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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY LODGE, No. 2511.

On Friday, the 15th instant, a new lodge was consecrated at the Old Town Hall, Hackney, which is to bear the appropriate name of St. John-at-Hackney, and is numbered 2511 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

The founders are Bros. R. E. Hunt, P.M. 45, W.M. designate; J. Gordon, P.M. 898, S.W. designate; J. H. Milton, 898, J.W. designate; H. T. Nell, P.M. 45, 2278, P.G.S. Herts; A. G. Duck, P.M. 898; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M. 898; G. Haysom, 898 and 1816; F. C. Lintott, 1365; J. J. Olley, 898; J. J. Gordon, 969; H. Richardson, P.M. 1364; W. Gray, P.M. 1489; Jas. Pinder, P.M. 15, 1662, 1997, 2318, 2364, P.G. Treas. Essex; E. Draycott, 1446; R. Brookman, 1426; Rev. E. Gardiner; W. Bigg, P.M. 898; J. Owen Perry, 969; Alf. Rusby, 917; Lambert Perry, 1816; E. F. Williams, W.M. 898; and R. Thompson, 1816; all of whom, with one or two exceptions, were present.

Among the visitors were Bros. R. Bridgeman, 144; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; C. Harrison, 11; W. B. Vaile, 1607; H. Grimsdall, 1185; E. George, P.M. 1489; W. Andrews, 1716; W. Crusworth, P.M. 2242; C. G. Cuddey, P.M. 1685; J. Holland, 2411; J. Bernard Frost, 917; Edwin Noyes, 228; C. Bishop Chasteney, 504; T. Ringrose, P.M. 2184, P.A.G. Sec. Essex; G. E. Gardiner, P.M. 335; W. D. Church, P.M. 1365; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; F. Small, 2242; J. Mills, 1765; D. M. Forbes, W.M. 969; H. Green, 1365; and J. Boulton, P.M. 2442, P.S.G.D. Essex.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth, assisted by Bros. C. Belton, D.G.D. of C., as S.W.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G. Purst., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C. The Consecrating Officer having taken the chair, appointed his officers. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony took place. Nothing could exceed its solemn beauty as rendered by Bros. Letchworth and Brownrigg. The anthems were beautifully sung by Bros. Sidney Barnby, R. Evans, R. J. Harris, and W. Emerson (who directed the musical arrangements.)

On the lodge being duly constituted, the patriarchal benediction was pronounced, after which Bro. J. E. Hunt, the W.M. designate, was presented by the D.C. as a fit candidate for the chair during the ensuing year. The W.M. having been duly installed, he invested the following officers: Bros. J. Gordon, S.W.; J. H. Milton, J.W.; H. T. Nell, I.P.M.; A. G. Duck, Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, Sec.; G. Haysom, S.D.; F. C. Lintott, J.D.; J. J. Olley, I.G.; W. Gray, D. of C.; H. Richardson and J. J. Gordon, Stewards; and J. Ives, Tyler.

The committee to frame by-laws was then elected, and various propositions for initiation and joining were received.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, where a banquet was provided.

The loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" were drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in responding for the Grand Officers, briefly replied. He said he was proud to have his name coupled with such as those in the toast, and was pleased to be there on that occasion. The consecration of a new lodge always gave great pleasure, marking, as it did, the growth of the principles of the Craft.

The W.M., in proposing "The Grand Secretary and Consecrating Officers," alluded to the splendid working of the ceremony by them, and was sure the thanks of the brethren were unanimously awarded to them. The success of the new lodge was largely dependant on the feelings of those brought together that night.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in response, thanked the brethren for their kind reception, there could be no greater pleasure than to assist in starting a new lodge. With such a spirit as had animated those who had worked to found the lodge there could be no misgiving as to its success. He had heard that many of its founders were fellow workers together in the grand old game of cricket. The Consecrating Officers would carry away with them many agreeable recollections of that day. The music had greatly added to the beauty of the ceremony. The selection of the W.M. was an admirable one. He had been 18 years a Mason. His work in the Strong Man Lodge and his conduct in the chair was a sufficient guarantee that he would be able to direct theirs. He gave him his warmest congratulations, and wished him a prosperous year of office, and was sure he would have the support of all the brethren.

The W.M. said he had gone into the chair with a full sense of his responsibility and felt proud of the honoured position in which he was placed. He felt sure the perfect unanimity that had been evinced by the founders in the initiatory stages of the establishment of the lodge was an augury of its success, and the good Masonic feeling that would prevail amongst them. He would use every means in his power for the success of the lodge, and hoped for its prosperity.

