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GRAND FESTIVAL OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Tavern. United Grand Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall for the annual installation of Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the appointment and investiture of his Grand Officers for the year. There were about 500 brethren present, over whom the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. His lordship was supported by Bros. Major J. S. Goldie Taubman, Prov. G.M. of the Isle of Man, who acted as Deputy Grand Master; Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. of Surrey, as Past Grand Master; Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, as S.G.W.; and Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as J.G.W.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., read that portion of the minutes which recorded the election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer.

The Earl of LATHOM, after H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been proclaimed by Sir Albert Woods as again duly installed M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year, said it was his duty now and his pleasure to inform the brethren that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to confer on Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia the rank and dignity of Past Grand Master.

The announcement was received with loud applause.

The Earl of LATHOM next announced that the M.W.G.M. had again been pleased to appoint him as Pro Grand Master.

Sir ALBERT WOODS then proclaimed the Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the customary salute was given.

The Earl of LATHOM next informed the brethren that the M.W.G.M. had been again pleased to appoint the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Dep. G.M., and his lordship was proclaimed as such by Sir ALBERT WOODS.

The remaining Grand Officers were:

Bro. Marquess of Tweeddale	...	S.G.W.
" Lord Skelmersdale (West Lancashire)	...	J.G.W.
" Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair (London)	...	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. Canon Kynaston, D.D. (Durham)	...	
" Alderman and Sheriff J. C. Dimsdale (London)	...	G. Treas.
" F. A. Philbrick, O.C. (London)	...	G. Reg.
" Thos. Lean Wilkinson (London)	...	Deputy G. Reg.
" Ed. Letchworth (London)	...	G. Sec.
" W. B. Coltman (London)	...	} S.G.Ds.
" Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph (London)	...	
" Alfred Cooper (London)	...	
" Col. Alfred Mordaunt Egerton (Equerry and Controller to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught)	...	P.S.G.D.
" John Thornhill Morland (Berks)	...	} J.G.Ds.
" His Honour Judge Masterman (Notts)	...	
" Lieut.-Col. J. Allen Bindley (Stafford)	...	
" Reginald St. A. Roumieu (London)	...	G.S. of W.
" Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	...	G.D. of C.
" Lennox Browne (London)	...	D.G.D.C.
" E. Wallaston Stanton (London)	...	} A.G.D.Cs.
" James Salmon (Cheshire)	...	
" J. Flower Jackson (London)	...	
" Maj.-Gen. F. Gadsden (London)	...	G.S.B.
" Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, R.A. (London)	...	Deputy G.S.B.
" George Read (London)	...	} G. Std. Brs.
" Capt. T. C. Walls (London)	...	
" W. S. Hoyte (London)	...	G. Org.
" A. Pendlebury (London)	...	Asst. G. Sec.
" Abraham Green (Worcester)	...	G. Purst.
" Frederick Hilton (London)	...	Asst. G.P.
" Henry Sadler	...	G. Tyler.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, after the investiture of the new Grand Officers had been completed, read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year, which had been appointed by the M.W.G.M.: Bros. Arthur Escott Young, S.W. 14; William Henry Kempster, jun., J.W. 60; Frederick M. Brandon, 23; Richard Creed, S.D. 1; Frederic N. G. Propert, J.W. 2; Arthur Adams, 4; Aubrey B. Raymond-Barker, 5; Robert Alex. Gibbons, M.D., 6; William Palmer Fuller, 8; Robert Hovenden, 21; Rev. James Arthur Beaumont, 26; David de Lara Cohen, S.W. 29; H. Miall Cockerell, J.W. 46; Roger William Wallace, 58; John Henry Williams, 91; Edward Forbes Lankester, 99; Stephenson Robert Clarke, S.W. 197; and Oliver Thomas Hodges, 259.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, the Earl of Lathom presiding. On his immediate right was Lord Skelmersdale, and on his immediate left Gen. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

The usual toasts followed the banquet.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been proposed and honoured,

The Earl of LATHOM, in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," said it had often been his lot to get up at Masonic banquets to propose the health of the M.W.G.M., and he had also done so with the greatest pleasure, because the Prince of Wales was a thorough Mason at heart. His Royal Highness would have been present that evening if he could have managed it. The announcement which he (Lord Lathom) made in Grand Lodge showed that the Prince of Wales, although away, had not forgotten the Brotherhood to which he belonged. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia was the head of all the Berlin lodges, and he was now a Past Grand Master of England. More than that, he had allowed himself to be made an honorary member of a lodge at Dover. The Prince of Wales was—he would not say always—but he was very often thinking about Masonry. This he would say—he always took the deepest interest in all that went on in the Craft and in all its affairs, and in respect of the different appointments the brethren had reason to be proud. The Craft could not have a better Grand Master. With respect to the rest of the Royal Family, he was happy to say there was the Duke of Connaught, who was another thorough Mason. He wished he could add another member of the Royal Family to the roll, but that he hoped would soon come. He had very good ground for saying that event would shortly take place. Of the Princess of Wales it was not necessary to say much, for every one loved her.

The toast having been honoured,

Bro. Col. G. NOEL MONEY rose and said he felt it a very high honour to be allowed to propose the next toast—"The Health of the Chairman, the M.W. the Pro Grand Master." (Applause.) Lord Lathom had said that the M.W. Grand Master did all he could in Masonry, and that he had the interest of Masonry closely at heart. Those words applied equally well to the M.W. Pro Grand Master, and his Royal Highness could not have appointed to the office a better man. It was needless to say anything in his praise, for his work for Masonry was well known to every one in the room. He was but echoing the feeling of everyone present when he expressed the hope that Lord Lathom might live long to reign over the Craft as the representative of the M.W.G.M., and that the G.A.O.T.U. might give him health and strength to do so.

The Earl of LATHOM, in reply, said he thanked Bro. Colonel Money for his kind remarks. He felt very deeply, as years rolled on and he came again and again before the brethren, the very cordial welcome they always gave him. He assured the brethren of what he hoped they all knew, that he had Masonry at heart. He had it at heart because he saw how it brought men of all classes in the country together—men who would not otherwise meet—and they met in good feeling and friendship. He was not going to make a speech, as the brethren were all anxious to join the ladies at the concert, but he thanked them most deeply—from his heart—for the kind way they had always received him, and also, if they would allow him to say so, for the very kind reception they had given his son when he invested him that evening as Junior Grand Warden. He was happy to think that without any persuasion or word on his part, Lord Skelmersdale had become a Mason, and, from what he had seen of him so far, he took great interest in it. Lord Skelmersdale meant to go on with the work, and to carry out what he (Lord Lathom) had tried to do in his time.

Bro. R. D. M. LITTLE, P.D.G. Registrar, who proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges," said his responsibility was somewhat alarming, and it was the more so coming as his duty did after the parent stem of Masonry had been proposed. His toast was the root and branch of Masonry all over the world. Where they would be without Grand Lodge they all knew. A good many of them appreciated where they would be without the Provincial and District Grand Lodges. A consideration which was not unworthy of notice with regard to that toast was that not only had they the great universality of Masonry exhibited in it, but also the enormous reach of the British Empire. In connection with the toast he had to mention a representative from India, and a representative from Scotland, Ireland, and New Zealand. They often had present representatives from Scotland and Ireland, but they were not often honoured with the presence of a representative of the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand. It was always a pleasure to contemplate the extent of the Empire, but it was also a pleasure to contemplate the extent of Freemasonry. He coupled with the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges and the District Grand Lodges, Bro. J. W. McCulloch, of New Zealand, and Bro. H. D. Sandeman, P. Dist. Grand Lodge of Bengal.

Bro. McCULLOCH responded. He thought this was a great deal more than a formal toast. He had been but a limited time in England and

fortunately he was a visitor at Grand Lodge and met brethren from Scotland, Ireland, and England. He could understand the exact position which the several Grand Lodges held and how admirably they were working together on behalf of Freemasonry. They were working in New Zealand with great harmony where they represented England, Ireland, and Scotland. It was unnecessary for him to say what seemed a little difference in New Zealand in the Scottish Fraternity, but that had had one effect—it had brought the representatives and the brethren hailing under the old Constitution much more closely together than ever they were before. On behalf of the older Constitutions, he could say they looked forward to not being separated from the mother lodges. In the Colony, as in other parts of the Empire, they were looking forward to closer association with the old country—they were looking to Imperial Federation, and were not desirous, even in a Masonic sense, that there should be any severance; if possible they wanted more federation.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN also replied. The Provincial Grand Masters were different to ordinary Grand Officers; they were, so to speak, lieutenants of the Grand Master. They represented a large amount of work. With Bro. McCulloch, he would say there was a strong feeling in the colonies in favour of the Mother Grand Lodge. Masonry was infinitely stronger and more important in the colonies under Grand Lodge of England than it would be under any small Grand Lodges of its own.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." It was 25 years ago that night that he was made a Grand Officer. With regard to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, what could he possibly say? All the brethren who had seen him in Grand Lodge knew that he was not one of the mamby-pamby kind. They knew how well he presided over Masonic deliberations, and in his own Province of Cornwall his name was a household word. With regard to the officers present and past, there was a long row of them right and left of Lord Lathom, who took great interest in the Craft. If he was not mistaken they had a present Grand Officer before them who was intending to make a mark in the future which should be made by others. He thought no one could stand up with greater pleasure to propose that toast than he. It was many years he had known Lord Lathom; they were made Masons within two or three months of each other. Little did he think, when he saw Lord Lathom initiated, that he would see him sitting as Pro Grand Master with his son as S.G.W. on his right, and he (Bro. Martyn) proposing his health. All the brethren would join in congratulating the Pro G.M. on seeing his son J.G.W. of England. If he might divulge a Masonic secret, it was scarcely a month ago since Lord Skelmersdale was visiting a lodge of which he (Bro. Martyn) was Secretary ever since its foundation, and after the lodge they were talking about the picture of the Pro Grand Master in Grand Lodge. He went and saw it, and he thought it was a pretty spectacle to see the son looking at the picture of his father. He thought it was enough to make a son go and do as his father had done. It was very pleasing to hear the ovation received when a worthy son was invested in Grand Lodge by a worthy father. The Pro Grand Master's heart must have been as full as his (Bro. Martyn's) own when he saw that glorious demonstration given to the son; it showed how he was appreciated. He could not help recalling that it was the very night the Prince of Wales set foot in Grand Lodge that he (Bro. Martyn) was made a Grand Officer. Lord Zetland's Grand Officers were now few and far between, but there were three now present, and he hoped they would be in attendance many years to come. At all events, they could reflect they had done the same work; but, with regard to the present Grand Officers, they had theirs yet to do, and to prove worthy of the partiality of the Grand Master.

Lord SKELMERSDALE, J.G.W., in replying, said the Grand Officers would do their duty. If he might be permitted for a moment to assert himself, he would thank the brethren most heartily for the reception they had given him when he had the great honour of being presented with his collar by his father. It touched him most deeply, and because he felt it was not what they knew about him, but because they all knew about his father. Bro. Martyn had reminded them that he was present when Lord Lathom was initiated. He had to thank Bro. Martyn most heartily for the kind way in which he had proposed that toast, and for the kind words he had used with reference to himself.

Bro. the Rev. Canon KYNASTON, G.C., proposed "The Masonic Charities." He had been told that it was right that he should propose that toast because he was a clergyman, and therefore ought to know something about what Charity was. That was a proposition which might be disputed. He thought clergymen knew what Charity ought to be, but he did not think they knew what it was. His brother who told him he ought to propose that toast probably never preached a Charity sermon, but it would be a different thing if all the congregation consisted of Freemasons; then there was no doubt they would know all about it. If that were the case everywhere what churches and what schools they would build—how they would sit upon the London School Board! Because they all knew as well as he what Charity was, and what the work of Charity meant to a Freemason. From the very first night of his initiation there was an incident, which they all remembered, which put at once before an initiate what Charity was, and that he ventured to say he never forgot during the whole of his Masonic career. He might apply to that virtue the same words which Shakespeare applied to mercy—"the quality of it was not strained—it droppeth as the gentle dew from Heaven upon the place beneath." He would give now in his own person a genial example of Charity—he would not speak any more, but would simply propose the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary R.M.I. for Girls, in reply, said when he came into the room he in no way anticipated that it would be his duty and privilege to respond to that toast. Doubtless, however, it was quite in the fitness of things that the Secretary of that Institution, over which the Chairman of that night was so shortly to preside, should be called upon to acknowledge the toast of "The Charities," and, in their name, he most sincerely and heartily thanked them for the reception they had given to it. The Benevolent Institution was happy in the grateful memory of a most successful Festival, celebrated so recently as February last, under the able presidency of their good friend and brother, Colonel G. Noel Money, the

esteemed Provincial Grand Master of Surrey; whilst the Boys' were looking forward, with justifiable hopefulness, to a no less successful result to their Festival, which would take place towards the end of June, under the distinguished presidency of the popular Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, and on which occasion he sincerely trusted Bro. McLeod would have the pleasure of making another of those grand announcements which it had been his privilege to do since he had been the Secretary of that Institution. On behalf of the Girls' School, it was giving utterance to a truism to say that its various Committees, as well as all who took an interest in its welfare, were deeply grateful to the Earl of Lathom for his great kindness in undertaking, for the second time, the chairmanship of the oldest of the Masonic Institutions, and he earnestly trusted that the Craft at large would show its appreciation of his lordship's goodness by privileging him, when the Festival would take place in that hall, that day fortnight, to announce so successful and happy a result as would enable the Institution effectively to carry on its great and noble work in the future.

The Earl of LATHOM proposed "The Grand Stewards," to whom all the company owed a debt of gratitude. The office of Grand Steward was not an honorary or nominal one. The Grand Stewards were much out of pocket, and the brethren had to thank them for what they had done.

