers, Henri Buc, Edward Cutler, Q.C.; Eugène J. N. Pouard, Louis Verrier, William F. T. Balliston, Sir William Abdy, Bart.; Henri Gros, Tito Mattei, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.M. Bucks; Frank Richardson, P.G.W., G. Reg.; and C. F. Matier, J.G.W., G. Sec. Visitors: Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx.; Col. N. Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Capt. Phillips, P.G.W.; C. H. Driver, P.G. Org., G.I. of W.; L. Gordon Robbins, P.G. Org.; R. Gooding, M.D., P.G. Org.; F. Mead, G.T.; Loveland Loveland, President General Board; R. Glover, P.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D.; W. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Green, P.G.S.; Lennox Browne, P.G.S.; E. H. Thielley, P.G.S.; W. Lake, P.G.S.; W. J. Ebbetts, W.M. 454; W. E. Sampson, 363; G. Hopkins, 363; Gardiner, 363; Thorne, 363; Tuck, and W. de Manby Sergison.

The installation was performed throughout by Bro. Monteuis in perfect style, and the new Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Buc, S.W.; L. Mantell, J.W.; E. Cutler, Q.C., M.O.; E. Belhomme, S.O.; A. F. Lamette, J.O.; P. Saillard, Treas.; F. Bohers, R. of M.; E. L. P. Valeriani, Sec.; L. Verrier, S.D.; W. Balliston, J.D.; E. Monteuis, I.P.M., D.C.; E. Pouard, I.G.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler.

Bro. F. Richardson, G. Reg., member d' Honneur of the lodge, who on many occasions has rendered invaluable services to our French brethren, acted as D.C., and presented the officers.

After the Masonic business was over, the brethren adjourned to the large banquet hall of the Café Royal, and one of the most *recherché* menus "à la Française" was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After grace, the W.M. rose to propose "The Health of the Queen and the Craft." He mentioned that in all the gatherings of English Masons this toast fitly held the place of honour, and that in the French lodges, far from wishing to alter this state of things, they were only too happy to seize the occasion of adding their own testimony of admiration and respect to the more patriotic feelings which filled the hearts of the English brethren.

The toast having been received with musical honours, the W.M. gave the next toast—"La France et son représentant, Monsieur le Président Carnot," and remarked

that, although second on the list, that toast was really the first in the heart of every Frenchman present, and it would be a very bad sign if in the Lodge La France it ever came to be otherwise. They loved their country, and no Englishman present would begrudge them that love, which was, if not inculcated, at least reminded to every Mason on his initiation.

A grand reception awaited this special toast, which was followed by a verse of the "Marschallaise."

The W.M. next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master," who had only just returned from France, where he had added, if possible, to the esteem and affection with which Frenchmen were pleased to regard him. In Lodge La France they trusted ever to be his faithful followers in Masonry, and give him no cause to regret the privilege which it had been his pleasure to bestow upon them.

Then followed the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Bucks, who, replying in French, alluded to the fact that he was proud to think that he could boast "de quelques gouttes de sang français" in his veins.

Bro. E. Monteuis then rose to propose the toast of the evening—"The Health of le Vénérable Maître." He reviewed the Masonic career of Bro. St. Clair, who was the first initiate of the La France Craft lodge, and who, after serving two years as W.M., became one of the founders and one of the first three Principals of La France Chapter. He reminded the brethren that Bro. St. Clair was at the present time W.M. of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, Third Principal of the British Chapter, No. 8, President of the Board of Grand Stewards of England, and that no doubt a great Masonic future awaited him. In Mark Masonry, Bro. St. Clair was advanced in the celebrated "Ruspini" Lodge, and he had taken up the idea of founding a French Mark lodge. Bro. Monteuis added that although he himself had been the first Master and had passed on to Bro. St. Clair a few notes for the ritual, he emphatically proclaimed the present W.M. as the real founder of the La France Mark Lodge and the translator of the ritual.

Bro. St. Clair returned thanks in a speech which was received with much applause.

Then came the toast of "The Visitors" (Les Invités), which was responded to by Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx., who responded in a neat little French speech, and by Bro. Lennox Browne, P.G.S., who begged the forbearance of the brethren if he simply translated into English what had already been said by Bro. Col. Cook.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Master and I.P.M., Bro. E. Monteuis, P.G.S." The W.M., in offering to Bro. Monteuis the first Past Master's jewel of the lodge, said it could not be bestowed on a more worthy brother. Bro. Monteuis had already attained high rank in Grand Lodge, and he (Bro. St. Clair) hoped and trusted he would also be rewarded in Grand Mark.

Bro. Monteuis replied that he felt deeply the kind words Bro. St. Clair had expressed, that he would always be very proud of his Past Master's jewel, and that, although retiring from the chair, he would be at all times ready to assist in the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was then given by the W.M., who congratulated himself on the high standing of his officers. Bros. Buc and Cutler, Q.C., were Grand Officers in the Craft, Bros. Mantell, Saillard, and Lamette were P.G. Stewards and able Past Masters of the Mark, and right through a better set of officers could not be found.

Bro. Buc, in reply, expressed the thanks of the officers for the good words the W.M. had said of them, and he could assure him that they were all prepared to work hard and support him to the best of their abilities.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Amongst those who were unable to be present we heard the names of Bros. Baron de Ferrières, P.G.M. Gloucester; T. Fenn, P.G.V.; R. Grey, P.G.M.O.; C. Belton, P.G.O.; Jabez Church, P.G.O.; Richard Clowes, P.G.O.; Sir George Harris, P.G.S.O.; Gordon Miller, P.G. Treas.; E. Letchworth, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, P.G. Reg.; and many others. At the last moment the Pro G.M., Lord Euston, and the Dep. G.M., Lord Dungarvan, were prevented from attending, being both called away from London on urgent business.

## COLCHESTER.

**Constantine Lodge (No. 145).—**The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the George Hotel, when Bro. John J. C. Turner, S.W., was installed into the chair by his predecessor in office, Bro. H. J. Skingley, P.P.G.I. of W. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bro. H. J. Skingley, P.P.G.I. of W., I.P.M.; S. D. C. Abblitt, P.A.G.D.C., S.W.; R. Hayward Ives, J.W.; J. H. Salter, M.O.; Sir Wm. N. Abdy, Bart., S.O.; Claude E. Egerton-Green, J.O.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.G.C. Eng., P.P.G.C. Chap.; J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., P.P.G.O., Sec.; J. T. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.R., Reg.; K. Galpin, S.D.; J. W. Moss, J.D.; G. A. Eustace, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D. of C.; Tuttle Lee, Org.; A. S. B. Sparling, I.G.; Wm. Fieldgate and F. H. Mayhew, Stwds.; and A. Wright, Tyler. A special vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master; and it was announced that Bro. Lord Henniker, the Provincial Grand Master, had signified his intention to hold his annual Grand Lodge at Colchester on Monday, June 25. Among those present were his Worship the Mayor of Ipswich (Bro. S. R. Anness) and Bro. Colonel Bircham, late of the 60th Rifles, formerly stationed at Colchester.

## PORTLAND.

**Portland Lodge (No. 133).—**The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 12th instant, when the following brethren were present: Bros. the Rev. W. M. Heath, P.G.M. Dorset; R. Cox, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; S. H. Wallis, P.G.M.O., W.M.; Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P., S.W., P.G.S.O., W.M. elect; Russell Patey, P.M. 99, P.G. Sec.; Z. Milledge, W.M. 126, P.G. Reg. or Mks.; Osborne, P.J.G.D., Treas.; Hair, P.G.S.B., S.D.; W. W. G. Dowell, P.G. Std. Br., J.D.; R. Score, P.G.I.G., I.G.; J. Howard Bowen, P.M. 126, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Eveleigh, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; J. B. Cole, P.M. 126, P.P.G.M.O.; H. Cooke, P.M., P.P.S.G.O.; E. Mills,

P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; B. Browning, P.M. 126, P.P.J.G.D.; J. W. Board, P.P.J.G.O., J.W.; J. Baker, P.P.G.I. of W., M.O.; M. Davey, S.O.; W. Jackson, P.P.G.I.G., J.O.; F. T. Dowdeswell, P.P.J.G.O., Sec.; J. Hussey, P.P.S.G.D., Stwd.; R. Hicks, A. Davidson, C. J. Freeman, D. J. Layson, T. Turner, F. S. Jordan, the Rev. G. P. U. Pickering, the Right Hon. Earl of Portarlington, I.G. 126; A. Ravner, S.O. 126; H. A. Hurdec, Org. 126; C. J. Dring, D. W. Williams, R. Simmonds, 126, P.G. Tyler; and J. W. Mills, Tyler.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. H. Wallis, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were produced and passed. Bro. the Rev. W. M. Heath, P.G.M.M., then occupied the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P., S.W. (W.M. elect), was presented by Bro. T. Eveleigh, P.M., for installation. A Board of Installed Masters, consisting of 13, was then constituted, and the P.G.M. Master performed the ceremony of installation in his well-known able and impressive manner. The W.M. having been saluted, then appointed and invested his officers, after which the officers and brethren were effectively addressed by the Installing Master. Votes of thanks were passed to the Installing Master, the I.P.M., and the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room of the lodge to partake of a *recherche* supper, on the invitation of the W.M. The usual loyal and Mark toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

After the Tyler's toast had been given, the brethren separated, looking forward with confidence to a successful year.