For "The Visitors," Bro. BOULTON said he was glad to see the lodge starting under such good auspices. He was glad they meant especially to make under their chief end. He could say with respect to the West Ham Abbey, Charity their chief end. He could say with respect to the West Ham Abbey, Charity their chief end. He could say with respect to the West Ham Abbey, Charity their chief end. He could say with respect to the West Ham Abbey, Charity their chief end.

Bros. CHURCH and RINGROSE also briefly spoke. Bro. NELL said that the W.M. and himself had been closely associated for the last 25 years. He had proposed him in the Strong Man Lodge, and could answer for him. He wished him and the lodge all success.

In proposing "The Senior and Junior Wardens," the W.M. specially alluded to the self-denying work of the J.W. He had made it a labour of love, and his endeavours were worthy of all commendation. In his anxiety for the good of the lodge he had worked early and late and had well earned his position as one of their principal officers. He had received much help from Bro. Haysom.

The S.W., Bro. J. GORDON, said he had never, since he was initiated, 25 years ago, in Quebec, seen any ceremony worked with such coolness, deliberation, and solemnity as that which had marked Bro. Letchworth's working that afternoon. He gave the palm of working hard for their good to the Junior Warden. He had been told he had literally turned night into day on their behalf.

The J.W., in responding, said he had entered into the work of establishing a new lodge with a light heart, but he now knew what hard work it was, but in their knowledge that their lodge was now established that was the greatest reward he could receive for his labours. He had not done it unaided. He thought it but fair to mention that he had received great assistance from Bro. Haysom, S.D., and it was owing in a great measure that he had succeeded.

Referring to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said the long services of Bro. Dr. Wyatt Smith as Secretary to the Temperance in the East Lodge was proof enough that all the duties of that office would be most efficiently discharged by him. His accession to that office in a new lodge must be of great service to it. Bro. Duck also would doubtless be able to see that nothing to secure the financial position of the lodge was wanting.

Bros. WYATT SMITH and DUCK aptly but briefly replied, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the intervals an excellently arranged musical programme was carried out under the direction of Bro. Emerson, and in which the previously named brethren took part, assisted by Miss Edith Serpell and Bro. Victor Metcalf.

CONSECRATION OF THE FULHAM LODGE, No. 2512.

The Fulham Lodge, No. 2512, was consecrated at the Fulham Town Hall on Monday, the 11th inst., when the interesting event attracted a large number of distinguished brethren. The new lodge starts under exceptionally good auspices, possessing a strong body of founders, and will doubtless realise the hearty good wishes expressed for its success on the inaugural night.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas., as J.W.; Thomas Fenn, P. Pres. Board of General Purposes, as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and C. Tijou, P.A.G.P., as I.G.

There were present—

Bros. T. Blanco White, W.M.; Edward Letchworth, Grand Sec.; Lord Amptill, Prov. G.M. Bedfordshire; Sir John Monckton, P.S.G.W.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; T. Fenn, Past President Board of General Purposes; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; George Read, G.S.B.; Hayes Fisher, M.P.; D. Carruthers, G.S.W. New Zealand; Sir F. Seager Hunt, Bart., C. Tijou, P.A.G.P.; S. C. Macaskie, W. H. Herbert, H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; S. J. Attenborough, I.P.M.; Dr. Jackson, P.M., J.W.; C. A. Walter, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Singleton, Hon. Sec.; W. S. Bolt, S.D.; W. Hunt, J.D.; L. Ascott, D.C.; F. Adams, A.D.C.; S. J. Parker, I.G.; A. Williams, C. Pascal, A. Barr, H. G. Poole, H. Fonseca, J. H. Beach, Barton Jones, F. S. Dickie, A. H. Marks, F. J. Chaffer, H. W. Smyth, G. Bird, G. E. Warne, A. Spittle, J. H. Price, W. B. Fendick, A. Dupree, Vincent, Ham, Hoggin, Lancett, Westmoreland, Lusty, Trappett, Fielder, Parrett, Mellish, F. S. Palmer, Collier, and many others.