Bro. ERNEST ST. CLAIR, President of the Board of Stewards, in responding, said that that evening they had introduced one or two new features in the Grand Festival, but not for any purpose of their own but from an earnest desire to promote the welfare of all the members of Grand Lodge and more particularly the Grand Officers. It was perfectly impossible to continue the tables as before, and the dinner had been more comfortable on that account. The Stewards had worked most harmoniously, and he thanked those who had helped him on the Board. The Stewards were all pleased with the result.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. H. R. COOPER SMITH, P.G.C., responded, and the company then adjourned to the Temple, where a grand concert was given, in which the following artists took part: Miss Carrington, Miss Noona Macquoid, Mr. James Leyland, the Westminster Singers—Messrs. Walter Coward, Harper Kearton, Charles Ackerman, and W. H. Brereton. Humorous sketches were given by Mr. Fred Upton, M. René Ortmann performed on the violin, and Mdles. Louise and Jeanne Douste de Fortis and Bro. W. de Manby Sergison on the pianoforte. Bro. Morley was the Toast Master.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

The Most Hon. the Marquess of TWEEDDALE is a Mason of very old standing, having been initiated as long since as 1853 in the Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood, No. 459, India, of which lodge he served as W.M. In the year 1859 he was exalted in the Royal Arch chapter attached to the lodge. He was also a founder of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159. Only last year his lordship was installed first W.M. of the Telegraph Cable Lodge, No. 2470, and we believe he has held high office in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Lord SKELMERSDALE, Junior Grand Warden, is the eldest son of the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master. He is a captain in the Royal Horse Guards, and married to a daughter of the Earl of Radnor, Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire. His lordship was initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, and subsequently joined the St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, Liverpool, of which he is at present W.M. He is a member of the Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter attached to the same lodge.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Ven. Wm. MACDONALD SINCLAIR, B.D., is a Canon Residentiary of St. Paul's Cathedral, Archdeacon of London, and a Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen. He was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, having taken high honours in that University, and was afterwards Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of London. He was for nine years Vicar of St. Stephen's, Westminster. He was initiated into Masonry in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 107, and afterwards joined the Universal Lodge, No. 181, of which he is the present W.M.

The Rev. Canon KYNASTON, D.D., is a Canon Residentiary of Durham Cathedral and a Professor of Greek in that University. He was educated at Eton and St. John's College Cambridge, of which he was for some time a fellow, having been senior classic of his year. He afterwards became in succession an Assistant Master at Eton, Principal of Cheltenham College, and vicar of St. Luke's, New Kentish Town. He was initiated in 1857 in the Scientific Lodge, Cambridge. He subsequently joined the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham, and the Universities Lodge, Durham, No. 2352, and is P.M. of both the latter lodges. He is a Past Senior Grand Warden of Gloucestershire. He was exalted in the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, in the year 1865, and was installed as First Principal in the Unanimity Chapter, No. 82, Cheltenham. He is Past Grand H. in the Provincial Grand Chapter of both Durham and Northumberland, and is a supporter of the Masonic Charities, having served as Steward.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. THOMAS LEAN WILKINSON, the son of Thomas Wilkinson, M.R.I.A., of Enniscorthy, County Wexford, was born November 26th, 1838, and, after some years' experience in the Inland Revenue Office, Somerset House, forsook the Civil Service for the Law—being called to the Bar on November 17th, 1866. For many years he has enjoyed a very extensive practice in the Courts of Chancery, and as a conveyancer and equity draftsman takes rank as one of the leading members of the profession. He is the author of "Lectures on the Land Laws," and some works of fiction. Bro. Wilkinson was initiated into Masonry in the Moira Lodge, No. 92, by the then W.M., Bro. R. F. Gould, on April 25th, 1876. He was passed and raised in the same year, and afterwards served all the usual offices from I.G. to W.M. The latter office he vacated December 7th, 1883, and the same evening was invested as Treasurer, which position he still retains. Consequently our brother has held office uninterruptedly in the Moira Lodge from the date of his appointment as I.G., on November 26th, 1878, until the present time. Brethren who have been privileged to attend the anniversary meetings of No. 92 will be aware that these gatherings are held on December 7th, the birthday of Earl Moira—the first Marquess of Hastings—whose memory is always kept green on these interesting occasions, by the delivery of an oration in connection with the toast of the evening. We shall

hardly err in stating that for 11 or more years in succession the "Memory of Earl Moira" has been proposed in the only Metropolitan lodge now bearing his name, with great power and eloquence by Bro. Wilkinson. Our brother was a founder of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456. Bro. Wilkinson was exalted in the Moira Chapter, No. 92, on November 15th, 1878, and after filling the chairs of J. and H., was installed as M.E.Z. in June, 1885. He is Treasurer of the chapter as well as of the lodge. To the Charitable Institutions of the Craft Bro. Wilkins on has been a liberal benefactor, and he is a Life Governor of the R.M.I.G. Among the members of No. 92 to whom Grand Lodge honours were awarded in previous years, may be named Bros. G. W. K. Potter, J.G.D., 1850; Frederick Slight, J.G.D., 1859; Cornelius Thorne, District G.M. North China, 1877; and R. F. Gould, S.G.D., 1880.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. W. B. COLTMAN, P.G. Stwd., whose installation as W.M. of the Chancery Bar Lodge in the presence of the Prince of Wales has been the notable Masonic event of the year, is a son of the late Mr. Justice Coltman. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, being a M.A. of that University, a Barrister-at-Law, and Major and Hon. Lt.-Colonel of the Inns of Court Rifle Corps (the Devil's Own). He was initiated in Friendship Lodge, No. 6, in 1865, and was installed W.M. in 1880. He was one of the founders of the Northern Bar Lodge, and was chosen the first W.M. of the Chancery Bar Lodge, at the consecration of which, in the Library of Lincoln's Inn, the M.W.G. Master the Prince of Wales assisted, and afterwards presided at the banquet. Bro. Coltman is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in Friendship Chapter in 1870, afterwards becoming First Principal in 1883.

Bro. Lieut.-General C. W. RANDOLPH, late of the Grenadier Guards was initiated in the Friends of Council Lodge, No. 1383, in the year 1873, and became W.M. in 1878. He afterwards joined the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, and the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, and was a founder of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201. In 1884 he was appointed Prov. S.G.W. of Sussex. General Randolph was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree in St. James' Chapter, No. 2, and was a founder and First Principal of the Friends in Council Chapter. On the death of Sir Walter Burrell in 1890, he was appointed Grand Superintendent of Sussex. He has done good service to our Institutions, having served as Steward for each, and qualified himself as Life Governor of all three.

Bro. ALFRED COOPER, Past Grand Steward, is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, surgeon of several hospitals, Surgeon-Major of the Inns of Court Rifle Corps, is a Chevalier of the Order of Stanislaus of Russia, and holds various other honorary appointments. He was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in 1875, and is Worshipful Master this year. He joined the Studholme Lodge in 1876, and filled the chair in 1878, was a founder of Sir Thomas White Lodge in 1879, and in 1885 joined the Drury Lane Lodge. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Prince of Wales Chapter, and has filled the chair of M.E.Z. both in this chapter and the Studholme. Bro. Cooper is a Vice-President of the Girls' School, having served five Stewardships for that Institution, as well as for the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

[Bro. JOHN THORNHILL MORLAND, M.A., was initiated 31 years since in the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon, and installed W.M. in 1868, again filling the chair in 1873. In 1865 he received his first Provincial Grand Lodge appointment, that of A.G.D.C., and became successively Prov. S.G.D. in 1869, Prov. G. Reg. in 1873 of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks; and on the creation of Berks and Bucks as separate provinces, in 1890, he was appointed Deputy Grand Master of Berks, and has been in charge of the province since the death of the Duke of Clarence. Bro. Morland was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, in 1886, and was elected First Principal in 1887. He was a founder and first M.E.Z. of the Abbey Chapter, No. 945. In the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berks and Bucks he was appointed G.N. in 1880, and on the separation of the provinces, in 1891, he was appointed Grand Superintendent of Berkshire, a position which he still occupies. He has served as Steward for, and is a Life Governor of, each of the Institutions. Bro. Morland was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, is Clerk of the Peace, and Clerk of the County Council of Berkshire.

JUDGE MASTERMAN is a Mason of some 27 years standing, having been initiated in the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, in 1867, afterwards joining the Beaminster Lodge, No. 1118, in 1873, the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, in 1888, and the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, in 1893. In three of these lodges he has filled the chair of Worshipful Master, viz., the Beaminster, the University, and the Jerusalem. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, in 1868, and he afterwards joined and became First Principal of the University Chapter, No. 1118, in 1883. He is a Life Governor of each Institution. Judge Masterman was educated at Oxford, and is M.A. and D.C.L. of that University. He was appointed a County Court Judge in the year 1891.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. ALLEN BINDLEY, of the Abbey Lodge, Burton-on-Trent, is a Mason of 33 years' standing. He occupies the position of Deputy G. Master of Staffordshire, having been appointed to that office by the late Col. Gough, and since his death has been, and still is, in charge of the Province, and is as well Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter. He was initiated in 1861 in the Abbey Lodge, Burton-on-Trent, and was W.M. in 1867 and a second time in 1883. He is also a joining member of Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, No. 1838. Before his appointment as Prov. Grand Master he filled the chair of S.G.W. in 1883. He was exalted in the Abbey Chapter, No. 623, in 1871, and just 21 years later became Grand Superintendent of the Province. Bro. Bindley is a Life Governor of the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

Bro. REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU was initiated in Lodge St. Peter Westminster, No. 1537, in January, 1876, and in 1886 assisted in the founding of the Huguenot Lodge, No. 2140. He afterwards filled the chairs of both these lodges, that of St. Peter Westminster in 1884, and the Huguenot in 1892. In the Royal Arch Degree he was exalted in the Chapter of St. James, No. 2, attached to Antiquity Lodge, and became its First Principal in 1889. Bro. Roumieu is a donor to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and outside Masonry his contributions to various Charities have been considerable.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, the well known surgeon, who has been appointed to this office, is, in comparison with his activity, a young Mason, having been initiated in the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, in the year 1879, in which lodge he served three successive years as Warden, failing to go through the chair because he elected to fill a gap in the Empire Lodge caused by the death of Bro. Admiral Sir William Hewitt between the date of election and installation. Of this lodge, which amongst the younger lodges has attained very high distinction as a meeting

ground for Home and Colonial brethren, Bro. Lennox Browne was one of the most active founders, and was the first Secretary, and has been for the last six years, Treasurer. Bro. Lennox Browne was also founder and first Master of the Warner Lodge, No. 2256, founder and I.P.M. of the Æsculapius Lodge, and is a member and D.C. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge. In 1890 a new lodge was founded at Buckhurst Hill, bearing the title of Lennox Browne, the name being offered for his acceptance by the other founders as a compliment to the brother bearing it. In 1889 Bro. Lennox Browne was made Provincial Senior Grand Warden for Essex. In the Arch he was exalted in the British Chapter, No. 8, and was First Principal in the present year. He was founder and first M.E.Z. of Empire Chapter, founder and first H. of the recently consecrated Æsculapius Chapter, and is a member of the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51. In the Mark, he was advanced in the Bon Accord, and became a founder of the Egerton of Tatton Lodge, of which he filled the office of Master in 1892. He was also a founder, and is a Past W.C.N. Matier Lodge of Ark Mariners. In this Degree he is a P.G. Stwd. In the Rose Croix, he was perfected in the Invicta, a founder and first M.W.S. of the Belgrave Chapter, 1892. He is a member of the 30°. In the Knights Templar he is Prelate of the Bard of Avon Preceptory. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and has held office in the Bruce Preceptory. Bro. Lennox Browne has rendered good service to the Charities, being Vice-Patron of the Girls' School and Vice-President of each of the other Institutions. He has served 12 Stewardships for the Craft alone, and has also served several Stewardships for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. E. WALLASTAN STANTON, P.G. Steward, is the only son of the late Archdeacon Stanton, and is a M.A. of Oxford, and a Barrister-at-Law. His Masonic career has been an unostentatious but notable one, dating from 1867, in which year he was initiated in Universal Lodge, No. 181, joining afterwards the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, the Bard of Avon, No. 778, University, No. 1118, and the Cadogan, No. 162. In two of these he filled the chair of W.M., the Universal in 1874, and the Old Union, in 1890. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in Universal Chapter, No. 181 (now the Cadogan, No. 162), and was elected First Principal in 1886. Afterwards he joined the Old Union Chapter, and became M.E.Z. in 1891. But it is in his support of our Masonic Charities that Bro. Stanton has mainly distinguished himself, having served altogether 20 Stewardships, nine for the Girls', five for the Boys', and six for the Benevolent, qualifying himself a Patron of all three Institutions. The recognition of such services as these must commend itself to the approval of all the Brotherhood.

Bro. JAMES SALMON was initiated in the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, in September, 1852, and became W.M. in 1872. He was founder and first W.M. of the Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477, in 1874, and in 1876 founded, and was installed first W.M., the chair of which he held for two years in succession; he has filled various offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, having been appointed Prov. G. Stwd. in 1867, P.S.G.D. in 1874, and P.S.G.W. in 1889, as well as P.G.S.B., and, subsequently, P.J.G.W. of North Wales and Salop; he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in 1870, in the Zion Chapter, No. 537, and joined the Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721, in 1873, of which he became first Principal in 1877; in Provincial Grand Chapter he filled the offices of Prov. G.J. in 1877, and Prov. G.H. in 1892. In Mark Masonry, Bro. Salmon was advanced in the Joppa Lodge, No. 11, Birkenhead, in 1876, and on the Earl of Chester Lodge being founded in 1876, he became its first W.M., he filled the chair of Unity Lodge, No. 321, in 1886; and was appointed Prov. G. Reg. in 1887; and Prov. S.G.W. of North Wales and Salop in 1878; and on the division of North Wales and Shropshire, was elected P.G. Treas. at the first meeting at Wrexham, in 1886, by a large majority, and last year he was appointed Deputy G.M. for the Province of Chester; in 1878 he was appointed to office in Grand Mark Lodge, that of I.G. Bro. Salmon has served eight Stewardships for the Institutions, and is Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence in his province. He has been no less honoured in Civic life, having been elected Sheriff of the City of Chester in 1879, and Mayor in 1889, whilst he was placed on the Commission for the Peace in 1891.