## Knights Templar.

### Holy Sanctuary Preceptory (No. 131).

—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, 33, Golden Square, on Monday, the 16th inst. The preceptory was opened by Sir Knight Sir George Harris, P.E.P. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a letter was read from the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight Sam. Pope, Q.C., regretting that he was not able to take the chair, as he had been forbidden to undertake evening engagements for the present. The E. Preceptor in the chair expressed the feeling of satisfaction with which the Preceptory had heard of their Preceptor's convalescence, though they regretted he was not able to be among them on that occasion. The Captain of the Guards announced that the V.E. National Sub-Prior, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., was without. A deputation having been named to attend him, he entered under the arch of steel, accompanied by Great Officers and Officers of Great Priory, and was saluted according to ancient custom. Sir Knight Maj. Gen. Hay was then asked to take the chair, and proceeded to install as a Knight Templar Comp. Dr. F. E. Pocock, M.E.Z., of the Æsculapius Chapter, the accolade being given by the National Sub-Prior. Sir Knight H. W. Kiallmark was then presented by Sir Knight Sir George Harris and installed E. Preceptor for the ensuing year, and he appointed and invested his officers. The preceptory was then closed.

The banquet took place at the Café Royal, under the presidency of the M.E. Preceptor, Sir Knight Kiallmark.

In addition to the V.E. National Sub-Prior, the preceptory had the honour of the presence of the V.E. Prov. Prior for East Anglia, Sir Knight Captain Phillips, G.C.T.; the V.E. Prov. Prior for Kent and Surrey, Sir Knight Col. Noel Money, C.B., G.C.T.; the V.E. Past Prov. Grand Commander for Bengal, Sir Knight Hugh D. Sandeman; Sir Knights the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G.C.T., P. Prelate; Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T., Constable; Viscount Dungarvan, G.C.T., P. Constable; Ralph Clutton, K.C.T., Treasurer; Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, K.C.T.; Gordon Robbins, K.C.T.; C. F. Matier, K.C.T.; Gordon Miller, K.C.T.; E. Letchworth, K.C.T.; W. G. Lemon, Q.C.; E. Monteuis, Sir John B. Monckton, Alfred Cooper, and Percy Clowes.

The toasts of "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Order," and of "The M.E. and S. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been duly honoured, the E.P. proposed "The Health of the V.H. and E.G. Prior, the V.E. National Sub-Prior and the Great Officers and Officers of G. Priory, Present and Past," coupled with the name of the Earl of Euston, who responded in felicitous terms.

The toast of "Our Guests" was responded to by Sir Knight Sir John B. Monckton, and "Our New Companion in Arms" by Sir Knight Dr. Pocock.

### Lullingstone Preceptory (No. 155).—

A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Monday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of Sir Knight J. M. McLeod, E.P., Prov. G. Marshal Kent and Surrey, who was well supported by his officers. Comps. Philip Monson, Frank Williams, and C. Bant were duly and impressively installed by the Eminent Sir Knight Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Prelate, &c., and Sir Knight E. Cloutte was also elected as a joining member. Sir Knight Todd was unanimously elected as E.P. for the ensuing year.

The sir knights adjourned to dinner, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and expressions of gratification at the prosperity of the preceptory were frequently made.

We are glad to note that there is a prospect in the near future of a revival of the Order of the Temple in Surrey, a new preceptory being about to be formed to meet at Woking.

The Duke of York, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel, visited the Bank of England, and took luncheon with the Governor. In the evening the Duke and Duchess, accompanied by the Duchess of Teck and suite, visited Daly's Theatre to witness the 100th performance of "Twelfth Night."

The death is announced of Bro. George, Burt, an ex-Sheriff of the City of London, which occurred early on Thursday morning, at his residence, Purbeck House, Swanage, Dorset. He was for many years the head of the firm of Mowlem and Co., contractors, of Westminster, and for some years past he had resided at Swanage, where he owned extensive properties.

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No on Poll.	SUCCESSFUL.	Names.	Votes.
1	...	Stride, L. F.	2729
2	...	Owen, H.	2629
3	...	Irons, G. D.	2573
4	...	Ainsley, H. R.	2550
5	...	Goulden, A.	2490
6	...	Frost, B.	2482
7	...	Lord, H.	2452
8	...	Gabbutt, F. H. J.	2402
9	...	Garraway, H. L.	2399
10	...	Colman, C. P.	2350
11	...	Harrison, P. E.	2344
12	...	Richardson, B. L.	2275
13	...	Goss, E. P. M.	2270
14	...	Packham, A. E.	2264
15	...	Warner, N. S. H.	2253
16	...	Woodliffe, G. L.	2227
17	...	Huskinson, A. M.	2188
18	...	Hind, H. E.	2181
19	...	King, A. E.	2178
20	...	Davies, R. N.	2137
21	...	Howell, K. C.	2111
22	...	Messenger, J. W.	2088
23	...	Norbury, H. W.	2080
24	...	Fenner, F. E.	2078
25	...	Scantlebury, W. S.	2069
26	...	Procter, G. A.	2009
27	...	Crane, A.	1975
28	...	Muir, H.	1959
29	...	Brooks, R. H.	1917
30	...	Greenwood, L. A.	1809

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**Masonic Notes.**

On Wednesday next Grand Lodge will hold its Annual Festival, and the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed, and, together with Bro. Alderman Dimsdale, who was elected to the post of Grand Treasurer at the March Communication, invested with the insignia of their respective offices. We do not imagine the appointments will be received with universal satisfaction, for, as we pointed out in some recent notes, there are always to be found those who consider their own claims to advancement superior to those of their fellows. But of this we are well assured

—that the Grand Master, with the help of his most experienced advisers, will select those whom he considers the most worthy of promotion.

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The success at the School elections last week was pretty evenly apportioned between town and country. Of the 40 candidates at the Girls' School election, 16 hailed from London and five had claims partly on London and partly on one or more Provinces or Districts abroad, while 19 were wholly Provincial. Of these, nine London, one partly London and partly Provincial, and 12 Provincial were successful. For the Boys' School election there were 43 candidates, of whom 21 were wholly or partly London, and 22 Provincial. Of the former 14—namely, 11 wholly and three partly London—obtained places, while of the latter 16 succeeded.

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The polling, too, was fairly graduated, a London candidate taking the first place at the Girls' School election with 349 votes, the London and Middlesex girl being second with 3259 votes, another London girl third with 2962 votes, and a girl from Hants and Isle of Wight and Dorsetshire fourth with 2939 votes, while the 22nd vacancy was won by the Somersetshire candidate with 2038 votes. For the Boys' School, Sussex took the first place with 2729 votes, the Dorset and Hants and Isle of Wight the second with 2629 votes, Hants and the Isle of Wight the third with 2573 votes, and South Wales (East) the fourth with 2550 votes, a London boy being last with 1809 votes.

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As for the last cases, on which for some years past we have laid so much stress, and of which there were four at each election, we may reasonably take some credit to ourselves that the four girls and three out of the four boys won places among the successful candidates. The girls emerged from the ballot as Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 16 respectively, while the three successful boys came out as Nos. 7, 14, and 24. The other last case, who hailed from the Province of South Wales, E.D., and had been on the Boys' list for a year and a half, was almost at the last moment withdrawn, he having been otherwise provided for, so that each last chance may be said to have been successful. It is a great satisfaction to us that the urgency with which we have pressed these cases on the notice of the Governors and Subscribers has borne good fruit, and we trust the time will come when it will be a point of honour to carry all such cases to a successful issue—that is to say, while the candidates bear about the same proportion to the available vacancies, as they have done at the last few elections.

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As regards the future, there remain from this election 18 girls and 12 boys, who are still eligible to be admitted to the benefits of which they have been severally adjudged worthy. These unsuccessful ones carry forward the votes they have received to the election in October, and this, in the case of the eight girls and two boys who have polled 1000 votes and upwards, will be a material advantage, provided, of course, that those in charge continue their efforts with the same energy as heretofore.