Lodge having been opened and a hymn sung, the CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said: We have met on a very interesting, and at the same time very solemn, occasion. We are here for the purpose of starting into existence a new lodge, and of consecrating and dedicating it to the service of Almighty God. It has been represented to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. that there was a great want in this district for a new lodge, and I congratulate the founders most heartily on the fact that H.R.H. was pleased to accede at once to the request. I sincerely trust that this lodge may be the means of uniting even more closely those of the founders who for many years have been associated together in other capacities, and that it may be the means of advancing the best interests of Freemasonry in this part. I am only echoing the wish of all the Grand Officers assisting me in the ceremony when I say I hope the lodge may have before it a career of great prosperity.

The ceremonial was then proceeded with, and Bro. T. Fenn, P.P. B.I. Gen. Purps., acting Chap., having delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Order, the new lodge was solemnly consecrated and dedicated.

The Grand Secretary next installed Bro. T. Blanco White, P.M., as the first Worshipful Master, and the following officers were invested: Bros. Stanley James Attenborough, P.M., as I.P.M.; Tom Green, P.M., S.W.; John Charles Jackson, P.M., J.W.; Charles A. Walter, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Singleton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; William H. Bolt, P.M., S.D.; William Hunt, P.M., J.D.; Stephen John Parker, I.G.; Lewis Ascot, P.M., D.C.; Frank Adams, George May, and Edward George Easton, Stwds.

The Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members, a compliment which was acknowledged on their behalf by the Grand Secretary. Votes of thanks were accorded several brethren for useful gifts, and the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was then made to a well-served banquet supplied by Messrs. Bertram and Co., covers being laid for 115, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" having been proposed by the W.M., he next referred to the services rendered to Freemasonry by the Grand Officers, whose health he asked the brethren to heartily drink.

Bro. Lord AMPHILL, Prov. G.M. of Bedfordshire, in reply, said the W.M. had taken him completely by surprise, as he never expected to have to make a speech, and still less to return thanks for the Grand Officers, there being so many of that body of greater years and longer standing, and of far greater distinction than himself. He, therefore, hoped that if the words he spoke were few, they would believe that the thanks he wished to express on behalf of his colleagues were none the less sincere and hearty. He could confidently assure them, not only on his own account, but on theirs, that it was a great and real pleasure to be present, and that they thanked them most heartily for their kindness and hospitality. He need not tell them that the Grand Officers had the interest of the Craft at heart, and it could be nothing but a satisfaction to them to see the Craft spreading almost daily, and to see new lodges being founded, especially when it took place under such favourable auspices for the future as the Fulham Lodge. For himself, it had been a great and real pleasure to have witnessed for the first time the consecration of a lodge. He was deeply indebted to the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge for their kindness and ready hospitality on that great occasion, and although his experience had been *nil* before, he was sure it would have been difficult and impossible to have witnessed that impressive ceremony under more advantageous circumstances. They could not see the ceremony performed with greater grace and dignity than it was performed that day, and it would be difficult to see it performed under more grand and impressive surroundings. He assured them he should carry away recollections both impressive and pleasing of that great occasion, and especially would he think of it in a few days when he had to undertake the duty of consecrating a new lodge in his own province. In conclusion, he hoped they would allow him to wish long life and prosperity to the Fulham Lodge and to the Worshipful Master and officers, and he hoped he should not be presumptuous if he wished that might not be the last occasion on which he was present with them.

"The Consecrating Officers" was next given by the W.M., who said the founders were immensely indebted to them for the kindness shown in coming down to consecrate the lodge, and every brother would feel he was more than indebted to them for the splendid and magnificent manner in which the consecrating work had been done. It had been his fortune to see the consecration ceremony performed in more than one lodge, but never had he seen it rendered in the manner in which it had been done that night. They flattered themselves that the new lodge had been started in a manner that few lodges could boast of.

The GRAND SECRETARY said they had been compelled to listen to his voice at no inconsiderable length, and he should not be presumptuous enough to inflict anything of a speech upon them, but in the fewest words thank them, on the part of the Consecrating Officers, for the kind reception given the toast proposed so kindly by the W.M. It had afforded him peculiar pleasure to undertake the ceremony which had been gone through, but he could not sit down without acknowledging the great services rendered by those who had done him the honour of assisting, and more especially, he would refer to the most admirable, dignified, and impressive manner in which the work of Grand Chaplain had been performed by Bro. Fenn, Past President Board of General Purposes. On their behalf and his own, he wished the lodge every possible success in the future.