Bro. J. FLOWER JACKSON, J.P., is a Mason of 34 years' standing, was initiated in St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, in 1858, and became Worshipful Master in 1865, and is a Past Grand Steward. He has served two Stewardships, viz., for the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Major General GADSDEN, whose initiation in Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, dates from 1853, was, after an interval of 41 years, installed as W.M. of his mother lodge in January last. The exigencies of his profession rendered his Masonic progress at home impossible, but he has not been inactive during this time, having joined Lodge Astræa, No. 1376, in Burmah, in 1863; Sydney Samaritan Lodge, No. 578, in 1868; St. John's Lodge, No. 434, in the same year; and the Western Star Lodge, No. 1049, in 1875; and Lodge Philanthropy, No. 542, in 1884. Previous to his installation as W.M. of No. 1, he had filled the chair of St. John's Lodge, in 1868 and 1875. In the District Grand Lodge of Madras he has been successively D.G.A. D. of C. in 1869-70, and 1870-71, and D.G.W. in 1871-72. He was exalted in the Royal Arch in the Royal Burmah Chapter, No. 832, at Rangoon, and afterwards joined St. John's, Secunderabad, No. 434, in which chapter he was installed First Principal in 1870. The following offices in the District Grand Chapter of Madras were successively filled by Bro. Gadsden, viz., District Grand Standard Bearer in 1870, 2nd Asst. Sojourner in 1871, Principal Sojourner in 1872, Scribe N. in 1873, and J. in 1875. He has served as Steward, and qualified as Life Governor for each of the Institutions, and is a Past Grand Steward of England.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. RITCHIE, R.A., who fills an important official position in the War Department, was initiated in 1859 in Concord Lodge, Banbury, and afterwards joined St. Andrew's in the East, at Poona; the United Military Lodge, at Woolwich; and the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, of which he was a founder and Worshipful Master in 1879. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Stockwell Chapter, afterwards joining the Ubique, of which he became First Principal in 1890. He has served two Stewardships, one each for the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. GEORGE READ was initiated in Zetland Lodge, No. 511, held at Kensington, December, 1865, was W.M. in 1871, and has been Secretary from that time to the present. He joined the Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425, at its consecration in 1873, was then appointed Secretary, and has held it from that time to the present; joined the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, at its consecration in 1877, was then appointed Secretary, and held the appointment until 1890, when he was elected two consecutive years W.M., and has since resumed the Secretaryship; was a founder and first W.M. of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, in 1878, and has been Secretary for the last nine years. He was a founder of the Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2020, in 1885, and was invested at its consecration as I.P.M.; was exalted in the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in 1867, and was M.E.Z. in 1879, and is still a subscribing member; was a founder of the Andrew Chapter, No. 834, in 1870, and was M.E.Z. in 1875, and has been Scribe E. from that time to the present. Bro. Read has been one of the elected Masters on the Board of Benevolence for

eight years, and a member of the Board of General Purposes for six years; is a Life Governor of all the Institutions, and has served eight Stewardships; was a Steward at the Royal Albert Hall at the Installation of the M.W. Grand Master in 1875, was Preceptor of the Zealand and Ranelagh Lodges of Instruction for 10 years to the year 1878, and has been Preceptor and Treasurer of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction from 1873 to the present date, and is also Preceptor of the Kensington Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Capt. T. C. WALLS, who was born in London, was initiated into Freemasonry on the 3rd of February, 1874, by the late Bro. W. Mann, in the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, which then held its meetings in the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval; was installed W.M. in 1879; joined the Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, in 1874; W.M., 1883-4; and has held the office of Secretary since 1884; joined the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, in 1875; W.M. in 1881; appointed Secretary in 1885, and still holds that position; joined the Faith Lodge, No. 141, in 1875; W.M. in 1882; was a founder of the Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, which was consecrated in 1877; W.M. in 1888; and he holds the office of Secretary to which he was appointed in 1891; the founder and first J.W. of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, which was consecrated in 1878; W.M. in 1880, and installed again in 1892; a founder of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793 which was consecrated in 1879; W.M. in 1885; joined the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, in 1885, and, having filled the minor offices, was installed W.M. in October last; assisted to consecrate and was elected an honorary member of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, in 1882; was elected an honorary member of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, for similar services in 1883; was one of the consecrating officers of the Cama Lodge, No. 2105; elected an honorary member, and appointed D.C. in 1885; was elected a member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2026, in 1890. He is also a member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. It will be seen by the above record that the subject of this notice was for six consecutive years W.M. in as many different lodges, a circumstance, we believe, unprecedented in Craft annals. In his early Masonic career, Bro. Walls was a constant attendant at lodges of instruction, became an energetic worker of the Sections, an exponent of the lectures, and frequently acted as Preceptor; was appointed P.G. Organist of Middlesex in 1877; Sword Bearer in 1880; and J.W. in 1888; served as Steward; and qualified as a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1880; served another Stewardship in 1885, and again at the Jubilee Festival in 1892; was Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1880 and 1889, and is a Life Governor; served as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1882, and at the Centenary Festival in 1888, and is a Life Governor; was elected on the Board of General Purposes in 1884-85-86-88-89-90-91-92, and 93, and was elected during those years to serve on the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge; was appointed a member of the Grand Secretary's Office Committee in 1892 and 1893; was elected on the Colonial Board in 1886-87-88-89-90-91-92, and 93; was appointed a Special Steward at the Jubilee gathering held at the Albert Hall in 1887; was nominated by No. 60, the Peace and Harmony Lodge, as Grand Steward, and appointed by the Grand Master to that office at the Grand Festival in 1893; and holds the office of Honorary Treasurer to the Board of Grand Stewards; was exalted in the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, in 1875, M.E.Z. in 1882, and installed again as its First Principal on the 10th instant. Was an original joining member of the Era Chapter, No. 1423, in 1876, M.E.Z. in 1881, and S.E. since 1884; an original joining member of the Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, in 1877, S.E. in 1882-3-4, M.E.Z. in 1885, and S.E. since '85; was a founder and first S.N. of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381, in 1880, M.E.Z. in 1882; a founder and first P.S. of the St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589, in 1880, M.E.Z. in 1883, and S.E. since 1888; was a founder and first S.E. of the Mozart Chapter, No. 1929, in 1885, M.E.Z. in 1888, and S.E. since 1889; a founder and first M.E.Z. Farringdon Without Chapter, No. 1745, in 1885, and S.E. since 1886; joined the Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, in 1877, and is its S.N. He was appointed P.G. Organist of the R.A.C. Middx., in 1878, P.G.D.C. in 1880, P.G.P. Soj. in 1885, and served for some years on the Audit Committee of the Province. He is an honorary member of the West Smithfield Chapter, No. 1623; was elected on the Committee of Grand Chapter in 1887-88-89-90-91-92, and 93. Advanced to the Mark Degree in the Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181, in 1876, W.M. in 1883, and Secretary since 1885. Founder and first J.W. of the Hammersmith, now the Earl of Carnarvon, Mark Lodge, No. 211, in 1877, W.M. in 1880, and Secretary since 1882. A founder and first S.W. of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, No. 238, in 1879, W.M. in 1880, and Secretary since 1888. An original joining member of the Grand Master's Lodge, in 1882, and has served all the minor offices to that of Master Overseer; assisted to consecrate the Earl of Kintore Mark Lodge, No. 333, in 1884, and was elected an honorary member. He has been an honorary member of the Mallet and Chisel Mark Lodge, No. 5, since 1885, as well as of the West Smithfield Mark Lodge, No. 223. He served on the Grand Mark General Board in 1879-80, and was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 1882. He was appointed P.G. Steward Middlesex and Surrey in 1880, P.G.D.C. in 1882, and P.J.G.W. in 1884, and was elected on the Provincial Board of General Purposes in 1883-4-5. He served as Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund in 1881, and again in 1886, and is a Life Governor. He was elevated as a Royal Ark Mariner in the Old Kent Lodge in 1879, and for services rendered had the honorary rank of W.C.N. conferred upon him. He was appointed a Grand Councillor of the Degree in 1879-80; a founder and first W.C.N. of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238, R.A.M., in 1886, and Scribe since 1888. He was installed as a Knight Templar in the Mount Calvary Encampment, D, in 1878, and installed Eminent Commander in 1881 by the late Sir Knight Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P. He took the Malta Degree in the Mount Calvary Priory in 1879, and served as Eminent Prior in 1881. He has been Registrar since 1884; was appointed Capt. of the Guard in Great Priory in 1883; joined the Royal Naval Preceptory, No. 2 (Portsmouth), in 1889; was perfected in the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the Mount Calvary Chapter in 1878; installed M.W.S. in 1884, and Recorder since 1885; took the Degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super-Excellent Master in Cryptic Masonry in the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, in 1879; was appointed Deputy Master in 1879-80-81; was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 1882-83, and has been Recorder since 1884; was appointed P.G.C. of Works in '80, G. Ill. Master in '82, Grand Recorder (*pro tem.*) in '84, and in recognition of his zeal in the cause of Cryptic Masonry, the Grand Master in '85 and '86 conferred upon him the distinguished rank of R.P. Deputy Grand Master. At a meeting of the Grand Council in '87, the late Reverend Canon Portal, G.M., personally moved a special vote of thanks to Comp. Walls for his services to the Order. He also holds the patents as a representative in this country of the Grand Councils of Vermont and Kentucky (U.S.A.). For services rendered at the resuscitation of the Constantine Council in 1886, he was elected an honorary member; was installed by the Provincial Grand Master, the late Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, as a knight of the Royal Order of Scotland in the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1883, and appointed Grand Guard in '88 and '89; was installed a Knight of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine in the Premier Conclave in 1879. Subsequently received by dispensation the titular ranks of Viceroy Eubæus and Puissant Sovereign. Served as M.P.S. in 1885. Took the Degrees of K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist in 1880. For several years was elected on the Grand Senate, and subsequently appointed by the Grand Sovereign to serve on that body. Has held, among other important offices on the Grand Senate, the positions of G. Sub-Almoner, G. Prelate, and G. Examiner. He has also been a member of the Grand Executive since 1884. Upon the death of Sir Knight H. Pullen, Deputy Int. Gen. Middx., in 1887, the Grand Sovereign

appointed Sir Knight Walls to that office. In 1888 he was appointed on the Grand Council, and has filled the offices of G. Architect, G. Almoner, and G. Junior General. Received the Degrees of St. Laurence, Knight of Constantinople, Knight of the Red Cross of Babylon, and High Priest in the Metropolitan Council (T.I.) in 1879, W.M. in 1887, and Secretary since 1891. Was appointed Assistant Director of Ceremonies in Grand Council in 1887. Was admitted by the Supreme Magus, the late Dr. Woodman, to the grade of Zelator in the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society in 1879. Elected Deputy Master of the Temple in 1887. In 1888 the Supreme Magus conferred upon him the Degree of Theoricus. He was also elected Master of the Temple in that year, and had the rank of Magister Honoris Causa 8° given to him. In 1892 he received the highest grade in the Order, viz., Magus Honoris Causa 9°; was a founder of the Alfred Meadows, now the Premier Conclave of the Degree of Secret Monitor, in 1887, and is its Supreme Ruler. In 1890 was unanimously elected and served the office of Grand Steward, and in 1891 the Grand Supreme Ruler appointed him a Past Grand Standard Bearer. The subject of this notice, we believe, is still on the active list of all the lodges, chapters, &c., above enumerated. Capt. Walls, with a trifling interregnum, has been since April, 1860, an efficient member in several regiments of the Volunteer Service, and has figured as a successful shot at many rifle meetings. He has also found time to engage in literary pursuits. He is the author of divers novelettes and poems that have received favourable press notices, and for many years has contributed letters, reviews, short articles, &c., upon subjects of a Masonic, military, ceramic, and antiquarian interest to various journals and magazines in London and the provinces. He was elected a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge on the 18th inst. We may add that Bro. Walls, who possesses a voice of singular resonance, is a ready speaker, sings a capital song, and is an elocutionist of no mean powers.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. W. S. HOYTE, who has been appointed to succeed Bro. Sergison as Grand Organist, was initiated in the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, in 1880, and served as Worshipful Master in 1887. He was one of the founders of another musical lodge, the Sterndale Bennett, No. 2182, which was consecrated in 1886, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1890. He joined the Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, in 1885, and filled the chair in 1892. The Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, the late General Brownrigg, appointed Bro. Hoyte as P.G. Organist in 1887. He was exalted in the Granite Chapter, No. 1328, and is at present H. of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Chapter, No. 4. Lastly he has served Stewardships for the Boys' and Girls' Schools and is a Life Governor of each. He is Grand Organist of the Temple and has filled the chair of E.P. in the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory. In Mark Masonry he has filled the chair of W.M. in the Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5, and is Past Grand Organist of England. In the musical profession Bro. Hoyte has achieved high distinction, being Organist of All Souls', St. Margaret's, a Professor of the Royal College of Music, Professor of the Guildhall School of Music, a Fellow of the College of Organists, and was selected to conduct the great Masonic Festival on the occasion of the Girls' School Centenary at the Albert Hall in 1888.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. ABRAHAM GREEN was initiated in Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, in 1871, and afterwards raised in the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 498, of which he became Master in 1882 and again in 1885. He was also a founder of Godson Lodge, No. 2385. In 1883 he was appointed Asst. D. of C. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, and, in 1885, Prov. S.G.D. In 1886-7-8, he was elected Prov. G. Treas., and the following year he was appointed Senior Grand Warden. He was exalted in Dudley Chapter, No. 252, in 1875, and joined the Royal Standard Chapter in 1877, becoming First Principal in 1887. Bro. Green has served Stewardships for the Girls', Boys', and Benevolent Institutions and is a Life Governor of all three. For many years Bro. Green has been a leading spirit in Freemasonry in his own Province, is an excellent worker and has materially assisted in raising Freemasonry to the high standard it occupies in the Province of Worcestershire. The appointment, we feel sure, will be most gratifying to members of his own Province, and in an almost equal degree to Warwickshire and Staffordshire Masons.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. FREDERICK HILTON was initiated in 1877 in the Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, and in 1878 joined the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, in both of which he has filled the office of Worshipful Master, his installation in Peckham Lodge being in 1884, and in Rose Lodge in 1886. He was exalted in Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, in 1879, and has filled the office of First Principal in the Star Chapter in 1887, the Rose Chapter in 1892, and the Old Concord Chapter in 1893. Bro. Hilton has not been unmindful of the Charities, having served as Steward for the Benevolent Institution in 1884, 1890, and 1892; the Boys' in 1886; and the Girls' in 1887, 1892, and 1893. He is a Vice-President of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and Life Governor of the Boys' School.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation. Installation of Principals, Election of Treasurer, and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th January to the 17th April, 1894, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£543 1 11	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated	„ „ „	Quarter	£357 9 2
„ „ Account	193 9 2	„ Balance	„ „ „ 995 1 10
„ „ Subsequent Receipts	516 11 7	„ „ Unappropriated	„ „ „
		Account	200 11 8
	£1253 2 8		£1253 2 8