**Reviews.**

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1894-95."—This is the 13th issue and the best of the series. The editor is Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, of "The Court," Axbridge, and right ably does he discharge that important function. There are 26 lodges in Somerset, with 1246 members; also 12 Royal Arch chapters, nine Mark lodges, three Knights Templar preceptories, and four Rose Croix chapters, so it is a real live province, having Lord Dunsany for its Prov. G.M.; Bro. Richard Charles Elze, Grand Superintendent and Prov. Grand Master; and Colonel A. Thrale Perkins, Provincial Prior. Full particulars are afforded of all these bodies, and in the neat preface the editor states that "In accordance with a suggestion made by the kindly critic of the last issue of the *Freemason*, the editor has added after the names of the Past Masters and Past M.E.Z.'s their rank in Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter respectively." We are glad Bro. Edwards has so done, as it enables brethren to see exactly how Provincial honours are apportioned in each lodge and chapter, besides forming a good guide as to other appointments. The votes for the Charities are dealt with in lodges, and thus in a summary exhibiting a grand total of 3938! The directory is well edited and carefully printed. The frontispiece is an excellent portrait of Bro. Colonel Long.

Bro. Captain Hutton, F.S.A., late of the King's Dragoon Guards, having been invited to take a team of English swordsmen to Brussels to assist in the festivities preceding the Royal Wedding of Prince Hohenzollern and Princess Josephine, on the 15th prox., he has selected Capt. C. G. R. Matthey, Lieut. E. Stenson-Cooke, Lieut. F. H. Whitlow, Mr. Gate, and Mr. Johnson, all of the London Rifle Brigade, and we have no doubt these members of such a distinguished regiment will acquit themselves in a manner worthy of the British Volunteer Force.

**Craft Masonry.****METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.**

**Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).**—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 10th inst. Bro. Arthur Williams, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. H. F. Williams, I.P.M.; W. W. Williams, S.W.; E. Newland, J.W.; G. F. Butt, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., Sec.; H. Scharien, S.D.; H. Hewett, J.D.; J. Banks, D.C.; R. Phillips, I.G.; Sam. Segar and J. Worth, Stwds.; F. Craggs, P.M.; H. Purdus, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; J. D. Doncaster, P.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; C. J. Chambers, T. Jobson, H. J. Inderwick, R. S. Cartwright, H. Stokes, E. Lucas, W. Iredale, G. E. White, H. W. Dyne, E. D. Richards, E. H. Grant, C. Heinemann, R. Shaw, H. J. May, R. Collins, E. Swallow, R. Gerbert, H. Lomer, G. Stehr, and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. T. Dowsett, 975; H. Bone, 1257; G. C. Hughes, W.M. 957; R. Reeve, 1275; W. F. Follett, 1624; W. A. Perry, F. A. Powell, 2416; H. Gilbert, P.M. 1828; H. R. Spenser, 1821; E. J. Packington, 1793; G. P. Bertini, P.M. 1559; S. J. Nowakowski, 534; S. Nowakowski, 534; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read confirmed, and the Auditors' report received, Bro. W. W. Williams, W.M. elect, was presented and installed by Bro. Arthur Williams, in a manner that made it impossible to have been better performed. The new W.M. then appointed and duly invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. E. Newland, S.W.; H. Scharien, J.W.; G. F. Butt, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; R. Phillips, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; J. Worth, I.G.; S. Segar, D.C.; E. Lucas, and E. D. Richards, Stwds.; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Arthur Williams, and were listened to with marked attention by the members and visitors. In brief but eloquent terms the W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Arthur Williams, which bore the inscription: "Presented by the Ranelagh Lodge to Bro. Arthur Williams, P.M., in testimony of its appreciation of his valuable and efficient services as W.M." Bro. Arthur Williams, in acknowledging the jewel, observed that he had now attained the highest honour in the Craft, and it would ever remain precious to him.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Oddenino, who recently succeeded Bro. G. P. Bertini, the late manager of the establishment, a position he held for over 12 years, and was well known to and respected by the members of the Craft.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Arthur Williams, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that it was with much pleasure that he submitted the toast, and he and all the members wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. His many virtues were well known to them, and he was one of the best of fellows he had ever met in Masonry. The credit of the lodge would not suffer in his hands. He had never been absent from any lodge meeting since he was initiated, and he hoped he would have plenty of initiates, as he was well qualified to do the working of the ritual.

The W.M., Bro. W. W. Williams, on rising to respond, was well received. He thanked them for their reception, and for the kind remarks of the I.P.M. He felt capable of doing any work that might come before him, and he hoped to have plenty during his year of office. The name of "Williams" was more than respected in the lodge, and he should not disgrace it.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Arthur Williams." He said that it gave him confidence, as he would have his great assistance during the time he occupied the chair. He was a good friend and glad to render service to anyone. He had been the ideal of a W.M., and it was impossible for any lodge to have a better.

Bro. Arthur Williams replied in eloquent terms. He was grateful for the way the toast had been received. He felt somewhat more easy now that he had vacated the chair. When he took the position of W.M. it was with a certain amount of diffidence, because he thought he might say or do something to offend some member, but if he had given them satisfaction he was more than pleased. He would like to have had more work, but if he had carried out his duties without any mistakes and without giving annoyance to anyone he was glad, and so long as he was spared his services would always be open to the "Ranelagh," his mother lodge.

In appropriate terms the Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors," remarking that they were always received there with pleasure and he gave them a hearty welcome and coupled the names of Bros. G. C. Hughes and F. A. Powell.

Bros. Hughes, Powell, and H. Gilbert made suitable responses expressing the pleasure it afforded them to be present to witness the splendid working of the I.P.M., Bro. Arthur Williams, and thanking the brethren for the great hospitality that had been extended to the visitors.

"The Masonic Charities" having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," who he said were the guiding stars of, and kept the lodge in good working trim, and were always ready to do anything for the lodge, and Bros. Barker, P.M.; Doncaster, P.M.; Craggs, P.M.; Butt, P.M.; Coplestone, P.M.; and H. F. Williams, P.M.; acknowledged the toast.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge," and responded to by Bros. Scharien, J.W.; Banks, J.D.; Worth, I.G.; Segar, D.C.; and E. Lucas, Stwd.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bro. H. J. May, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Frank Gine, but a word of praise is due to the latter for his great efforts.

**Dalhousie Lodge (No. 860).—PRESENTATIONS TO BROS. W. G. POOLE AND T. B. DODSON, P.M.**—Members of the Craft were very much in evidence in Fleet-street, on the 12th instant, when 150 assembled at Anderson's Hotel, the occasion being the installation of Bro. T. Glass, a highly esteemed member of the lodge and well-known in the Metropolis. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. G. Poole, W.M., supported by Bros. E. Ames, I.P.M.; T. Glass, S.W.; J. B. D'Ardenne, J.W.; R. Burlington, P.M.; Treas.; J. Rawes Baron, Sec.; G. Stockwin, S.D.; C. H. Berry, J.D.; W. Robinson, I.G.; M. Christian, P.M.; D.C.; T. B. Dodson, P.M., and W. H. Purkiss, Stewards; H. Delma, Org.; J. Marsh, Tyler; T. S. Dickie, J. Wade, Kirby, and many others. There were quite a hundred visitors, among whom were Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G. Steward; J. M. McLeod, P. Prov. G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; O. J. Vonholterk, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; J. Osborn, P.P. G.S.B. Middx.; G. Gregory, P.P.G.D. Middx.; G. R. Bolton; D. Lowe, 1589; A. E. Sarti, P.M. 180; A. McDowall, P.M. 1909; F. Alpe, 1445; E. Storr, P.M. 167; Captain Lurcott, S.W. 1964; W. Burgoyne Watts; H. Sprake, W.M. 2192; J. Barnett, W.M. 177; F. C. Richardson, 1298; J. J. Jenkins, P.M. 857; R. Wake, P.M. 1772; W. Hunt, 172; J. E. Bennett, 902; W. H. Bolt, W.M. 1563; S. Rashleigh, S.W. 902; A. E. Todd, W.M. 27; C. B. Todd, P.M. 27; H. C. Todd, 27; G. E. Todd, 860; C. W. Smelt, 212; J. Bishop, 1744; E. D. F. Rymer, S.W. 1891; W. J. Hunter, P.M. 1677; J. W. Clarke, W.M. 1512; R. Gillard, W.M. 901; L. Simon, P.M. 1693; W. H. Bond, 1278; A. Oliver, P.M. 820; H. B. Harding, P.M. 1471; R. M. H. Griffith, 1677; W. W. Morgan, 177; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, ten guineas was voted to be placed on Bro. T. Glass's list as Steward of the Boys' Institution. The W.M., Bro. Poole, initiated Messrs. H. Humphreys, and Charles Hillam whose working was appreciated by the members and visitors. Bro. Poole then proceeded to install Bro. Thomas Glass as his successor, which he performed in a most commendable manner. The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. J. B. D'Ardenne, S.W.; G. Stockwin, J.W.; R. Burlington, P.M. Treas.; J. Rawes Baron, Sec.; C. H. Berry, S.D.; W. Robinson, J.D.; T. S. Dickie, I.G.; M. Christian, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Purkiss, A.D.C.; T. Dodson, P.M. and P. P. Smith, Stwds.; H. Delma, Org.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was ably and impressively rendered by Bro. W. G. Poole, who received the hearty congratulations of the brethren.