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH, acting I.P.M., submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and said the founders all knew the immense amount of work Bro. Blanco White had had in getting everything ready for the inauguration of the lodge, the details of which had been under his special care. The way in which the W.M. had received the founders, and the manner in which he had entertained them, augured well for the future of the lodge. From the work he had seen the W.M. do he was confident that good work would be forthcoming. He had to ask the W.M. to accept a gold founder's jewel, subscribed for by the members, and to echo their wish that he would have health and prosperity to wear the jewel in their presence on many future occasions.

Bro. T. BLANCO WHITE, W.M., returned thanks, and said he could safely assert that that was the proudest day he had passed. Years ago when he was made a Mason there was a talk that there should be a Fulham Lodge, and afterwards the Town Hall was built. Those who were the most prominent in getting the Town Hall built had now joined the great majority, and the idea of the lodge was revived, with the result they had seen that night. He never thought of occupying the chair when the idea was started. It was a position of immense responsibility, and gave him great anxiety. Since it was decided he should be the W.M. he had endeavoured to show the founders that it was necessary to found a true and proper lodge, and he was sure that as long as the lodge existed there would never be one word of discord in it. He thanked them for presenting him with the jewel, and assured them that he would do everything he could to see the work was carried out in a proper manner. He next begged to propose the toast of "The Visitors." From the moment they thought of becoming a lodge, hospitality was decided upon as one of the chief features. They would be pleased to see visitors as often as they could attend, and could assure them of a hearty welcome. He would couple the name of Bro. Carruthers, S.G.W., New South Wales, and Bro. Hayes Fisher, M.P.

Bro. CARRUTHERS, S.G.W. New South Wales, sincerely thanked the brethren for their hospitable reception. After an absence of many years, he returned and received a fraternal greeting from brethren who were utter strangers to him. Owing to the kindness of the Grand Secretary, he had received nothing but hospitality from brethren of Grand Lodge and other lodges, and when he returned to New South Wales he should not forget his night in the Fulham Lodge.

Bro. HAYES FISHER, M.P., also responded, and said they had been delighted with the beautiful ceremonial they had witnessed. He thanked the W.M. for including his name, although he thought that for the first time in his life in that hall he should occupy the unique position of a minnow among the tritons. He was initiated 20 years ago in the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, but could not give the time and attention necessary for the work. He hoped that lodge would distinguish itself in pursuing the studies of Freemasonry. They had had a splendid example set them, and had witnessed a consecration by one of the most distinguished Masons.

Bro. R. EVE, P.G. Treas., responding for "The Masonic Charities,"

said that when he first stood as Steward on their behalf, £2000 was looked upon as a splendid contribution, but now if the sum of money did not amount to five figures, there was disappointment amongst the officers. The large amounts collected showed the amount of vitality there was amongst the Masons of to-day, and before the present century was over, he wanted and believed that £100,000 would be collected for one Institution. He wanted the members of that new lodge to show their good feeling towards the W.M. by sending him up with a good list at the Boys' Festival on the 27th instant.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant gathering, the success of which was entirely due to the admirable arrangements made by the executive for the comfort of the brethren.

Bro. F. Bevan was assisted in the excellent musical arrangements by Bros. Brown, Hilton, and Dalzell.

Letters of regret at their inability to attend, owing to other important engagements, were received from Bros. Lord Geo. Hamilton, M.P., P.G.M. Middx.; D. P. Cama, P.G.T.; Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, G. Chap.; Sir F. Seager Hunt, Bart., Col. A. A. Owen, Col. Clements, T. Wakley, jun., Dr. F. Ernest Pocock, Vice-Pres. B. of G.P.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec. (Mark), and many others.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Wilts was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Devizes, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, and was largely attended by brethren from different lodges in the county. The Prov. G. Master, Earl Radnor, was present.

After the ordinary business, the election of new Prov. G. Officers was proceeded with as follows:

Bro. H. C. Tombs	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Macdonald	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" H. Howse	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. A. Randell	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" F. S. Hancock	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Maclean	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
" Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Waters	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. H. Chandler	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Chandler	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Bevir	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. K. Read	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Griffin	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" B. W. Crees	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" C. R. Barnes	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler:

On account of the death of Bro. F. Sloper the customary banquet was dropped, and a vote of sympathy with the bereaved relatives was moved by Lord Radnor.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

"Our Boys," this year, were favoured with glorious weather for their annual sports, which took place on Saturday, the 16th inst., in the School playing-field. The meeting was voted on all hands one of the most successful of the annual gatherings that had ever taken place. The boys, one and all, entered into the various competitions with the greatest energy and spirit. In most of the events the competition was very keen, but Marston's running was the feature of the afternoon. Appended is a list of the events and winners.