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report they have received the following petitions:

- 1st. From Comps. John Evan Bowen, as Z.; William Eugene Chapman, as H.; Henry Percy Harris, as J.; and 11 others for a chapter to be attached to the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894, Slough, to be called the Herschel Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Slough, Buckinghamshire.
- 2nd. From Comps. James Albin Roberts, as Z.; Albany Richard Grieve, as H.; Rufus James Weston, as J.; and 17 others for a chapter to be attached to the Sherborne Lodge, No. 702, Stroud, to be called the Sherborne Chapter, and to meet at the Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
- 3rd. From Comps. Henry Stones, as Z.; William Henry Arnott, as H.; John Adams, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Makerfield Lodge, No. 2155, Newton-le-Willows, to be called the Makerfield Chapter, and to meet at the Pied Bull Hotel, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire (Western Division).

4th. From Comps. James Edmeston, as Z.; Fred. W. Hugh Hunt, as H.; Illyd Moline Prichard, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, London, to be called the Canterbury Chapter, and to meet at 33, Golden-square, London.

5th. From Comps. Arthur Trayler, as Z.; Nathan John, as H. Richard Thomas, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Loyal Welsh Lodge, No. 378, Pembroke Dock, to be called the Loyal Welsh Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock, South Wales (Western Division).

6th. From Comps. David Williams, as Z.; John Thomas Hogg, as H.; Frederick Joseph Ferris Bailey, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Tennant Lodge, No. 1992, Cardiff, to be called the Marmaduke Tennant Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, South Wales (Eastern Division).

7th. From Comps. William Shurmur, as Z.; Henry Edward Joyce, as H.; Sidney Charles Kaufman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1766, London, to be called the St. Leonard's Chapter, and to meet at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, London.

The foregoing petitions, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received a petition from Comps. Alfred Emanuel Fridlander, as Z.; Edward Lynes, M.D., as H.; William Ranby Goate, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry, to be called the Trinity Chapter, and to meet at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, Warwickshire, but inasmuch as a chapter which was attached to that lodge was, at the request of its members and the lodge, detached at the last convocation of Grand Chapter and attached to another lodge, the Committee deferred the consideration of this petition for further information.

The Committee have also received memorials with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Euclid Chapter, No. 859, from the Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, to the Isaac Newton University Masonic Hall, Corn Exchange-street, Cambridge.

The James Terry Chapter, No. 2372, from the Cheshunt Hall, Cheshunt, to the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have also received applications for permission to alter the names of the undermentioned chapters:

No. 1099, Devonshire, to change the name from the Huyshe Chapter to the Elms-Huyshe Chapter.

No. 1118, London, to change the name from the University Chapter to the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter.

The Committee being satisfied with respect to the reasons for the changes, have given consent to the alterations.

The members of the Harmony Chapter, No. 220, Garston, having begged that the fine of one guinea inflicted for breach of Rule 73, Book of Royal Arch Regulations, may not be enforced, as the other chapter was not fined, the Committee informed them that each case is taken on its own merits and they, therefore, declined to alter their decision.

The Chapter of Economy, No. 76, Winchester, having exalted two candidates before the expiration of 12 months from the date of raising, previously to the alteration of the law, the Committee ordered the companions to be re-obligated, and the chapter to be admonished.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. (Signed) ROBERT GREY,
18th April, 1894. President.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to Comp. Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

BRO. HOWELL'S GREAT WORK.

The title of this massive volume is "History of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, 1786 to 1893; Chapter of Friendship, No. 257 (originally No. 3), 1769 to 1863, and Royal Naval Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 2, 1791 to 1893, Compiled from the Books in the possession of the Lodge and other sources. By Alexander Howell, P.M. Privately printed at Portsmouth, MDCCCXCIV.," and, though a long one, the description is accurate, and all the promises abundantly fulfilled in the great work. For size and character generally, there has been nothing like it ever issued before in this country, and it is not likely that such a venture will be repeated, for although published at one guinea per copy in the quarto size, and three guineas for the large paper edition, the subscription price will nothing like cover the enormous cost of outlay. There are only 150 of the former and 25 of the latter published. Some idea of the size of the volume of the smaller edition (4to) may be obtained from the fact that it will weigh over 4 lbs. when bound.

It is to be hoped that brethren and lodges in this country will not apply too late for copies; for assuredly they will soon be snatched up by Craftsmen abroad directly the character, value, and importance of the work are apparent. It will then be too late to wish for these magnificent volumes. It seems extraordinary for so few to be published, when Hants is such a large Province, and the lodge itself numbers a goodly array of brethren, but this is one of the mysteries of such publications.

The lodge, chapter, and preceptory have all centenary jewel warrants, the only trio, it is presumed, of the kind, so the frontispiece is devoted to these three artistic decorations, which would have looked still more striking had they been in appropriate colours. The work is dedicated to the Prov. Grand Master (R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach), who has for a quarter of a century "Ruled over the destinies of the Craft in that Province with indefatigable zeal and signal success," and whose portrait is given further on.

Bro. Howell tells us that the "Phoenix" was the 21st lodge to meet in the district known as the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, five out of the previous 20 still existing, and, in order to present such particulars in correct form, Bro. John Lane's "Monumental Work—Masonic Records, 1717—1886," has been utilised by permission, the whole of the lodges being noted from 1736 to 1893, which met in the neighbourhood of Portsmouth.

The warrant of the "Phoenix" is dated 20th May, 1786, and the lodge first assembled at the "George Inn," or Tavern, about which and the other taverns, interesting particulars are supplied. The first Master was Samuel Palmer, who approved of the couplet

'Tis good in every case, you know,
To have two strings unto your bow.

for he belonged to an "Ancient" lodge warranted in 1758, and a "Modern" one of the year 1762, but dropped the former very quickly. He corresponded a good deal with that Masonic luminary, Thomas Dunckerley, who was Prov. G.M. in 1767 (the first) and again in 1786, and an excellent portrait of whom by Beach has been reproduced for this work in a most perfect manner. Eventually the lodge was started, having Thomas Telford, the celebrated engineer, as one of the founders.

Bro. Howell has been fortunate in having placed at his disposal an immense amount of information respecting this period, and a very judicious use he has made thereof, fully explaining all points that are not particularly clear. There are several editions of the by-laws printed, beginning with the first in 1786, which are quite elaborate in character.

When extra meetings were held each was termed the "Particular day," corresponding with "Emergency" usage, and it was quite a common occurrence in the early days of the lodge for the initiation and passing to take place the same evening, but sometimes all three were thus worked. The records are of considerable value generally, and as they are carefully detailed by Bro. Howell, the work is more than ordinarily interesting. They are however, too numerous to particularise, but they are worth a diligent perusal, especially by members of the province. We are not aware of any other lodge history that devotes so much space to the records and lists of members, as also completed tables of the officers, &c.

A remarkable account is given of the Union between the Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges of England, believed to be unique in the history of private lodges, and actually a duplicate of the official ceremony. Valuable information is appended respecting the several Provincial Grand Masters from 1786, adding much to the usefulness of the work, and practically being a History of the Province as well as the Lodge.

Part II. will prove the most attractive portion of this extraordinary volume, as it is devoted to the History of the Royal Arch Chapter from 1769 (then No. 3), to now, as No. 257, with an introduction on "Early Mark and Royal Arch Masonry" by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England. Altogether this is a most valuable and interesting division, especially as it proves for the first time that Dunckerley was connected with the *Mark Degree*, and gives the cypher in which all the first volume of minutes is written. Marks were generally used by the members, and as the *Mark* is, herein traced back to 1769, earlier than ever before, we do not wonder at Bro. Hughan being so impressed with the great importance of such Records.

Bro. Hughan's able introduction, and Bro. Howell's excellent history leave nothing to be desired, and the plates of Marks, and the cypher, are welcome additions to this exceptional History. The Royal Arch has been worked at Portsmouth from 1754, but from 1769 under the G.C. of the "Moderns." It is difficult to describe the character of these old Records from 1769, suffice it to say that they have no equal in the world of their kind, and are simply invaluable. The rise and progress of the Chapter is traced by a Master hand, and then follows in Part 3, the History of No. 2 Preceptory from 1791, an excellent reproduction of the original warrant, signed by Dunckerley, being appended. A choice souvenir of the period, and the only one we have ever seen of that year. Portraits of other distinguished members are also given, and so much else of an attractive, entertaining, and important character, that we fail, in spite of our intention otherwise, to describe their chief features. We can, and do however, most heartily congratulate the author of this the finest English Masonic Lodge History ever published. Indeed, it has no equal anywhere.

THE ORIGIN OF MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS IN AMERICA.

Bro. Robert C. Naramore, formerly of Connecticut, now of Sing-Sing, N.Y., under date of July 21st, 1893, writes: "I am proud to say that I am the author and founder of the first Veteran Masonic Association, not only in this country, but as far as I know, in the world." In the proceedings of the eighth annual re-union of the Connecticut Veterans, Brother Naramore places upon record the incident that led to the organisation of the first Veteran Association: "In the autumn of 1870, the speaker, who was at that time Master of King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, of Birmingham, was requested to administer the last sad rites of Masonic burial to a deceased brother. The circumstances attending the request were of such a nature that I was in doubt as to my duty in the matter. The deceased was not a member of my own lodge, and the friends all resided in an adjoining jurisdiction, and it was not until one hour before the time appointed for the funeral that I received information that left me without any doubt as to my duties in the premises. Hastily repairing to the lodge room, I obtained the necessary furniture and, summoning three brethren to my assistance, I repaired at once to the house of mourning. The place of interment was eight miles distant, at Southford, in the town of Southbury. On reaching the cemetery, and while plucking some evergreen sprigs that grew by the wayside, three aged men approached and asked permission to unite with us in the solemn service. They said: 'We are very rusty; some of us have not been inside of a lodge in 30 years, yet we are Masons, though we cannot prove ourselves such.' I said to them: 'Brethren, you are welcome; it matters not how rusty you may be, for at the grave of a deceased brother we have no privacy.' The half hour in that quiet cemetery was to me a time of great sadness. While reading our solemn and impressive burial service my thoughts were divided between the living and the dead. For the dead, I dropped the tear of heartfelt pity and sorrow; for the living, aged, veteran Masons before me, some of whom had not been inside of a lodge in 30 years, I shed the tear of penitential sorrow, and I resolved then and there that these venerable brethren scattered all over our State, unhonoured and unknown, should be neglected no longer. On that beautiful autumnal day in that quiet churchyard nestling among the hills in that peaceful valley in Southford, amid a stillness almost painful, surrounded on all sides by the narrow houses of the dead, the Connecticut Veteran Association was born. The purpose then and there formed and duly inaugurated on the 17th of June, 1871, at which time our first re-union was held under the auspices of King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, of Birmingham.

At this re-union a large number of very aged veterans appeared. The combined ages of the seven oldest amounted to 533 years, an average of over 83 years. It is worthy of record that Bro. Stephen Towbridge of Ansantawae Lodge, No. 89, aged 92 years, wore on that occasion a Masonic apron purchased by him in Bordeaux, France, in 1815, 56 years previously. Twenty-five years' standing as Master Masons is still required for eligibility to membership. *American Tyler.*

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In consequence of the space occupied this week by the Report of the Festival of Grand Lodge, we are compelled to hold over several communications, including reports of lodges and lodges of instruction.



SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1894

Masonic Notes.

Now that the names of the Grand Officers for the year are before the Craft, and the value and excellence of their services, as set forth in our pages, can be read and properly estimated, we have little hesitation in expressing our belief that a wiser and more judicious selection on the part of the M.W.G. Master and his advisers could scarcely have been made. Whether we take the length of service, the actual amount of Masonic work accomplished, or the personal qualifications for office, which these short sketches set forth, their claims to recognition are beyond all question, and the general verdict will, we feel sure, be that of complete approval.