The lodge was then closed, and the large company adjourned to an excellent banquet supplied by Bro. A. Clemow in his usual superb style, and admirably served under his personal superintendence and that of his energetic manager, Bro. Evans.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in eloquent terms.

In responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers Present and Past," Bro. Hogard, whose name was coupled with the toast, said that it was a great honour to have to respond to the toast which had been given in so able a manner by their good W.M. The Grand Officers were always willing to do anything to promote the interests of the Craft, and referred to Bro. Capt. Walls, who stood in the unique position of having been appointed a Grand Officer two years in succession, as G. Stwd. this year, and as Grand Standard Bearer for the year 1894-95.

Bro. W. G. Poole, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that it was his privilege and great pleasure to submit the toast. Bro. Glass was an excellent friend, and the more one knew of him, the better he was appreciated. He would make an excellent ruler, and would carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had brought two initiates that evening, which was, he thought, a good augury for the future. He was proud that he had installed Bro. Glass, and from what he had done in the past, there was no doubt that he would have a successful and happy year of office.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and Bro. Glass, on rising to respond, received an ovation. He said he replied to the toast with mingled feelings of gratitude, humility and pride—gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. because he was able to preside as their W.M., whereas three weeks ago he was very ill; humility, because he knew of his failings through ill-health, and was unable to do all that he would desire; and pride—might he say pardonable pride—because he had been elected to his exalted position by the unanimous vote of the brethren. He hoped to do his very best to keep up the great dignity of the lodge, and follow in the footsteps of his able predecessors. He did not intend to intercede any in vain, but he would have a summer outing, which he hoped would meet with the approbation of all the members, and he would do his utmost to make it a great success.

In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. said that they were two good men and true, and he hoped they would take to heart the beautiful ceremony they had gone through, and if they followed that they would become good Masons.

Bro. Hillam replied in appropriate terms. Bro. Humphreys also responded. He was very much impressed with the splendid ceremony, which was a great surprise to him, and he should never forget it.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Poole," observing that he was the perfection of a W.M. He (the W.M.) had attended many lodges, but never had he seen better working than that of that evening, and Bro. Poole had excelled himself. He took that opportunity of passing on his breast a Past Master's jewel, which he had well earned. It was also his pleasure to present to him another jewel, which had been subscribed for by several of the brethren, and bore the inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. G. Poole by a few intimate friends, brothers of the lodge, on his retiring from office." Bro. Poole had been a kind friend to them all, and he looked to him for great assistance during his year of office. In conclusion, he earnestly hoped that Bro. Poole would live many years to wear the jewels.

Bro. W. G. Poole, on rising to respond, received a hearty welcome. He said that his earnest thanks were due to them for their kind appreciation of his services, and he honoured the two handsome jewels presented to him that evening. While he was the W.M., he did his utmost to study the interests of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren. He should never forget the kindness he had received at all times from his officers and the Past Masters

during the time he occupied the chair, and he took that opportunity to record how very much he appreciated their able co-operation, without which he would have not been able to have carried out his duties.

The W.M. then rose and said he had yet another very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. T. B. Dodson, P.M., the "father" of the lodge, with a handsome gold watch, which had been subscribed for by the members as a small token of what they felt towards him and for his valuable services to the lodge. Bro. Dodson had been a member for 21 years, having attained his majority in March last, and had only been absent from their meetings twice in that time. He had initiated many members and had done good service in the cause of Charity, being always one of the first to help in all cases in which the lodge had been interested. The inscription on the watch was: "Presented to Bro. T. B. Dodson, P.M., upon his completing 21 years as a member, and as a mark of their great esteem and regard."

At the request of the W.M., Bro. Wade in an eloquent speech added a few words to those of the W.M.'s. He said that he had known Bro. Dodson for many years, and had watched his footsteps in the lodge with great interest. He was a good fellow, and ever ready to do anything to promote the happiness of the brethren, and he hoped he would be with them for many years.

Bro. T. B. Dodson, P.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He thanked the W.M. and Bro. Wade for their kind but flattering words, and the members for their handsome gift. He had had the honour of initiating many of the members who had since been through the chair, and he was always willing to do anything for the lodge.

"The Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., having been duly honoured, he replied in very eloquent terms, urging the members to augment the W.M.'s list as Steward for the "Boys."

In eulogistic terms the W.M. gave "The Visitors," and he coupled with the toast the names of the following: Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, H. Sprake, J. Osborn, L. Simon, Gillard, H. B. Harding, A. Oliver, and J. W. Clarke.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls responded. He said that at that late hour he was somewhat handicapped, and could not find words to thank the W.M. and the members for their hearty reception of the visitors, but he felt he must refer to the working of the I.P.M., Bro. Poole, which was splendid, and, as an old Mason, he tendered him his congratulations. He had had the pleasure of knowing their W.M. for many years, and Bro. Dodson, their father, who was yet a young man, but he had done good service to the lodge. He felt sure, the large array of visitors had enjoyed themselves very much.

Bros. J. Osborn, H. Sprake, L. Simon, J. W. Clarke, Gillard, and W. B. Harding, also replied, bearing testimony to the excellent working, the lavish hospitality of the members, and congratulating the W.M. on the brilliant success of his installation.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge," to which several good speeches were made in reply by Bros. T. B. Dodson, P.M.; R. Burlington, P.M., Treas.; and J. Rawes Baron, Sec.; the latter remarking that the W.M. had introduced him into the lodge, and he was honoured by his having again appointed him Secretary, and he hoped from his heart that he would have a successful year of office, as he deserved it.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a memorable and happy evening, and one that will long be remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present.

The vocal entertainment was carried out under the able direction of the Organist, Bro. Hubert Delma, in which the following took part: Bros. Chas. Hillam, Alison Lister, B. A. Lodge, Miss Dorothy Wood, and Miss Maud Santley, the ladies deserving special mention for their efforts.

Bro. Thomas Glass was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, on the 12th March, 1885; raised in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003, Jersey, 3rd June, 1885; and exalted in the Dalhousie Royal Arch Chapter, 10th June, 1886. He was honoured in being appointed by the Right Hon. Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, Past Grand Master of Jersey, to the Office of P.G. Std. Br. for the province, and was invested in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey on October 22nd, 1891. Bro. Glass is a vice-president of all the Masonic Charities, and is somewhat popular amongst the Masons of North London, having, on three occasions, acted as Hon. Treasurer under the presidency of Bro. Herbert Sprake, W.M. 2192, for the annual North London Masonic Benevolent Bazaar, when, as the result of the efforts of the committee, nearly £300 was realised for the three Institutions.

**Æsculapius Lodge (No. 2410).**—The last meeting for the present Masonic year was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W. The W.M., Bro. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, presided, supported by the following officers, brethren, and visitors: Bros. J. Brindley James, P.M., as I.P.M.; Jacob Pickett, M.D., S.W.; G. Crawford Thomson, M.B., J.W.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Treasurer; Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M., Secretary; Anthony Nutt, S.D.; E. H. Ezard, M.D., I.G.; Henry Kiallmark, P.M., Steward; Edward S. Bell, C. Luxmore Drew, M.B., Yorkie Davies, Adolphus B. Alexander, H. J. Sharpe, J. C. Crooks, M.D., C. M. Simpson, John Davies, John R. Bosworth, Professor G. Hare Philipson, M.D., D.C.L., Frank Fowler, W. Arbuthnot Lane, M.S., H. E. Simpson, James Startin, Allen M. Cleghorn, M.D., 20 (Canada); R. J. Best, S.W. 199; and W. Hicks, P.M. 1094.

The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. Bros. Simpson and Crooks were duly raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, and Bro. Bosworth passed. A ballot being taken, Bro. Jacob Pickett, M.D., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. G. Danford Thomas was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Samuel Ellis, Tyler. A vote of seven guineas for a Past Master's jewel was carried with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in thanking the brethren for the hearty manner with which they had carried that vote, said it was really a great pleasure to preside over the Æsculapius Lodge, for during the three years of its existence there had not been one single disagreement among the members. Every meeting had been characterised by perfect harmony, and he was glad of that opportunity to inform the brethren that Bro. Lennox Browne, the first I.P.M., would have the great honour of having the colour of D.G.D. of C. conferred upon him at the next

Grand Lodge meeting. The brethren at once endorsed the wish of the other lodges of which Bro. Browne is a member to present him with his Grand Lodge clothing. Bros. W. Arbuthnot Lane, and C. Luxmore Drew having been appointed Auditors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and visitors then sat down to an excellent dinner, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The S.W. was allowed to propose an extra toast, viz., "The Health of Bro. Professor G. Hare Philipson," who, although an original member, had not been able to visit the lodge before. The S.W. alluded to Bro. Philipson's distinguished career at Cambridge, his Professorship of Medicine in the University of Durham, and last, though by no means least, his very high position as President of the British Medical Association, a post conferred by over 12,000 members of the profession, and concluded by hoping that Bro. Philipson would be able to attend frequently the lodge meetings, and one day would occupy the chair of K.S.

Bro. Professor Philipson, in replying, thanked the brethren for the quite unexpected honour they had done him, and although an old disciple of Æsculapius, he was, he was sorry to say, a very young Mason, having been the first initiate of "Universities" lodge four years ago. The more he saw of Masonry the more he liked it, and he hoped to be able to attend frequently, as the distance from London would allow him, the meetings of the Æsculapius Lodge—a lodge he had taken a keen and deep interest in from its birth, and he now took the opportunity of thanking his esteemed friend, Bro. Dutton, for introducing him as an original member. With such distinguished members of the profession and Masonry as the Æsculapius Lodge possesses as officers, he had no fear of its future prosperity and support of all medical Masons.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

**Chorlton Lodge (No. 1887).**—The yearly installation was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall. As is usual at this celebrated lodge, there was a large assembly of influential brethren present. In addition to that, Bro. John Travers, S.W., W.M. elect, is very popular amongst the members of the lodge, as well as having a large circle of friends. The brethren having assembled, the lodge was opened by Bro. H. H. Martyn, W.M., who also installed his successor in an admirable manner. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed as Installing Officers: Bros. Schofield, P.P.G.D., as S.W.; Charles Heywood, P.P.G.D.C., as J.W.; Joseph Chadderton, P.P.A.G. Sec., as I.G.; and G. S. Smith, P.G. Organist, as Organist. Bro. Travers, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Hall, and the beautiful ceremony performed, and the W.M. duly declared and saluted. Bro. Charles Martyn presented the working tools, Bro. Samuel Locke, P.M., addressed the W.M., Bro. Bedford, P.M., the Wardens, and Bro. Schofield the brethren; whilst Bro. Crompton, P.M., addressed the new officers in the following manner: Bros. J. Travers, W.M.; J. B. Wolstenholme, S.W.; E. T. Trevor Smith, J.W.; the Rev. F. E. Thomas, Chap.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; J. Crompton, Sec.; T. Shaw, S.D.; J. Kennerly, J.D.; F. S. Bedford, D.C.; T. M. Ferneley, Org.; H. Ogden, I.G.; E. P. Woodhouse, B. E. Tucker, Wm. Richmond, Wm. Pollitt, E. Kahla, and H. J. Farthing, Stewards; Cheshyre, Tyler.

A banquet which subsequently followed was well attended, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

During the ceremony of investiture of officers, there was quite an ovation upon the entrance of Bro. W. Cheshyre, P.M., Tyler, as this was the 21st time he had been invested to that office. Some very pleasing observations were made by the investing officer, which were well deserved in every sense of the word, as he has made for himself a career that every brother feels endeared to him. We heartily congratulate him upon completing so long a service, and trust he may be spared many more years to enjoy the love of his brethren.

### HAMPTON COURT.

**Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Bond, W.M.; J. Spooner, S.W.; W. T. Peat, P.P.G. Org., J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., Sec.; Rice, S.D.; Simpson, J.D.; Gentle, I.G.; F. Figg, Org.; T. Grant, I.P.M.; Drummond, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and H. Sapsworth, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brown was impressively raised to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Spooner was elected W.M., Bro. J. Featherstone, P.M., re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gilbert, P. G. Tyler, Tyler. Bro. Charman, P.M., was elected a joining member. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Bro. Alexander, an initiate of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. Dare, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P., and others. Three names for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, the lodge was closed and a banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. R. Drummond, P.P.G.P., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said Bro. Bond, whose year of office was just drawing to a close, had discharged his duties well, and in every respect had proved himself worthy of the position to which he had been elected.

The W.M., in reply, said he had not had anything like the amount of work his predecessor had. However, he had endeavoured to do his best for the lodge, and at the next meeting he hoped, not only to initiate the three candidates, but also to install his successor.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been duly proposed and responded to, the W.M. gave "The Master elect." In the course of his speech he said that Bro. Spooner, was an initiate of the lodge and a regular attendant at the lodge of instruction. Bro. Sapsworth, P.M., was an excellent Preceptor, and the Master elect was an attentive and apt pupil.

Bro. Spooner having replied, "The Past Masters" followed, to which toast Bro. Thomas Grant, I.P.M., ably responded; Bro. Sapsworth, P.M., also spoke.

Bro. Featherstone, P.M., Treas., and Bro. W. T. Peat, J.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Officers." During the evening, Bros. Figg, Jehu, T. Grant, McCarthy, and Juler instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

#### JERSEY.

**Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 877).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, on the 10th inst., when there were present: Bros. Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier, W.M.; C. E. Malet de Carteret, S.W., W.M. elect; F. J. Godfray, P.M., J.W.; Dr. A. C. Godfray, P.M., Treas.; P. E. Sohler, P.M., Sec.; J. N. de la Perrelle, J.D.; Dr. John Le Cronier, P.M., D.P.G.M., &c.; Capt. Stevenson, P.M.; Col. Wylie, P.M.; Dr. P. B. Bentleff, P.M.; J. L. de Vismes, and C. A. Cox. Visitors: Bros. D. T. I. Aubin, P.M. 491, P.P.S.G.W.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.P.S.G.W.; Capt. J. C. Barrett, P.M. 245, P.S.G.D.; J. Caton, W.M. 244, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. L. Bisson, P.M., W.M. 491, P.P.G. D. of C.; A. Hadley, W.M. 958, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. C. L. Brodhurst, W.M. 1003, P.A.G. D. of C.; E. Bree, P.M., P.P.G.R.; and others. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, two candidates for initiation were balloted for and unanimously accepted (one of whom was not present through illness), and Capt. Gardner Vatcher was then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. Dr. John Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. C. E. Malet de Carteret, and Bro. Maxwell Le Cronier installed him into the chair in a most impressive manner in the presence of a good number of members and visitors, the Board of Installed Masters numbering 25. After the W.M. had been installed he invested his officers in a clear and impressive manner as follows: Bros. F. J. Godfray, P.M., S.W.; Col. Wylie, P.M., J.W.; Dr. A. C. Godfray, P.M., Treas.; P. E. Sohler, P.M., Sec.; J. N. de la Perrelle, S.D.; J. L. de Vismes, J.D.; C. A. Cox, I.G.; and W. H. Hambly, P.M., Tyler.

The addresses were delivered by Bro. Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier, the Installing Master, in a manner which deeply impressed those present.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where ample justice was done to an excellent banquet, personally superintended by Bro. Hambly.

The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy and successful evening.

During the evening the speeches were interspersed with the vocal performances of various brethren.

#### LYME REGIS.

**Montagu Lodge (No. 665).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Royal Lion Hotel, when Bro. E. H. Wallis, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Kerbey, P.P.G.D., Treas., and Bro. G. Legg, Tyler. Bro. Kerbey made the pleasing announcement that he had succeeded in collecting 25 guineas towards the R.M.B.I., this amount to go up through Bro. Dugdale, the Steward for the Province of Dorset. This contribution brings 16 votes to the Montagu Lodge. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Kerbey for his excellent work. Lodge work is now suspended till the second Monday in September, emergencies excepted.

#### ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA.

**St. Anne's Lodge (No. 2457).**—The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. H. Hampson, P.M., W.M. 1476, assisted admirably by Bro. R. G. Bradley, P.M., P.D.G.D. of C. The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. B. Turner, W.M.; James Lawrence, P.M., I.P.M.; W. H. Hughes, P.M., S.W.; W. H. Hargreaves, P.M., J.W.; Rev. W. G. Terry, P.M., Chap.; Layland Eccles, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Royle, Treas.; Wm. Cross, S.D.; J. S. Slater, J.D.; T. Bradley, I.G.; Clement Rawston, Org.; and Wm. Woodstock and Walter Oates, Stwds. Bro. Bradley invested the officers in a most able manner, and also gave the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens.