The success of the Grand Festival, on Wednesday, was complete, no detail in the arrangements appears to have escaped the attention of the Stewards, who were responsible. To Bro. St. Clair, the President of the Board, whose activity and interest in the event has known no bounds, the thanks of all who were present, both ladies and brethren, are especially due, while the Secretary, Bro. Collins, carried out his arduous duties in a manner deserving of all praise.

An innovation was introduced this year, suggested we believe by the President of the Board, in the arrangement of the dinner tables. The inconveniently placed tables on the dais, which were a source of great discomfort to all who occupied them, were abolished and the Chairman's table occupied the whole length of the room. This change was much appreciated in all quarters. Another novelty was the issue of a considerable number of concert tickets to ladies who were not attending the dinner, a privilege of which many took advantage.

It will be observed that the M.W. Grand Master has this year departed from the practice of promoting the Assistant Pursuivant to the office of Pursuivant, and has made two entirely fresh appointments. The sole object of this departure was, we are authoritatively informed, to give Grand office to an additional brother, and it must not be regarded as anything in the nature of a slight on the much respected brother, who during the past year has so admirably discharged, to the entire satisfaction of everyone, the somewhat difficult and onerous duties of the office.

We must remind our readers—though the reminder is hardly called for—that the 106th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 9th May, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire; nor is there much doubt that under the auspices of so distinguished a Mason the celebration will be a successful one.

The measure of success which will attend the proceedings cannot, of course, be forecast, but if it accords with the efforts of the executive to bring together a Board of Stewards that shall be worthy of such a Chairman, and, with those of the Stewards themselves, to raise a large total of donations and subscriptions, we shall not be far out in our reckoning if we prognosticate a result which will compare favourably with the most successful of the Girls' School Festivals ever held—the Centenary being, of necessity, excepted. The Secretary, and those who work with him so diligently, have already enlisted the support of close on 400 ladies and brethren, and, no doubt, this number will be somewhat increased between now and the appointed day.

As to the manner in which the Board is distributed between London and the Provinces we cannot furnish any details at present. Both these sections of the Craft, however, are well and numerously represented, and we are satisfied that both are preparing to give a good account of themselves and of the efforts they

have been making for some time past to raise the necessary supplies for the current year. As a rule the sum which it is sought to obtain annually ranges between £12,000 and £13,000, but the outlay for sanitary purposes and the enlargement of the Infirmary, which have been rendered necessary by last year's outbreak of fever, have swelled this sum by a round £2500. For this reason, therefore, if for no other, it is fortunate that the services of so experienced a Chairman have been secured for this year's Anniversary.

We must, however, caution our readers about allowing their very natural wish for an exceptionally large total to run riot with their reason. We associate, almost as a matter of course, big figures with Lord Lathom's Chairmanships, and in glancing through the Returns on the several occasions when he has presided, the mind reverts to the memorable day in June, 1891 when, at Brighton, under his lordship's auspices, a sum not far short of £30,000 was raised for the Boys' School. It must, however, be remembered that this result was due to an all-round effort made by the English Masons to restore the dilapidated fortunes of this particular Institution. But our readers must not look for a repetition of that total. Happily, the fortunes of the Girls' School do not need to be restored, but only to be maintained in their present high state of efficiency. For so much as is necessary to this end, we appeal most earnestly to the lodges, chapters, and brethren generally, and we have every confidence that our appeal will be responded to generously, as in past years.

The City Press mentions the name of a well-known brother who already wears the purple as a probable candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer *the year after next*. We have not yet heard of a candidate for 1897.

We understand a warrant has been granted for a new lodge, to be called the Barnet Lodge, No. 2509. Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is the Worshipful Master designate.

Lord Henry Bentinck, brother of the Duke of Portland, has been appointed Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, in succession to the late Earl of Bective, whose only daughter he married.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, of which a report will appear in our next, took place on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Huddersfield. The chair was occupied by the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., and this being the first occasion of his visit since his appointment as Provincial Grand Master, his reception, as may be supposed, was a very hearty one. West Yorkshire is always distinguished for the large number of lodges which are invariably represented at Provincial Grand Lodge. On this occasion, 73 out of 76 lodges were so represented, and the attendance of individual members was greater than on any previous occasion.

Reviews.

"PICTORIAL BIRMINGHAM." (Printed and Published by J. L. Allday, Edmund-street. Price one shilling *net*.)—This is a small folio publication, intending to exhibit the chief attractive features of this wonderful city, and, what is more, effectually carries out the intention. Allday's Guides are well known, have a large circulation, and may be trusted for their general accuracy and down to date character. Birmingham 250 years ago, and *to-day* make very different pictures, but both are very suggestive and necessary in such a publication. The old parts of the city are not neglected, the "Original Dighbeth Tripe House," coming in for its share of attention, and the churches have full justice done them, for the architectural features of some particularly are well worthy of reproduction. The statue of James Watt, by Chantrey, in Handsworth Church, is well reproduced and so are some others. The character of the city now and forty years ago, as respects statues has vastly altered. In 1850, an Austrian visitor declared that there was then "only one marble man" in the town. Strange to say, even that declaration was at fault as the statue was of *bronze*. Now, however, that reproach has been removed. Many of the structures are grand specimens of the builders' art, and illustrate how wonderfully has the great centre of England extended of late years. The text makes most interesting reading, and for one shilling it is quite a record. We shall be disappointed if this brochure is not seen almost everywhere.

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. R. Loomes, W.M., presiding, and a large number of officers and brethren were present. The business on the agenda was the passing of Bro. W. S. Woolcott and the raising of Bro. T. S. Hughes. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to a case of distress, which commended itself to the brethren's sympathy. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After the dinner which followed, the usual toasts were proposed, Bros. Cobb, P.M.; Duncan, P.M.; and Kimbell replying to that of "The Visitors." A very pleasant evening was spent, thanks to Bros. Simmonds, J. Amand, D. C. Attwater, E. H. Bury, E. Blenkhorn, and J. T. Frost, who contributed songs, Bro. H. Stafford Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon, accompanying. Recitations were given by Bros. G. Yexley and C. M. Coxon, "Auld Lang Syne," as usual, closing the proceedings.

St. Stephen's Lodge (No. 2124).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Green Man Assembly Rooms, Lewisham, on the 25th ult., Bro. Dr. Warwick Jordan was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, I.P.M., Bro. H. E. Joyce, P.M., having previously raised Bro. T. Mote. With a distinguished musician in the chair like Bro. Dr. Warwick Jordan, considerable surprise was felt, as evidenced by the remarks of Bro. Sisterson, the J.W., that music played such a small part in the proceedings following the banquet. Several visitors had attended in the hope that they were to have a great musical treat, but the evening was well advanced before harmony was tempted from her hiding place. Bros. Jewell, and Miles rendered the yeoman's service which might be expected of them, but in a lodge which has hitherto been so rich in music, it was certainly surprising to find the W.M. making so little call upon his own art.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1018).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. Carlo Fara, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed. After sundry items of preliminary lodge business had been disposed of, Bro. R. C. H. Bonsor, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. W. Monckman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., for installation, and he was afterwards installed in the Master's chair by Bro. Fara, the retiring Master. The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. Fara, I.P.M.; T. Turvy, S.W.; A. B. Fisher, J.W.; W. O. Hinchliff, P.M., Chap.; J. B. Higginbottom, Treas.; H. Holland, Sec.; E. S. Milnes, S.D.; D. E. Kershaw, J.D.; J. W. Watson, I.G.; E. A. Moon, O.G.; Arthur Preston, Org.; E. Dalby, Supt. of Wks.; O. Schulz, J. F. Lutz, and H. Harrison, Stwds.; and J. W. Monckman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C. Bro. H. J. Sutherst, P.M., was elected as the lodge representative on the Provincial Charity Committee. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. W. C. O. Smith, I.P.M. '974; Thos. Norfolk, P.M. 600, P.G.D.C.; Chas. Crabtree, P.M. 600, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Kershaw, W.M. 439; W. Jenkinson, I.P.M. 302; C. Dean, W.M. 1034; P. Carter, P.M. 1648; John Cromack, W.M. 2330; A. Harrison, W.M. 1545; Ed. Critchley, P.M. 1522; A. P. Rendell, S.D. 794; and J. T. Last, W.M. 2321. Apologies were received from a number of influential brethren who were prevented from attending to do honour to the newly-installed W.M.

The banquet was admirably served by Spink and Son, Limited, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening Bro. Sutherst, Charity Representative, made an effective appeal to the lodge to generously support the P.G.M. (Bro. Jackson) at the forthcoming Boys' School Festival.

Lodge Acacia (No. 2321).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Bro. J. T. Last, W.M., presided. There was also present Bros. John Niven, I.P.M.; Chas. H. Ellis, S.W.; Saml. Robinson, J.W.; Jos. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; E. Pearson Peterson, P.M., Sec.; J. Marlow, S.D.; R. Harland as J.D.; A. E. Harris, I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; and others. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous lodge, also a lodge of emergency, were duly confirmed. Bro. Bedford was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and Bro. Niven, I.P.M., then raised Bro. Bowler to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ballots were taken in Sections A, B, and C. of the Lodge Benevolent Association in aid of the Masonic Institutions, when Bro. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Fearley, J.D.; and John Harland, Stwd., were declared successful. It was understood that the support of the lodge would be given this year to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., having arranged to preside at the Annual Festival in June.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

CHEPSTOW.

Striguil Lodge (No. 2185).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Nelson-street, Bro. T. S. Varen, W.M., in the chair. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Llewellyn, W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed by Bro. J. J.

Williams, P.M., assisted by Bro. Thos. Morgan, I.P.M. The W.M., Bro. Llewellyn, elected and invested his officers as follows: Bro. Fred. C. Williams, I.P.M.; T. Edwards, S.W.; D. Bevan, J.W.; Rev. D. J. Llewellyn, Chap.; Roger W. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Lloyd Marks, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., Sec.; B. Rees, S.D.; J. T. Millett, J.D.; Lewis L. Fine, I.G.; W. W. Jones, D.C.; D. B. Jones, and John Evans, Stwds.; W. J. Tong, Org.; and W. H. Fisher, Tyler.

The banquet was served by Bro. G. Turner, at the Royal Hotel, Bro. J. Llewellyn, W.M., presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, songs and recitations brought a pleasant day to a close.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. C. Fox, W.M.; J. M. Behrendt, acting I.P.M.; J. Faulkner, S.W.; H. L. Burtonshaw, P.P.G.O., J.W.; J. Constable, Chap.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Pickering, S.D.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; W. A. Wressell, I.G.; J. Franks, Steward; T. Staniforth, P.G.W.; A. W. Cundall, H. Hoe, W. S. Scholey, and G. Naylor, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. C. Lucop, 57, and J. W. Burton, 250.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. A. W. Cundall was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. being assisted in the work by Bros. Staniforth and Behrendt. Bro. Wood announced that the son of the late Bro. Harrison had been elected into the R.M.I.B. The Rev. J. W. Tyack having received an unanimous ballot as an initiate, the lodge was closed.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. G. A. Myers, P.G.D. of C., W.M.; F. Stretch, S.W.; John Walker, Sec.; J. Laurisch, acting S.D.; Fredric Morgan, acting J.D.; J. Sharples, I.G.; G. Metcalf; Clare Edgar Towell, P.M., C.R.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org., D.C.; C. Boddy, E. H. Baldwin, T. H. Norris, F. B. Ratchford, R. F. Jepson, J. J. Booth, E. W. Rowsell, J. Dearnerley, H. A. Kay, J. Passmore, W. Barker, and A. Roberts.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—A lodge of emergency, was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when Bro. Thomas Goodwill was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. J. A. Macnab, W.M., Bro. Davey, S.W., giving the charge. On Friday, the 13th inst., the installation meeting was held, the following being among those present: Bros. J. A. Macnab, W.M.; W. Davey, S.W.; A. B. Booty, J.W.; A. G. Howson, P.M., Chap.; G. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; W. P. Bell, Sec.; A. J. Spinks, S.D.; T. Linskill, J.D.; W. Harrison Turner, I.G.; E. J. Seaborne, Org.; J. Wood and C. C. Trim, Stwds.; F. D. Cass, D.C.; W. Child, Tyler; H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler; R. H. Walters, I.P.M.; W. T. Marshall, P.M.; T. A. Marsh, P.M.; T. Lawrence, P.M.; J. B. Griffiths, P.M.; W. T. Goodwill, H. Coxon, W. P. Lawrence, A. W. Lowe, Max Blume, P.P.G.O., P.J.W. 1001; J. E. Wilkinson, P.P.G.P. 1991; E. A. Robinson, 1991; J. Richardson, P.M. 1001; Lodge, 406; John Dyson, P.P.G.D.C. 306; John P. Dyson, 306; W. H. Garside, 2355; William Towers, W.M. 306; J. F. Towers, J.W. 306; and William Cockerlyne, J.W. 304. The minutes of the last regular meeting and also of the lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's balance sheet being duly passed, the W.M., Bro. J. A. Macnab, at once proceeded with the ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. W. Davey. The beautiful ritual of installation was treated by Bro. Macnab in a manner that must leave a lasting impression on all the brethren who heard him. Bro. Davey invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. A. Macnab, I.P.M.; A. B. Booty, S.W.; F. D. Cass, Chap.; G. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Spinks, Sec.; T. Linskill, D.C.; E. J. Seaborne, S.D.; W. Harrison Turner, J.D.; J. Wood, I.G.; A. Lowe, Org.; C. C. Trim, and H. Coxon, Stwds.; and W. Child and H. Bungay, Tylers.