The banquet which followed was held at the hotel, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. for his admirable services rendered in the chair during its first year, which was graciously acknowledged. The following brethren were present: Bros. Jas. Lawrence, W.M.; W. Benn, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; W. B. Turner, J.W.; W. H. Hargreaves, P.M., Treas.; Layland Eccles, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Hughes, P.M., S.D.; Wm. Cross, J.D.; Clement Rawston; J. G. Atkins; Joseph Cunliffe, W.M. 730; J. S. Slater; J. H. Walsh; Tom Taylor; R. G. Bradley, P.M., P.D.G.D. of C.; J. Gooden; W. H. Hampson, W.M. 476; J. Royle, Wm. Woodcock, W. Oldfield, Thos. Bradley, and John R. Huddleston. Visitors: Bros. W. Fearmley; G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; Samuel Fisher, W.M. 1061; Roger Peck; James Bromley; W. M. Varley, W.M. 2324; E. Hindley, I.P.M. 2324; Geo. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; S. Luke; Thos. Wood, P.A.G.D.C.; Arthur Keymer, W.M. 2363; H. R. Thornton, P.M.; James Collinge; Thos. Sergenson, P.M.; J. Harling, P.M.; W. Sharp, and J. W. Clayton, W.M. 703.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This lodge met for the despatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 11th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. R. Perry, W.M.; E. W. Davis, S.W.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W., as J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., Sec.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; W. Fisher, P.M. 1512, P.G. Treas., as I.G.; and A. Toulmin, jun., P.M., P.G. Stwd. Bro. J. W. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Dec., P.M. 1745, &c., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Burnett Brown was duly raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Dr. Hinton, M.A., and it proved to be unanimous. Upon the motion of Bro. W. Taylor, P.M., the sum of five guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Boys, per Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., as Steward. A similar amount was voted at the last meeting of the lodge. The

Treasurer then gave full details of the financial position of the lodge. His statement was highly satisfactory. Bro. Linnell, J.D., sent an apology for non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

Bro. W. Fisher, P.G. Treas., acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. A. Toulmin, jun., P.M., gave the toast of "The W.M." in happy terms.

Bro. Perry briefly responded.

"The Health of the Joining Member" followed; Bro. Dr. Hinton duly acknowledged the same.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. A. Toulmin, jun., and that of "The Officers" by Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas., and E. W. Davis, S.W. The proceedings then terminated.

#### WYVENHOE.

**Colne Lodge (No. 2477).**—The first session of this recently-established lodge was concluded on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when upwards of 50 members were present, at the Greyhound Hotel. Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, the W.M., occupied the chair, and during the proceedings presented to the lodge, on behalf of his wife, a very handsome lodge banner, beautifully worked on a light blue groundwork of silk, the subjects being a yacht in full sail, a raven (representing the "Port Reeve" of Colchester), and the arms quartered of the Egerton and Green families. Underneath in a scroll is the legend—"Presented by Helen, wife of Claude E. Egerton-Green, first Master." The presentation was received with loud and long continued applause, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Egerton-Green, was, on the motion of Bro. Harold Francis, D.C., seconded by Bro. Gustavus Pratt, S.W., carried by acclamation, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Pratt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Col. Tysen Holroyd was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. A. Wright, Tyler. The business of the evening included six raisings. Although the lodge has been consecrated but six months it numbers 70 members.

The banner above referred to was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### RELICS OF WASHINGTON.

The dispatch in the *Journal* March 2nd, from Niagara Falls, N.Y., concerning remarkable curiosities found in the archives of a Masonic lodge at Niagara Falls, recalls the valuable possession of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A. F. and A. M.

The news of Washington's death reached Boston on the 23rd of December, 1799. On the 28th of December following the Grand Lodge, by circular letter, "testified its veneration for his excellent character." On January 15th, 1800, the Grand Lodge voted "to pay funeral honours to his memory on the 22nd of February," which was subsequently changed to February 11th. Previous to this, January 11th, 1800, Past Grand Masters John Warren, Paul Revere, and Josiah Bartlett, in the name of the Grand Lodge, wrote a letter to Mrs. Washington, in which they said:

"To their expressions of sympathy on this solemn dispensation the Grand Lodge have subjoined an order that a golden urn be prepared as a deposit for a lock of hair, an invaluable relique of the hero and the patriot whom their wishes would immortalise, and that it be preserved with the jewels and regalia of the society."

To this request Mrs. Washington replied, through Mr. Lear, enclosing a lock of Washington's hair, which was duly received. The urn was made of gold, by Paul Revere, in which the lock of hair was placed, and where it has rested for nearly a century.

On February 11th, 1800, a Masonic procession, consisting of more than 1600 brethren, was formed at the Old State House and moved to the Stone Chapel, where funeral services were held. The golden urn was borne in that procession, and was afterward deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge, where it still remains. Among the treasures that are transmitted from one Grand Master to his successor is this golden urn, the work of Paul Revere, containing a lock of the hair of the immortal Washington.—*Boston Journal*.

#### Obituary.

BRO. J. H. CLIFTON, No. 1833.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Bro. J. H. Clifton, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Clifton and Carter, Solicitors, of Bristol. The sad event occurred at the police-court at Swindon. Bro. Clifton was defending a client, of New Swindon, in an important case, which had proceeded about an hour, when Bro. Clifton was taken ill, and retired to the magistrates' room, where he rested for about half-an-hour, and had a glass of wine and a biscuit. The chairman of the bench then suggested that the case should be adjourned, and Mr. H. Kinner, who was prosecuting the case, joined in the request. But Bro. Clifton, feeling much better, wished to have the case proceeded with. Accordingly, about two o'clock, he opened the defence to the case, and concluded it; the magistrates retired for consultation in the case; and in their absence Bro. Clifton was again taken ill, and left the court for a short rest in the clerk's office. His condition, however, became so serious that it was thought prudent to send for medical aid. Bro. Clifton felt he was dying, and made a remark to that effect, and he passed away quietly a few minutes before five o'clock. Very recently Bro. Clifton had been warned by his medical advisers of the critical state of his health. On his first seizure he told the magistrate's clerk that he knew his life hung on a thread, but that he wished to die in harness. Our deceased brother was a member of the St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, in the Province of Somerset, which meets in the village of Keynsham where he lived.

#### Royal Arch.

**Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Comps. George Davis, P.Z., S.E., as M.E.Z., in the absence, through illness, of Comp. Francis Smith, P. Prov. G.I. Cheshire; Captain Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., H., First Principal elect; Dr. Frye, J., Second Principal elect; W. Harfield, P.Z., Treas., acting S.N.; Blankley, 1st A.S.; Hills, 2nd A.S.; A. Hardy, I.P.Z.; Nathan Moss, J.P., L.C.C., P.Z.; W. Cleg-horne, P.Z.; and Staley, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bros. Langdale and Davis, and, it proving to be unanimous, they were duly and impressively exalted to the Degree of the Royal Arch. The acting M.E.Z. discharged the duty in a most impressive manner. Comp. Capt. Walls was then inducted as First Principal (a position which he had held in No. 185 in 1882). Comp. W. Cleg-horne installed Comp. Dr. Frye as Second Principal. The following investitures took place: Comps. G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Mussard, S.N.; Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; Blankley, P.S.; Hills, 1st A.S.; and Witthaus, 2nd A.S. Comp. Isellmann, J. elect, was absent. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Comps. G. Davis, P.Z., and W. Cleg-horne, P.Z. Upon the motion of the M.E.Z., a vote of sympathy was passed to Comp. Francis Smith, I.P.Z., in his illness, and regret that he could not attend the chapter to receive the Past Principal's jewel that had been voted to him at the last convocation. The S.E. kindly consented to personally convey the vote to the I.P.Z. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and thanks tendered to Comp. Harfield, the Treasurer, for his kindness to the chapter for so many years.

The chapter was closed, and a banquet followed.

The toasts were quickly and but briefly given in order that the companions might enjoy an excellent entertainment of instrumental and vocal music, most kindly and generously provided by the absent I.P.Z. Mr. and Miss L. Smith in particular were very happy in their selections, and received the hearty applause of their delighted hearers. A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies and gentlemen who had so greatly enhanced the proceedings by their clever playing and singing. The Scribe E. and Treasurer are to be congratulated on the success that attended their exertions to secure the comfort of the companions.

#### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Chapter (No. 48).**—The regular meeting of this thriving chapter was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there was a fair attendance of companions, who had the satisfaction of seeing the Degree worked, as is usual, with the members and officers of this spirited assembly. Amongst those present were: Comps. W. Richardson, M.E.Z.; T. R. Johnson, H.; R. H. Holme, J.; W. Brown, P.Z., D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.Z.; J. Nesbit, M.E.Z.; A. T. Aitchison, H.; F. Schnitzer, J.; T. Dinning, P.Z. 481, as S.E.; W. Holzappel, as S.N.; John Bozeman, Treas.; W. J. Johnson, as P.S.; T. Chegwidden, as 1st A.S.; W. Stafford 2nd A.S.; J. K. Sinton, J. J. Holme, T. Thompson, and others. The ballot being in favour of Bro. John Armstrong, he was duly elected and exalted as a companion by the First Principal, Comp. Richardson. The Principals and Officers were afterwards elected for the ensuing year. A candidate was proposed, and after "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors had been tendered, the proceedings terminated. There will be a vacation of six months.

#### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).**—This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Bros. G. Pigache, M.W.S.; G. Grimwood, J.P., Prelate; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., 30°, 1st Gen.; Captain Baldwin, as 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; L. Steele, C.E., 30°, G.M.; W. Maple, Raphael; Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; N. Jagielski, M.D., A.D.C.; T. W. Coffin, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; Major J. E. Anderson, 30°, P.M.W.S.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, C.E., 30°, P.M.W.S.; and H. Hills, 30°.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Bigger, W.M. 898, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly and impressively perfected by Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M.W.S. Bro. G. Grimwood, J.P., was unanimously elected Most Wise for the year ensuing, and Ill. Bro. W. Paas re-elected Treasurer. A Past Sovereign's jewel was voted to Bro. G. Pigache. A candidate having been proposed for the next meeting, apologies for non-attendance were received from Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Nelson Prower, 30°, 2nd Gen.; Dr. E. M. Lott, 31°, Org.; and Ex. Bros. Dr. Mason, Francis Smith, C. Tayleure, M.A.; and many others.

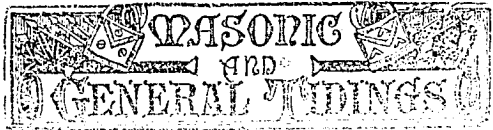
The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, where an excellent banquet was partaken of. The Most Wise presided most ably and genially. The long list of toasts was duly presented.

In the course of the proceedings the M.W.S. spoke in terms of the highest commendation of the services of Ill. Bro. Lardner, who, at a moment's notice, had undertaken the work, the I.P.M. being too unwell to attend.

An excellent programme of vocal music was provided by Bro. Egbert Roberts, Bro. Dr. Hinton kindly assisting at the pianoforte.

**A NEW FREEMASONS' LODGE.**—We understand that, with a view to perpetuate the long and active services to Freemasonry in Essex of the Provincial Grand Secretary, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has, on the recommendation of the Earl of Warwick, Provincial Grand Master, granted a warrant for the formation of a Lodge at Chingford, to be called "The Thomas Walling Lodge," numbered on the Grand Lodge Register 2508. This Lodge is to be consecrated on Tuesday, May 1, by the Earl of Warwick, and we are asked to state that members of the fraternity desirous of being present should communicate at once with Bro. William Clifford, 3 Moorgate Street Buildings, London, E.C. As the accommodation is limited, preference will be given to early applicants.





The other evening, at the Savoy Hotel (the *Globe* says) Baron Hirsch entertained 60 guests, who were worth on an average a million each. The bill amounted to £1200.

Dr. Conan Doyle, author of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," is to write a series of articles for *Great Thoughts*. The first of the articles will appear in the issue of *Great Thoughts* dated May 5th.

Mr. Geoffrey F. Gardiner and Mr. H. K. Palmer, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, have respectively passed in anatomy and physiology the second examination of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Laistner Choir will give a concert on Wednesday, the 9th prox., at St. James's Hall, when Max Bruch's setting of Schiller's "Lay of the Bell" will be performed for the first time in London.

Bro. Lockwood is now revising for publication by the Roxburghe Press his witty lecture on "The Law and Language of Pickwick." An original "Buzfuz" has been sketched by Bro. Lockwood for the frontispiece.

The Duchess of York has graciously accepted copies of the new "Chimes" waltz by Algernon Rose, which was recently played with much success, under the direction of the composer, at the Covent Garden fancy dress balls.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel in Chief of the Household Cavalry, and the officers of the Royal Horse Guards have placed a handsome memorial of the late Colonel the Hon. Oliver Montague in Holy Trinity Church, Windsor.

Bro. C. W. Carrell, who has just recently been installed as M.E.Z. of the Old Kings' Arms Chapter, will be installed in the chair of the Old Kings' Arms Lodge on Monday next, the 23rd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when a large gathering of distinguished brethren will take place.

The San Francisco Masors have been victimised by an impostor, who induced them to believe in a spurious ceremonial which he termed the "Royal Masonic rite," claiming for it 45 degrees. It is really the Memphis rite, suppressed in France long ago, and revived since in England and the United States only to suffer the same fate.—*Rough Ashlar*.

The Duchess of Albany, who had promised to visit the bazaar being held on behalf of the Great Northern Central Hospital, kindly performed the opening ceremony at the second day's sale, and also inspected the various wards of the institution. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts—to whose exertions, as President of the Ladies' Committee, much of the success of the undertaking is due—was again present, and most of the other stall-holders were at their posts.

Bro. Howell's "Masonic History of No. 257, Portsmouth," &c., is now out of the printer's hands, and now only awaits polishing off by the binders. Proofs have been received from pp. 211 to 274, including also the Preface, &c., so now the great work is virtually completed. The proofs just to hand cover the remaining history of No. 3 (now 257) Royal Arch chapter, and the Royal Naval Preceptory from 1769 and 1791, respectively, besides other matters, and including an index, &c. The work is really in three parts, though in one volume, and so great is its importance, that we have taken the unusual course of informing our readers as each batch of proofs sheets came to hand. The illustrations are valuable and some exceedingly curious, and as soon as possible we hope that the grand volume will be duly reviewed in our pages by a "master-hand."

The Duke of Cambridge presided, on Thursday afternoon, in the United Service Institution, at the annual general meeting of the Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army. The object of the society, whose scholastic buildings are at Lansdown, Bath, is for providing at the lowest possible cost good practical and religious education for the daughters of officers. Among those present were Sir Thomas Crawford, Lieut.-General Sir W. Drysdale, Sir George Higginson, Sir Julius Raines, and the Rev. J. C. Edgehill, Chaplain-General of the Forces. The report having been read, the Duke of Cambridge said there was little to add to what had been set out therein. In general terms the state of matters was most satisfactory. Unfortunately, there had been a slight falling off in the subscriptions received, but that was not exceptional this year with many institutions. The report was adopted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed by acclamation.

Princess Christian, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and attended by Baroness von Eglloffstein, opened, at the Royal Albert Hall, the annual winter sale of work from the various industrial and benevolent institutions which are affiliated as the Society for Promoting Female Welfare. Bouquets were accepted by both the Princesses from the Ladies' Bazaar, who held a flower stall in front of the platform, in which primroses were a prominent feature. The Earl of Harrowby, as president of the organisation, described its scope and purpose, and mentioned that 25 different bodies were represented. Among these were the Factory Helpers' Union, with Lady Kinnaird at its stall; the Church of England Zenana Mission, with the Dowager Lady Dwyer presiding; the Ladies' Hibernian School Society, under Viscountess Midleton; the Midway Diocesan, in charge of Miss Porter; the Cripples' Home, under Lady Ashburton; and the Connemara Orphans' Nursery, directed by the Dowager Lady Leighton; while the Countess of Harrowby had undertaken the care of one furnished by the society.

Notwithstanding the many wonderful developments of science, no rival has yet been found to take the place of Holloway's Pills and Ointment as reliable and speedy cures for the various diseases with which we are all liable to be afflicted. The Ointment is universally acknowledged to be a certain remedy for sore throat, bronchitis, colds, croup, whooping-cough, rheumatism, and all skin diseases. The Pills have justly earned a world-wide reputation for all female complaints; for infantile disorders they are invaluable, and they are an unfailing remedy for all disorders affecting the liver and stomach. It would be difficult, indeed, to name a complaint for which both the Pills and Ointment are not beneficial. Thousands of people in all parts of the world can testify to their merits. They are suitable for any climate or season of the year.

Musical tableaux, telling the well-known story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," music by Ivan Caryll, and lyrics by George R. Sims, was produced at the Moore and Burgess Minstrels last Wednesday. Large crowds will certainly flock to the St. James's Hall to see this undoubted success.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has this provision, which constitutes Article XV: "Electioneering in any way for office in the Grand Lodge is positively prohibited, and any member guilty of the offence shall be ineligible to office, and, if an officer, shall forfeit the office held by him; and the same rule shall apply to subordinate lodges."—*Keystone*.

The Leathersellers' Company have granted the use of their hall, St. Helen's-place, for the annual meeting of the Children's Fresh Air Mission. Sir Gainsford Bruce will preside, and the speakers announced include the Rev. W. Hardy Harwood, the Hon. Massey Mainwaring, Mr. G. Benson Clough, and Miss Ada Heather Bigg.

The Musical Union which expired 14 years is about to be started again by M. Johannes Wolff, the eminent violinist. The opening concert will take place on the 21st prox., when M. Widor, the distinguished Parisian composer will introduce his new compositions. Several concerts are to be given, and the first season is likely to prove successful.

IMPORTS OF CHAMPAGNE.—Messrs. J. R. Parkinson and Co. state that the total quantity of champagne forwarded from the champagne districts for the twelve months ending March 31st last amounted to 22,235,867 bottles, against 21,088,213 bottles last year. The stocks in casks and bottles equal 1,355,520 hectolitres (about 169,440,000 bottles), which, owing to the abundant yield of 1893, is the largest quantity on record.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Cincinnati held its 42nd annual re-union in the Cathedral of the Rite, beginning on Tuesday, February 20th. These re-unions have become the most notable Masonic events in the Central States. The ritual of the rite is carried out with the most painstaking care, and embellished with all that art and science can add to the beauty of language or the impressiveness of ceremonial.