Subsequently a banquet was held, at which all the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

HULL.

Installed Masters' Lodge (No. 2494).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street. There were present Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec., W.M.; D. J. O'Donoghue, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; Wm. Tesseyan, P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D., J.W.; Col. H. Fa. cett-Pudsey, P.S.G.D., Chap.; E. Corris, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; T. B. Redlearn, P.A.G.S., Sec.; J. Bilson, P.M., S.D.; Thomson Foley, P.P.G.S. of W., J.D.; R. Beavers, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; A. E. Kessen, P.M., Org.; A. King, P.P.G.D., I.G.; H. Preston, P.P.G.D., Tyler; M. Haberland, P.P.G.D.; T. T. Davis, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. R. Hawley, P.G. Reg.; W. C. White-side, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Mason, M.B., W.M. 1010; R. W. Cooper, P.M. 1005; and others. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular and subsequent lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. An interesting and fraternal communication was also read from Bro. G. W. Speth, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, replying to the telegram sent to that lodge when it met in March, on the same evening as this lodge. Ballots were successfully taken for the admission of eight Past Masters as joining members, and other business was transacted. The W.M. then delivered an opening address on "The Objects of Masonic Research," which elicited a very interesting discussion, and a general desire was expressed for its publication. An instructive letter was received from Bro. W. J. Hughan, conveying some valuable opinions on the subject of the paper. The J.W. and Secretary exhibited several curious antique aprons, and the W.M. a copy of a painted tracing board of an extinct lodge.

Five Past Masters were proposed as joining members, after which "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, in the course of which a general Masonic conversation ensued, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, and an agreeable evening was spent.

RHYMNEY.

St. David's Lodge (No. 2226).—The installation of Bro. John Llewellyn as Worshipful Master of the above lodge, took place on Thursday, the 19th inst., in the presence of a large gathering. The large room being too small, the St. Matthew's Church School was again lent for the occasion. The following is a list of those present: Bros. Fred. C. Williams, P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; W. Lloyd Marks, P.P.G. Purst., I.P.M.; G. T. Evans, P.P.G.S., S.W.; John Llewellyn, J.W.; Rev. T. Theophilus, Chap.; Roger W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Edwards, S.D.; D. Bevan, J.D.; Lewis L. Fine, D.C.; J. T. Millett, I.G.; D. B. Jones, Stwd.; W. H. Fisher, Tyler; D. F. Pritchard, P.M.; J. J. Williams, P.M.; R. P. Adams, John Lewis, John Jones, Dr. William Kent Jones, S. Lewis, A. Jones, William J. Long, James Abbott, Rev. D. Llewellyn, Alfred Price, John Jenkins, E. H. Thomas, J. R. Jones, W. Hughes, J. Randall, Claud Stephenson, J. Aurelius, Alfred H. Stowell, Dr. Lewis J. Powell, W. Harris, W. J. Lewis, J. H. Phillips, J. Aish, G. Clement Davies, Rev. T. E. Davies, Rev. John Evans, Dr. John Evans; S. Sandbrook, P.M., W.M., D. E. Jones, P.M., J. M. Berry, Sec., A. MacIntosh, I.G., L. MacIntosh, J. H. Atkins, D. C. Connor, R. P. Rees, and H. Isaacs, all of 110; R. Forsyth, P.M., W.M. 683; D. Morgan, 660; G. Arthur Brown, W.M., Thomas Morgan, P.G. Supt. Wks., W. H. Richards, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D. L. Davies, P.G.S., S.W., W. Worth, J.W., J. L. Herbert, S.D., and S. J. David, Sec., all of 1098; and A. Williams, 1992 and 2358.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., acting as M.E.Z., thereupon installed Comp. L. M. Banker as H., after which such of the officers as were present were duly inducted into the different offices to which they were elected in October last, viz.: Comp. Geo. Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; C. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; and T. Cohe, P.Z., D.C. The following brethren, viz.: Bro. T. W. Fisher, S.W.; R. Sarson, J.W.; Wm. Baker, and Jno. Wm. Clarke, all of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, were then balloted for, and afterwards passed through the ceremony of exaltation by Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z. Comp. Thomas Ewens Biddlecombe, 1st A.S. 509, was also elected a joining member of the chapter, and three other brethren (also of the Lion and Lamb Lodge) were proposed for exaltation in July next by Comp. Geo. Kenning, P.Z., Treas., and seconded by Comp. C. Arkell, S.E. The notice of motion given by the Treasurer: "That the sum of 10 guineas be contributed from the funds of the chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, such sum to be placed on the list of the Steward, Bro. Frank Reginald Kenning, representing the Lion and Lamb Lodge at the forthcoming festival," having been duly seconded by Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., the same was carried unanimously. This concluding the business of the evening, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

BARNESLEY.

Portal Lodge (No. 127).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 19th inst. The lodge was opened during the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Senior, by Bro. E. J. Massie, P.M., P.P.G.O., who was supported by Bros. C. Lingard, J.W.; F. C. Brown, J.W.; J. Wood, M.O.; C. Jugden as J.O.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; B. Smith, P.M., Registrar; W. R. Massie, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; E. Billington, P.M., P.P.G.O., D.C.; J. H. Smith, J.D.; H. Johnson, Org.; Jugden and Lockwood, Stwds.; Rogers, Tyler; and C. W. Fincken, P.M., P.P.G.O. Visitors: Bros. John Barker, Dep. Prov. G.M., West Yorks.; J. Matthewman, Prov. G. Sec.; M. Dodsworth, W.M. 53; J. A. Thornton, P.M. 110, P.P.G.O.; S. Howden, P.M. 110; A. Leach, W.M. 110; and Frank Massie, 110. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed; the Dep. Prov. G.M. entered and was saluted. Letters of apology were read from Bro. C. L. Mason Prov. G.M., and many other brethren. The Treasurer's report was read and approved, it being a very favourable one, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Charles Lingard was then presented and installed by Bro. E. J. Massie, P.M. The W.M. having been saluted, he appointed his officers as follows: Bro. C. F. Browne, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; S. Squire, M.O.; A. Gratton, S.O.; J. H. Smith, J.O.; C. W. Fincken, P.M. Chap.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., Treas.; B. Smith, P.M., Reg.; W. R. Massie, P.M., Sec.; C. Fox, S.D.; J. Overend, J.D.; E. Billington, P.M., D.C.; H. Johnson, Org.; Krakauer, I.G.; Sugden and Lockwood, Stwds.; and Rogers, Tyler. The Dep. Prov. G.M. then addressed the brethren, and thanked them for their salutations, and complimented the Installing Master on his work.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the supper room, which was presided over by Bro. Charles Lingard, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

Shadwell Clerke Preceptory.—A meeting of this preceptory was held at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, the 19th inst. At the request of the E.P., the chair was taken by Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland, and he performed the ceremonies in his usual style, for which he obtained the hearty thanks of the members. There was a heavy agenda, comprising the installation of Comps. Manfield, Guy, and Staley, as members of the Order of the Temple, and Sir Knight Geo. G. Egory was installed as E.P. The officers appointed were as follows: Sir Knights Dorman, Constable; H. P. Hay, Marshal; Scurrah, Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, Registrar; N. Goodchild, Prelate; J. J. Pakes, Sub-Marshal; A. S. Bevan, C. of G.; Liveridge,

Almoner; Coffin, S.B.; Heinemann, S.B.; J. Read, Organist; and G. W. Capell, Pursuivant.

After the transaction of some routine business, the six knights adjourned to banquet at the Criterion.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Weymouth Chapter (No. 4).—At the usual meeting of this chapter, on the 19th inst., there were present, amongst others, Bro. G. P. Symes, M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, 32°; Ill. Bro. Zillwood Milledge, 30°; Bros. H. T. George, P.M.W.S.; G. B. Welsford, P.M.W.S.; W. E. Brymer, M.P., Jas. Lowe, Dr. Browning, and others. Bros. Sidney S. Milledge and the Earl of Portarlington were raised and perfected. Bro. T. Fooks was obligated as Serving Brother. A letter of sympathy was ordered to be sent to the family of the late Ill. Bro. Pelly Hooper, 31°, whose decease had occurred since the last meeting. Ill. Bro. Sir R. N. Howard was heartily congratulated on being admitted to the 32°. Bro. Capt. Chaloner was elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The Sovereign Princes, after the chapter, dined together, under the genial presidency of Bro. G. P. Symes, M.W.S.

Invicta Chapter (No. 10).—A meeting was held at 33, Golden-square, on Friday, the 20th inst. At the request of Ill. Bro. G. Edwards, M.W.S., the chair was taken by Ill. Bro. Baywater, 32°, for the purpose of perfecting two friends of his, Bros. Green and Whadcoat. The ceremony was very effective, as might be expected from so skillful a worker in this Order. The other members present were Ill. Bros. H. Lovegrove, I.P.M.W.S.; J. Read, P.M.W.S.; G. Mickle, 31°, P.M.W.S.; J. Weston, Rev. Dr. Fraser, Prelate, C. E. Keyser, and others, including the energetic Recorder, Bro. G. Powell. A banquet at the Criterion followed.

Royal Ark Mariners.

CARDIFF.

St. John's Lodge (No. 28).—The annual meeting and installation of this lodge—which is attached to the Langley Mark Lodge—took place on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Workington-place. The W.C. elect, Bro. Henry Frazer, P.P.S.G.W., was duly installed into the chair of N. by Bro. John Sheridan, P.P. S.G.W., in an impressive manner. The W.C. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Sheridan, I.P.C.; James Coleman, P.P.S.G.D., S.W.; T. P. Kerman, J.W.; N. D. Marks, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec., Treas. and Scribe; S. Samuel Jones, S.D.; Walter James, J.D.; G. F. Green, Asst. Scribe; J. Jones, P.G. Org., D.C.; P. L. Atkinson, Guar.; and W. J. Jones, Amos, Jenkins, Robert, and Beer, Stewards. The retiring and Installing Commander, Bro. John Sheridan, was presented by Bro. N. D. Marks, on behalf of the brethren, with a magnificent Past Commander's jewel, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the lodge since its resuscitation three years ago.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ROSE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1622.

The annual supper was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Saturday, the 31st ult., under the able presidency of Bro. S. J. Derham, W.M. of the mother lodge, supported by Bros. F. Hilton, P.M.; H. G. Martin, P.M., Treas.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Stone, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Dawson, Klyne, Baird, Sparkes, Cass, Hooper, Channon, Rice, Potter, Stunt, Salter, Salmon, Hayes, Choveaux, Barr, Ballard, Jeffery, Pickett, Sobel, Porter, Orton, Wynne, Jones, Reap, Barns, Lewis, Ashley, Loader, P.M.; S. Hilton, Frank Williams, P.M.; Voisey, P.M.; Braik, and W. Vincent.

After the excellent repast provided by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. J. Loader, P.M., next stated it was his very pleasing duty to present the toast of "The President," which, he was confident, would be received with acclamation, as no brother was more highly esteemed in the mother lodge than Bro. Derham, of which he was their worthy W.M. Since his initiation he had been a very constant attendant at the Rose Lodge of Instruction, which had enabled him to carry out his duties in the lodge to their satisfaction, and which redounded great credit. He (Bro. Loader) was proud of one of his boys, as he initiated him, and he was worthy of his sire, being a most estimable Mason, and one doing his best to maintain the prestige of the Rose Lodge.

In reply, Bro. DERHAM thanked the brethren most heartily for such a kind reception of the toast so ably put by his dear old friend, Bro. Loader, in almost too flattering a manner. Certainly he had taken a deep interest in the Rose Lodge of Instruction, and had received many kindnesses from the brethren, but of one—their esteemed Bro. D. Rose, Preceptor—he could not be too grateful. He was very sorry to announce to the brethren that the doctor forbade him leaving the house at night time, but the greatest sympathy was expressed toward him by the brethren on all sides, with the earnest desire that he would be in his accustomed position of Preceptor of such a lodge. Through the great kindness of Bro. Rose, the President stated he had been enabled to carry out his duties with efficiency, and he trusted before leaving the chair to do credit to himself and entire satisfaction of the brethren.

The toast of "Success to the Rose Lodge of Instruction," was next presented by Bro. DERHAM, remarking the valuable assistance that many brethren had obtained from it, through the ability of Bro. D. Rose. In his absence he would ask Bros. Martin, Treas.; Grummant, Sec.; and Stone, Asst. Sec., to respond.

Bro. MARTIN thanked all for the trust reposed in him, and assured the brethren that the funds so long as he was entrusted with them should be rightly expended.

Bro. GRUMMANT stated that it was the 13th time he had had the privilege of responding to the toast. He deeply regretted the absence of Bro. Rose, and he was confident all had his well-being at heart. He would weary the brethren with a few statistics. The lodge had 47 meetings, with an average of about 27 for the year. One great feature was the deep interest the Past Masters took in the lodge of instruction, showing a good average each meeting. One other point was that he would give notice of motion to support their President (who was standing Steward for the Boys' Festival) with five guineas to be placed on his list from the lodge funds.

Bro. STONE, P.M., also heartily responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was ably responded to by Bros. MORRIS, and WYNNE, P.M.

The evening was enlivened by some excellent music from Bros. Derham (flautist), Choveaux (pianist), Stone, Stunt, Salmon, Ballard, Barr, Salter, Grummant (reciter), Potter (reciter), Braik, and Williams. Bro. Choveaux ably presided at the piano.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The half-yearly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 20th inst. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Chairman of the Committee, presided, and was supported by Bros. J. T. Newbold, Vice-Chairman; Wm. Jaffrey, Treas.; Jas. Heelis, Hon. Sec.; James Newton, Sec.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec., and about 100 representatives of lodges. The agenda was exceptionally heavy.

The minutes of the previous half-yearly meeting, as well as those of the various Sub-Committees, were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe was re-elected Chairman, and Bro. J. T. Newbold, Vice-Chairman. The Election Committee, and Relief, and Education Boards were appointed. Petitions were afterwards presented for the education of six children, which, after considerable discussion as to the eligibility of two of them, the candidates were all adopted, and referred to the Education Board.

There were four applicants for the annuity of £26 per annum each, all of whom were placed upon the Institution, thus avoiding a contested election.

At the close of the general meeting, the Educational Board met to consider the six cases referred to them, and granted annual amounts, varying from £9 to £12, to each of the candidates for education and clothing.

The usual monthly meeting of the Relief and Education Board was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe presided, and there were also present: Bros. J. T. Newbold, Vice-Chairman; James Newton, Secretary; E. G. Harwood, T. J. Hooper, James Andrew, James Kershaw, F. W. Lean, C. D. Cheetham, J. Smethurst, E. Williams, E. Halliwell, J. W. Abbott, C. E. Collingwood, Fritz Reiss, J. L. Hine, M. Thomas, N. Nicholson, and D. Radcliffe.

Three petitions for relief were presented, one being refused, and the other two were granted £20 and £10 respectively. A petition was presented for a grant to pay the apprenticeship fee of an ex-pupil of the Boys' School, London. The sum of £20 was voted towards the amount required.

PRESENTATION TO LEWISES.

At a meeting of the Hengist Lodge, a very uncommon and interesting ceremony took place, on the 11th inst., viz., the presentation of a handsome volume of the Sacred Law to four Lewises or sons of Freemasons, by Bro. Dr. W. R. Thomas, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. West Yorks. Each of the boys recently carried the Bible in a procession of Freemasons at the laying of the foundation stone of St. John's Church, Boscombe. In presenting the volumes, the Worshipful Master said: Master Vye, Master Preston, and Master Hawker, you are sons of respected and worthy Freemasons, and as such you were lately permitted to take part in a procession when engaged in a sacred and holy work. You had the honour of conveying the volume of the Sacred Law to its new resting place at Boscombe, where an edifice is being raised, in which the words contained in that Sacred Volume will be preached for many, many years, and to generations yet unborn. In commemoration of the interesting event it was decided by the Provincial Grand Lodge that a copy of the Bible should be presented to each one of you. You are Lewises. The word Lewis denotes strength, and to Masons, the son of a Mason. As a Lewis it is the duty of each one of you to honour your fathers and mothers, to help them, if necessary, to bear the heat and burden of the day, and to assist in rendering their declining years happy and comfortable. As the Worshipful Master of the oldest Lodge in Bournemouth, I have the pleasure of presenting to each one of you a copy of the Holy Bible, and I trust that it will be your constant companion through life. By it you will be taught your duty to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself—to God by never mentioning His name save with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his Creator; to your neighbour by

doing with him as you would that he, under similar circumstances, should do it unto you; and to yourself by never doing anything of which you need be ashamed, ever remembering that His all-seeing eye beholds you, and that He is always watching and caring for you. I trust that you in after years will, after living a good and well spent life, be able to look back with pleasure to the few happy moments you spent "as boys" in a Masonic lodge, and that the presentation of this grand old Work will influence your whole career in life.

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BRO. WALTER CAUGHEY FOX,
18^o, P.M. 1260,
W.M. of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 2263,

Whose portrait we give, was initiated in the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, London, April, 9th, 1884; he served in the various offices leading to the chair, and was installed W.M. in April, 1892; founder and first Junior Deacon St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 2263, Sheffield, July 21st, 1888, served the various offices leading to the chair, and was installed W.M. in 1893; he was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, in 1887, in the Paradise Chapter, No. 139, Sheffield, and was also a joining companion of the Loyalty Chapter, No. 1239, Sheffield, in 1889, and the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, London, in 1893; he was advanced in the Mark Master Mason's Degree, in 1887, in the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, in which lodge he is now holding the office of Secretary; he was installed in the De Furnival Preceptory, No. 66, of Knights Templar, on February 24th, 1888, and holds the office of Recorder, and is a P.P.G. 2nd Aide-de-Camp of West Yorkshire; perfected in the Talbot Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 16, in 1890, in which chapter he holds the office of Recorder; Member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge since 1891; Secretary and Treasurer of the Britannia Lodge of Instruction from 1891 to 1893; he has served seven Stewardships for the Charities: twice for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, twice for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and three times for the Mark Benevolent Fund Charities.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; G. T. Peall, S.W.; J. T. Frost, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, Acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., Prov. G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Sers.; H. J. Kimbell, s.n., S.D.; W. Rapley, J.D.; R. Eddie, I.G.; G. Yexley, H. Dove, R. Loomes, J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; M. T. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G. S.B. Essex; and Milton Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed Bro. Loomes being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Yexley answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Yexley being the candidate. Bro. Peall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there were present: Comps. Bannister, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Lewis, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Mayo, S.N.; Barr, P.S.; Hill, Phillips, Chapman, Cureton, North, Eckersall, and Nightingale.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Chapman personating the candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Chapman, Addiscombe Chapter, was elected a joining member. It was decided to hold a supper, and a committee was elected to undertake the matter. The chapter was then closed.

THE PALACE HOTEL, HASTINGS.

The evolution of the English hotel goes on apace, the latest development being the Palace Hotel at Hastings, which, from a condition which scarcely bore out the suitability of its name, has been transformed by Messrs. Spiers and Pond into a veritable palace. Situated on the White Rock, directly facing what has been aptly termed the peerless pier, this structure has all the advantages of site and attractive surroundings that could be desired; in fact, its position may be said to be unrivalled.

The terrace and balconies around each of the five floors afford extensive views of ever-changing scenes, and especially of the remarkable and interesting sight of the immense volumes of water thrown high into the air at high tide, when strong south-westerly winds prevail. In the winter the lower terrace will be enclosed with glass, and heated by hot water pipes. In addition to the shelter afforded by these structures, so welcome to invalids and delicate persons, they play a most important part in the design of the hotel.

The building comprises, on the ground floor, a spacious reception hall, with passenger lift to all floors; a grill room and restaurant communicating with the entrance hall, but having a separate entrance for those who are not inmates; a commodious bar and buffet; and a spacious billiard room in the rear with two tables.

The decorations throughout are of a sumptuous, expensive and unique character, each room or suite of rooms affording both a contrast and a similarity to the other.

All the furniture, fittings, ornaments, and decorations are of elegant and luxurious designs, especially adapted to each room, and also to ensure the comfort and well-being of the guest.

Throughout the hotel gas, as an illuminant, is entirely dispensed with. The proprietors have, at a cost of some thousands of pounds, effected their own installation of the electric light, and every room, corridor, and passage is so lighted.

The hotel was opened to the public on Saturday last, when Messrs. Spiers and Pond entertained a large number of gentlemen, both strangers and residents, the latter including the deputy Mayor of Hastings and other prominent officials, to a dinner in the large banqueting hall, at which the senior director of the firm, Mr. A. Leon, presided.

Obituary.

BRO. SHERIFF BURT.

Bro. George Burt, J.P., the head of the firm of Mowlem Burt and Co., the well-known builders and contractors, died suddenly of heart disease at his residence, Purbeck House, Swanage, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., in his 79th year. The deceased gentleman served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1878, and was a magistrate for London, Westminster, Middlesex, and Dorset. He was also one of her majesty's Lieutenants for the City, and member and Past Master of several of the livery guilds. His firm have executed many important works throughout London, and until recently, when ill-health obliged him to rest, Bro. Burt was assiduous in the personal conduct of their extensive operations. In the position of Sheriff, Bro. Burt displayed an amount of liberality which was as well timed and well placed as it was spontaneous and hearty. At a later date he was appointed to the Court of Lientenancy, and afterwards placed upon the Commission of the Peace for Middlesex, Westminster, and Dorset. As a liveryman and one who was most earnest in his efforts to make the minor guilds practical factors in the trade from which they derive their name, the deceased will always be remembered with sincere regard and affection. As a staunch supporter of City Charities the memory of Bro. Burt will always be kept green, and in this connection it may be mentioned that on an occasion when he presided at the Royal Society of St. Anne's Asylum the subscription list beat any previous record. He served for some years as almoner of Christ's Hospital. Bro. Burt, in the midst of his gigantic business operations, found time to take a somewhat active interest in Freemasonry. He materially assisted in founding the John Mowlem Lodge at Swanage, and in 1879 was appointed to Grand office—that of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. The deceased, who survived his wife, leaves two sons and two daughters, one of whom was married to Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell, both of the former are members of the firm, and Mr. John Mowlem Burt is the Immediate Past Master of the Loriners' Company. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Kensal Green, the first portion of the service being read at the parish church at Swanage. The mourners were restricted to the members of the family. The Acting Master (Bro. F. G. Wood, C.C.), and a deputation from the Shipwright's Company were present on the sad occasion.



It is proposed to erect a Masonic Hall in Langholm.

Bro. Alfred C. Gooding has been elected Worshipful Master of the Keystone Lodge, No. 3, of Mark Master Masons.

"Ought Young Men to become Freemasons?" is the subject of a prize essay invited from the readers of a local Scotch monthly.

We are asked to state that the Langton Lodge of Instruction has now discontinued its weekly meetings until Thursday, 11th October next.

Bro. T. Bowden-Green, the Secretary of the National Thrift Society, has been elected Warden of the Yeomanry of the Ironmongers' Company for 1894-95.

Tuesday, the 1st May, has been appointed for the reception of works of Art intended for the Summer Exhibition (the 32nd) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit-street Galleries. An Art Union (under the sanction of the Board of Trade) will be held during this Exhibition.

The sudden death is announced of Bro. W. Faulks, of the Covent Garden Lodge and Chapter, No. 1614, an old parishioner of St. James's, Piccadilly, and also well known in the neighbourhood of Hyde Park. He passed away peacefully on Friday, the 19th inst., and was interred at Paddington Cemetery on the 23rd inst. Bro. Faulks was greatly respected by all who knew him. The Covent Garden Lodge and Chapter sent a beautiful wreath with "their deep sympathy and condolence."

Mrs. Mary Lease, of Kansas, one of the best known of America's female faddists, is now in Chicago riding her latest hobby—Freemasonry. "I am here," she told a local reporter, "to organise a Masonic order for women. I have decided that the Masonic order has been of such wonderful benefit to men, so wonderfully uplifting and educational, that it is certainly a pity to deprive women of its benefits. I do not propose to organise anything antagonistic to the present Masonic order, but the organisation will be made in such a manner that they will co-operate with us and approve of it. I wish to organise here first, and then in New York and the other principal cities."—*Evening News*.

A great change has come over the relations between Freemasons and the females, and it seems they are likely, ere long, to be allowed to become members of the Craft, also to be fully initiated into all the mysteries. This we shall believe when we see it being done, see them in their aprons, sitting side by side with us; till then, having no prejudice, we—er—wish—er—them all well. It was only the other day that a lady was selected to lay the foundation-stone of a new hall in the South-west of England; and, on Saturday, the Gallery Lodge, which may be considered the centre of literary Freemasonry, gave what is called a "Ladies' Night" at Anderson's Hotel. Wives, aunts, sisters, and cousins were entertained sumptuously, but they ungratefully clamoured for more, asked for some of the mysteries. The gentleman who is the keeper of the dungeon and of the instruments of torture, apologised for having left the key at home.—*Court Journal*, April 21st.

A case affecting a large number of Freemasons throughout the country came before Judge French at Bow County Court on Monday, when Erskine and Co., publishers, of Birmingham, sued John V. Rockley, music publisher, The Grove, Stratford, for £5 5s. for a "History of Freemasonry."—Mr. Turnour appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Abinger for the defendant.—Mr. Abinger said that the case affected several thousand others throughout the country, and had already been before the Court in March last, when it was adjourned till that day for plaintiffs to produce their contract note. He was prepared to argue that on the terms of contract the "History of Freemasonry" was to be a new book. As a matter of fact, it was nothing but a *réchauffé* of an old book issued in 1836.—H. Christopher Poole, plaintiffs' traveller, was then called and gave evidence as to the signing of the agreement.—Mr. Erskine, the publisher, was called, and gave evidence that the book was not completed at the time the orders were signed. There were many new plates in this edition.—After hearing the evidence of defendant, Judge French said it was clear plaintiffs were entitled to recover the amount of their claim. He would give plaintiffs costs on the highest County Court scale.

A FREEMASON'S GOLDEN WEDDING.—At the meeting of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday, the 16th inst., the "father" of the lodge, Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar, was presented with a beautifully illuminated address, stating: "We, the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Israel of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, being No. 1502 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, desire to add our congratulations to those of your numerous friends, in that it hath pleased the Great Architect of the Universe, of His unbounded wisdom and goodness, to bring you, the first Master of the lodge, full of years and honours, to the happy celebration of the 50th anniversary of your wedding day. That this blessed band of union may long remain unbroken is the earnest prayer of your brethren in the Craft. With fraternal greetings, signed on behalf of the brethren, W. W. Mellor, W.M.; J. W. Binks, S.W.; J. U. Neville, J.W.; Henry Gabriel, Treasurer; Barnard Levy, Secretary." The W.M., Bro. W. W. Mellor, tendered the lodge's tribute with personal mead of gratitude for Bro. Robinson's labours for the good of the lodge. Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, the senior P.M. present, also referred to the services rendered since the foundation of the lodge by the honoured guest of the evening, who was respected as a ruler of the Craft throughout the Province of West Lancashire. The work accomplished by Bro. Robinson was worthy of a more substantial recognition, but the unobtrusive life of Bro. and Mrs. Robinson precluded more marked acknowledgment to its first Master. Bro. Robinson feelingly responded. His wife and he would ever prize the gift, and he would work in the future as he had in the past for the welfare of the lodge.