At a meeting of the Eskdale Kilwinning Lodge, No. 107, S.C., at Langholme, on Friday, the 6th inst.—Bro. Connel, W.M., presiding—the subject of building a Masonic hall was discussed, and the project was most favourably received, Masonry having made great advances in the town recently. Subscriptions amounting to £150 was intimated at the meeting, and the following were appointed a Committee to forward the scheme: Mr. Scott, of Ashley Bank; Mr. Scott, of Erkingholme; Mr. Graham, of Holmwood; Mr. Bell, of Hillside, and Mr. W. A. Connel, Milntown. It was decided to approach the Duke of Buccleuch with the view of getting a site granted.

It is not charitable to encourage laziness by affording professional beggars a better income than they could obtain by honest labour; it is not charitable to encourage vice by confirming a class in the notion that it is right and proper to prey on society, and who direct their efforts finally to force when fraud ceases to pay; it is not charitable to lessen the chances of the really deserving poor for the relief on which they have a just claim. With two many of this soft-hearted disposition, repeated deception has a hardening effect, and all poor are indiscriminately classed as impostors. System and organisation are the means by which the most good will be accomplished; in short, charity should be bestowed as a duty, rather than a pleasure.—*Ex*.

If you had a Mason in distress, you may extend to him such relief as you think proper, but it should be given in a manner not likely to humiliate him, and certainly not to the extent of impoverishing yourself or family. It is a great mistake to suppose that Masonry requires you to rob yourself to assist another. True, Masonic Charity is said to know no bounds, but there are bounds to your ability to give, and those bounds should be respected, for if you go beyond them, giving ceases to be Charity. 'It may be Charity to divide with your brother, but when you give him more than half your store, other things being equal, you become the object of Charity, and should be the recipient, rather than the dispenser. Here sentiment ceases to be the governing power of Masonry, and cold facts stare you in the face. There may be no bounds to that "Charity which extends beyond the grave," but there are very well-defined bounds where you lay aside the abstract and consider only the Charity that prevents starvation and physical suffering.—*Ex*.

Primrose Day was honoured in London by all classes and in every district. From an early hour in the morning until late at night large crowds gathered round the statue of the late Lord Beaconsfield in Parliament-square, to view the lavish floral decorations by means of which admirers of the departed statesman honour his memory. In no previous year have the garlands of primroses and violets adorning the monument been more numerous or more beautiful. Under the direction of the Office of Works the pedestal was tastefully draped with blue and yellow silk, and from its base to its summit were arranged tier upon tier of Lord Beaconsfield's favourite flower. In letters of gold were emblazoned on the panels the phrases which have now become household words: "Peace with Honour" and "Imperium et Libertas." Huge trestles were provided for the better display of the wreaths, one of which had been sent by a distant admirer—the Hon. M. Bellios, of Hong Kong—and the ground immediately surrounding the statue was literally covered with contributions from far and near. The Constitutional Club's tribute was striking and elaborate, consisting of a huge garland of primroses, bearing, in addition to the words "Empire and Liberty," the representation of an Earl's coronet, two crossed swords, and the letters "C. C." deftly worked in two shades of violets. Most of the Conservative institutions in the West-end and the suburbs decorated their premises in commemoration of the occasion. Conspicuous amongst these was the Chelsea Club (of which Earl Cadogan is president), whose whole frontage was outlined with primroses and forget-me-nots. The Queen sent to Mr. Comingsby Disraeli a large wreath, which was placed upon Lord Beaconsfield's grave at Hughenden.

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Princess Christian came from Windsor on Thursday to the Albert Hall, South Kensington, and opened a sale of work made at some of the Benevolent Institutions and Industrial Homes connected with the Society for Promoting Female Welfare.

The fruit growers of Cambridgeshire are waging a war of extermination against queen wasps. In one district men have been paid one penny each for every wasp killed in the months of March, April, and May, as many as 252 being killed by one man.

Miss Helen Thornycroft is showing at her studio, 2A, Melbury-road, a collection of over 200 pictures, comprising flowers, landscapes, and various subjects. Miss Thornycroft's work is well known, but special attention may be called to her admirable specimens of flower painting.

The late rector of Lawrenny, Pembrokeshire, was recently buried under the branches of a willow which is known as the grandson of Napoleon's willow. Its parent (says the *Welshman*) was a twig broken off the willow in St. Helena, under whose shadow Napoleon used to spend a great deal of his time when a prisoner after the battle of Waterloo.

Mr. Brock, R.A., has just completed a small clay model of his statue of Sir Richard Owen. The distinguished palaeontologist wears the professional gown in which he delivered the Hunterian Lectures. In his left hand he holds the fragment of a femur of one of those gigantic extinct birds of New Zealand which he was the first to describe.

Miss Nelly Farren had hoped to appear once more on the Gaiety stage, from which she had been so long absent, on the occasion of Herr Meyer Lutz's benefit (Wednesday next), in one of her favourite parts—Nan, in "Good for Nothing;" but it is to be feared this is out of the question, and Miss Farren will probably never be seen behind the footlights again, as the complaint from which she is suffering—chronic gout—has reached a point complete recovery seems entirely out of the question. Meantime her old comrades, Bro. Edward Terry and Miss Vaughan, return to burlesque at Terry's to-morrow (Saturday).

At the Principal Probate Registry the will of Mde. Janet Monach Patey, the great contralto, formerly of Fair View, West Kensington, but lately of Tresilian, Falmouth, who died suddenly on February 28th at the Royal Hotel Victoria, Sheffield, where she was giving a farewell concert, has been proved by Mr. John George Patey, of Tresilian, husband of the deceased, and Mr. William Eyre, 26, Huskisson-street, Liverpool, metal broker, the executors appointed therein. The gross value of the testatrix's personal estate and effects amounts to £4684 14s. 11d., and the net value to £3217 16s. 2d.

Lord Mayor Tyler presided on Thursday night in the Cannon-street Hotel at the 75th annual festival of the City of London General Pension Society. In proposing the customary loyal toasts, the Mayor said everybody hoped that the Royal wedding celebrated that day might be one which would increase the happiness of those distinguished personages whose healths they had so enthusiastically honoured. He had that afternoon received the following telegram from Coburg: "To the Lord Mayor, Mansion House, London—I thank your Lordship most heartily for the kind telegram you have sent me, and for the good wishes which have been expressed in the name of the citizens of London.—ALFRED."

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VISIT OF THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND TO THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.—On Tuesday, the 10th instant, the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by Col. Jekyll, Private Secretary, and attended by Captain Burnes, A.D.C., visited the Masonic Orphan Schools at Dublin. His Excellency first drove to the Boys' School at Richview, Clonskeagh, where he was received by Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, Bro. Oliver Fry, Hon. Sec.; the Rev. Benjamin Gibson, Chap.; Bro. J. Holdbrook, B.A., Head Master; and several of the Governors. His Excellency was first shown the new wing which is in course of erection, under the supervision of Mr. Samuel Bolton, and which will afford accommodation to 40 additional boys. It is expected that the building will be finished by the end of the year, when there will be accommodation for 100 boys, there being at present 67 in the School. The Lord Lieutenant was then conducted to the board-room, where his Excellency was presented with a copy of the last annual report, in which it was pointed out to him that the education of the boys during the year reached a very high standard, and that the School had been placed in a most gratifying position from the fact that at the last Intermediate Examinations 22 boys had entered, and every one of them had passed, some gaining exhibitions and honours in classics, mathematics, and shorthand. His Excellency was next conducted to the dining hall, the dormitories, schoolrooms, and gymnasium. In the latter the boys were exercised on the horizontal bar, and were put through a number of movements by the drill-sergeant, Mr. M'Naughton. On leaving his Excellency, who expressed himself very much pleased with what he had seen, was loudly cheered by the boys. The Lord Lieutenant then drove to the Girls' School at Ball's Bridge, and on arriving was received by Bro. Graves Eves, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Bro. F. M. Scott, J.P., Assistant Secretary; Miss Neive, Matron; and Miss Triggs. His Excellency was shown over the buildings, and his attention was particularly directed to the new Centenary Memorial Hall, the Drill Hall, and Library, which are now in course of erection by Mr. S. Bolton. On leaving, the Lord Lieutenant intimated that he was greatly pleased with everything he had seen. His Excellency was loudly cheered by the children on departing.





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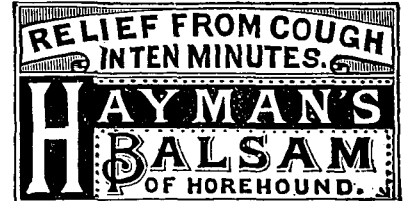
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