We learn that with a view of clearing the debt on the Masonic Hall at Torquay a Masonic ball will shortly take place.

The Duchess of York visited the gardens of the Royal Botanic Society in the Regent's Park on Thursday afternoon.

The Duke of York, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel, dined on Thursday evening with the Earl of Rosebery at his lordship's residence in Berkeley-square.

General his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has returned from leave, and again assumed command of the Aldershot Division, which has been held during his absence by Major-General Sir Baker Russell.

At the inauguration of the Tivoli Lodge of Instruction at the Frascati Restaurant, on Monday, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., and Sec. to the R.M.B.I., rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox., at the Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax, under the banner of Fearnley Lodge, No. 58.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas., has received a letter from General Sir Henry Ponsonby, dated from Coburg, stating that her Majesty will graciously take her box for the forthcoming opera season at Covent-garden.

Saturday, the 21st prox., is the day fixed for the annual dinner at the Freemasons' Tavern of "Cornishmen resident in London." Bro. E. Dale having resigned the secretaryship of the society, Bro. George Lorr, of 16, Myddelton-road, Bowes Park, has been appointed to succeed him.

A slight change has been made in the arrangements for the Queen's arrival in the Thames to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, which will be rather earlier than was anticipated. The Royal yacht Victoria and Albert left Portsmouth at an early hour on Thursday morning, accompanied by the Royal yacht Osborne and the cruisers Aurora and Melampus, for Flushing, to convey her Majesty to England.

At the opening of the bazaar in aid of the Manchester Southern Hospital in the new Medical School at Owens College, on Thursday afternoon, Mr. Duncan Matheson announced that the trustees of the David Lewis bequest had made them the magnificent offer of £70,000 under certain conditions of amalgamation between the Southern and the St. Mary's Hospitals. Thanks to this they would soon be in a position to build a maternity hospital and a general hospital for women and children.

THE LATE BRO. BRACKSTONE BAKER.—The first meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2101, since the death of its first Worshipful Master, Bro. Brackstone Baker, took place on the 17th inst. The lodge was in mourning, and the following resolution, proposed by Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., was passed: "This lodge desires to record on its minutes their extreme grief at the death of Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., P.M., and founder of this lodge, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to his family."

The relations between British Freemasons and those of other countries have hitherto not been of a very intimate character. Abroad, the Brotherhood is frequently political in its aims, whereas in this kingdom politics form no part of the Masonic creed and practice. The difference has naturally militated against a close association. Now, however, that the Prince of Wales has consented to become an honorary member of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons of Gotha, an exception will, of course, be made as regards the Masonic lodges in the Duke of Edinburgh's principality. Moreover, as the Prince of Wales seems to have expressed a hope that there may be a closer personal contact between British and German Freemasons, the friendly interchange will be probably extended to the whole of Germany.—*Newcastle Chronicle*.

The *Evening News* of Wednesday has the following: It is to be hoped that the investiture to-night of Mr. Alderman Dimsdale as Grand Treasurer of Freemasons will cool the heat which has not yet died out over the late contest for this coveted position on the Craft. The Grand Treasurer is the only officer elected by the members of the Grand Lodge; all the rest are appointed by the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. In the triangular duel fought a short time back between Brother Dimsdale and Brother Stiles, Manager of Eley's Cartridge Works, and Brother Hudson, of Brighton, a good deal of incrimination went about. That should be forgotten now, for Alderman Dimsdale is a model Grand Treasurer. An old Etonian and schoolfellow of Lord Rosebery and Lord Randolph Churchill and a host of men well known in Church and State, he is head of the great banking firm in Cornhill with which the late Sir Robert Fowler, M.P., was so long associated.

The second annual meeting of the New North London Philanthropic Society was held at the Bidport Arms, Bridport-place, Hoxton, for the purpose of considering the balance-sheet for the past year and electing the officers and committee for the ensuing year. The President, Bro. W. Ofield, in his opening address, congratulated the members upon another and more successful year. Upon referring to the balance-sheet the members would find that they had been able to distribute 1000 cwt. of coal, 1327 quarter loaves of bread, and 875 grocery tickets, a very considerable advance upon the previous year, and he considered the result very satisfactory on the whole, taking into consideration that there had been a falling off in donations, although he was pleased to say that had been counterbalanced by the collecting boxes, which had brought in a total of £44. The collecting of the boxes, &c., had all been done without any cost to the society, the whole of the offices being honorary, and it shows that the officers work well together with the one object, viz., securing a maximum result at a minimum cost. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

Too much stress can not be laid on the fact that in the whirl of unnatural excitement, and in the struggle for existence in this generation, no attention whatever is vouchsafed to the most ordinary rules of health. When the muscles become relaxed, the nerves over-sensitive and delicately strung, and the brain weary at the slightest task, these symptoms are a part of Nature's warning that the delicate organism of the human frame is out of gear. In most cases a gentle stimulant and mild restorative is all that is required to impart fresh vitality to the jaded nerves, and it is a well-known fact that a few doses of Holloway's Pills work wonders, and restore the lost tone of the eryvous system.

Lord Brassey will preside at the Festival Dinner of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, to be held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on July 9th next.

The annual dinner of the Trinity College, Dublin, graduates resident in England will take place this year at the Café Monico on May 9th, with the Hon. Mr. Justice Collins in the chair.

We learn with regret of the death, from the results of an accident, of Mr. J. A. Raemakers, the well-known sculptor, whose latest work, a bust of Bro. Sir John Monckton, was unveiled at the Mansion House only so recently as last Tuesday. Deceased on Thursday had a fall at his residence, in Warwick-road, Maida Vale, fracturing his arm so severely that he died during the night from shock to the system. He was only in his 63rd year.

The Hungarian Ball, in aid of the Hungarian Association of Benevolence, will take place at the Portman Rooms on Thursday, the 31st prox. Among the patrons who have promised to be present are his Highness the Duke of Teck, his Excellency the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Countess Deyn, the Italian Ambassador and Countess Tornelli, and the Turkish Ambassador.

It is a curious and, in a sense, unexplainable fact that, taking the interest on capital expenditure into account, nothing approaching an equilibrium between telegraph revenue and expenditure has been attained since the decision to prepare for the introduction of sixpenny telegrams was taken. The department attribute the continued deficiency to the general improvement that has taken place in the wages of the telegraphists, to the depression in trade, and to the competition of telephones.

An exhibition of the works of past and present students of the City and Guilds of London School of Technical Art, established in Kennington Park-road in 1879, will be held in the hall of the Skinners' Company, Durgate-hill, from May 1st to May 9th. The exhibition will include works of sculpture, modelling, engraving, drawing, painting, design, house decoration, wood engraving, &c., and amongst other past students of the school who will contribute are Miss Barlow, Mr. Harry Bates, A.R.A., Mr. George Frampton, A.R.A., Mr. W. G. John, and Mr. F. W. Pomeroy.

At Madame Patti's private theatre at Craig y Nos Castle, on Thursday, a large party of visitors attended a matinee performance of a *ballet d'action* entitled "Fidelity," arranged by Mr. Halley, under whose personal direction, with full orchestral band, the representation was given. Madame Patti appeared in the character of Mary Ashton, a singer, and sang "The Last Rose of Summer." A striking effect was obtained in the third act by the new organ, just erected at the back of the stage, and also a fine peal of bells.

Bro. Sir Gainsford Bruce presided, on Thursday, at the first annual dinner of the Norwegian Club, held at the Grand Hotel, Charing-cross. The Club has just been formed for the association of persons who have travelled, or are otherwise interested in Norway, and its objects were described on that occasion in speeches by the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Macnamara, Mr. Ralph Neville, Q.C., M.P.; the Rev. T. B. Willson (the Hon. Secretary), and others. Music was provided by the Scandinavian Quartette and other artistes.

MAY HORSE SHOW AT ISLINGTON.—The directors of the Royal Agricultural Hall Company, who have this year again combined with the English Horse Show Society, are offering upwards of £1000 in prizes for hunters, hacks, ponies, hackney stallions, single and double harness horses, and tandems. There will be several novice classes, both riding and driving, for animals that have not before won prizes over the value of £5 in the show ring. The invariably popular leaping competitions will be repeated, including new classes for the best timber and wall jumpers, also the trotting displays of the hackney stallions. The entries close on Monday, the 30th instant, and the show opens on May 17th.

PROPOSAL TESTIMONIAL TO A KENTISH FREEMASON.—The proposal to present a suitable testimonial to Bro. Alfred Spencer, ex-Mayor of Maidstone, is being taken up very heartily. The proposal has been placed before the Masons of Kent by Earl Amherst, chairman of the committee. The subscriptions from lodges are limited to £3 3s., and from individual members to £1 1s. The form the testimonial will take is, of course, not decided upon yet, and probably the recipient will be consulted before the committee make any selection. The presentation is proposed to be made at the next Provincial Grand Festival at Canterbury in the summer.

The Queen, who was accompanied by the Duchess of Coburg and Princess Henry of Battenberg, witnessed, near Rosenau, on Thursday, a series of manoeuvres executed by the squadron of the Queen of England's Own Regiment of Dragoon Guards, which formed her Majesty's guard of honour at the recent Royal Wedding. At the conclusion of the manoeuvres, which were brilliantly executed, both men and horses displaying remarkable steadiness, the Queen expressed her thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel von dem Knebeck, the commander. Her Majesty afterwards proceeded to the Palace of Rosenau, where she took tea in company with most of the other Royal guests, who had been also spectators of the review. The Dragoon officers were likewise invited to be present.

Amongst all the recipients of Masonic honours at last night's Grand Masonic Festival there was no one more popular than the President of the Board of Benevolence, Bro. Robert Grey. Bro. Grey is the first Freemason who has held this important office, which was created in 1880 by the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, with a special and significant command on H.R.H.'s part that the President of the Board of Benevolence should hold in Grand Lodge the pride of precedence Bro. Grey possesses. For he is a Past Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, and was specially deputed by him to initiate the Duke of Connaught into Masonry. How he was received by the Prince at the Prince's installation at the Albert Hall is now matter of history, but beyond all the outward and visible signs of Masonic rank, he is best known as an earnest worker in that truly Masonic work of Charity.—*Evening News*.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan) For the week ending Saturday, May 12, 1894.

SATURDAY, MAY 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 142, Galery, Anderton's Hotel. 1928, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall. 2182, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Caiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8. Ebury, Grap's Tavern, 123, High-street, Brough, S.E., at 8. Epsom, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. King Harold, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8. Manchester, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Percy, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Star, Freemasons' Hall. Urban, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's Park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

MONDAY, MAY 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

16, Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel. 178, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern. 255, Unions, Freemasons' Hall. 256, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall. 1310, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley. 1924, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory. 1696, Harlesden, National Schools. 2098, Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall. MARK LODGE. 139, Panmure, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 7.30. Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8. Cripple-gate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, F.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8. St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, North London, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

167, St. John's, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead. 235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel. 1894, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall. 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern. 1600, Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 189, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel. MARK LODGE. 332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E. at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 1. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8. Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Egyptian, Salvation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Hai way Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-square, E.C., at 7.30. Kennington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kennington, 8. Mount Edgumbe, Have'ock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street W. South Middlesex, Beaumont House, Wainam Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8. St. George's, New Cross Hall, 8. St. Kent, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-rd., South Hackney, at 8. Yewsbury, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Camden Chapter, Green Dragon, Steney, at 8. Waltham Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30. Kinross Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6. FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4. CRAFT LODGES. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall. 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead. 15, Ke t, Freemasons' Hall. 761, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Limehouse. 820, Lily Lodge of Richmond, Hotel Greyhound. 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall. 1803, Cornhill, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street. 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern. 1986, Honor Oak, White Swan, Deptford. 2347, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant. 2362, Bloomsbury Rifles, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, Chenies-street. 2470, Telegraph Cable, Ship and Turtle Tavern. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1260, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-lly, Moorgate-st., E.C., at 7. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Joric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Black-road, Hammersmith, at 7. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-st., at 8. Londesborough, Tierkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Pa mature, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-ridge-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Park, 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Mar, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pioneer, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kittic-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Erston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, at 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. A-drey Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel. 91, Regulari y, Freemasons' Hall. 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 238, Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall. 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall. 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel. 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern. 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant. 2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall. 2168, Derby Alcester, Midland Grand Hotel. 2397, Columbia, Criterion. 2417, Bolingbroke, Masonic Hall, Clapham Junction. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel. 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern. 2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall. MARK LODGE. 311, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-rd., S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Duke Alcester, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Horney, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 8. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, MAY 11.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1604, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall. 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern. 2399, Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 6, Friendship, Criterion. 569, Fitz-Noy, Head-quarters Honourable Artillery Company, City-road.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Grent Swan-alley, E.C., at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, at 8. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bella, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

SATURDAY, MAY 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern. 1348, Granite, Freemasons' Hall. 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton. 1680, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall. 2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall. 2206, Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.

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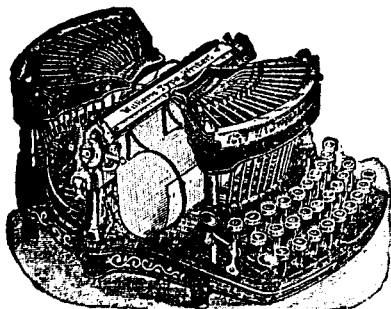
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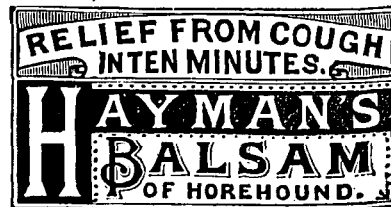
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