- Throwing the Cricket Ball (distance 75 yards)—Thomas, 1; Bingham, 2.
- Hundred Yards (over 13)—Fry 1; Jennings 2.
- Two Hundred and Twenty Yards Handicap (under 13)—Hutton, 1; Marston, 2.
- Hundred Yards (Preparatory School)—Wilson, 1; Campbell, 2.
- Hundred Yards Final (open)—Fry 1; Hird 2; Jennings (equal).
- Four Hundred and Forty Yards Handicap (under 13)—Marston, 1; W. J. Williams, 2; Truine, 3.
- High Jump (open)—4-feet 2-inches—Bingham, 1; Parker, 2.
- Two Hundred and Twenty Yards Handicap (open)—Leeming 1; Jennings, 2; Fry, 3.
- Bowling at the Wicket (open)—Bennett, 1; Bingham, 2.
- High Jump (Preparatory School)—3-feet 4-inches—Wilson, 1; Milam, 2.
- Hurdle Race (open)—Blyther, 1; Fry, 2; Hird, 3.
- Three-Legged Race—Bingham and Groombridge, 1.
- Hundred Yards Final (Preparatory School)—Wilson, 1; Campbell, 2.
- Four Hundred and Forty Yards Handicap (open)—Cheek, 1; Leeming, 2; Jennings, 3.
- Hundred Yards (under 13)—Marston, 1; Dickinson, 2.
- Two Hundred and Twenty Yards (Preparatory School)—Campbell, 1; Slaymaker, 2.
- Hundred Yards Final (under 13)—Marston, 1; Dickinson, 2.
- Eight Hundred and Eighty Yards Handicap (open)—Marston, 1; Harrison, 2; Williams, 3.
- High Jump (under 13)—3-feet 9-inches—Marston, 1; Bedford, 2.
- Hurdle Race, Final—Blyther, 1; Fry, 2; Hird, 3.
- Tug of War—Provinces won.
- Old Masonians' Race (300 yard)—Churchill, 1.
- Strangers' Race—H. T. Brock, 1.
- Consolation Sack Race (open)—Chadwick, 1.
- The prize of a Silver Watch and Chain for the "Victor Ludorum," or Champion of the Sports, was accorded to Marston.

At the close of the meeting Miss Everett presented the prizes to the winners.

Bro. RICHARD EVE remarked on the great success of the sports. He noted the victory of the provinces in the tug of war, observing that London was not altogether the place to develop muscle. He congratulated the winners, and condoled with the vanquished, hoping the latter would be successful next year. The pleasant task devolved upon him of proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Everett, who had, as on several former occasions, so graciously performed that duty.

This was carried with acclamation.

A few words from Bro. EVERETT brought the meeting to a close.

The band of the Strand Union Schools enlivened the company with a selection of music, performed under the direction of Bro. W. Binnie.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT KELVEDON, ESSEX.

A highly interesting ceremony, perhaps unique in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Essex, took place at Kelvedon, on Thursday, the 14th inst. The present W.M. of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, a comparatively young lodge in the province, is Bro. Sir William Neville Abdy, Bart., a justly esteemed and very zealous Mason, and he, in the goodness of his heart and the love he bears to the Craft in general, and the Easterford Lodge in particular, has recently made a truly princely gift to the lodge he presides over with so much ability and devotion, by promising to build, at his own entire expense, a fitting home for the Easterford Lodge. The land has already been consigned to trustees for the use of the lodge for Masonic purposes for ever, and on the above day the corner stone of the very handsome temple which is to be erected thereon was laid by the generous donor himself, with full Masonic ceremony, and in the presence of a distinguished gathering of brethren, and a large number of the fair sex, who watched the unique proceedings with evident interest.

The brethren assembled in the lodge room, Angel Hotel, Bro. Sir W. N. Abdy occupying the chair, and after opening the lodge, Sir William vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. H. Salter, P.M., who, in an impressive manner, initiated his friend, Mr. Alfred Money Wigram, M.P. for the Romford Division of Essex, into the mysteries of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master then resumed the chair, and Bro. J. H. SALTER, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, in a most happy speech, presented Bro. Sir W. N. Abdy with a handsome silver trowel, with carved ivory handle, as a token of the regard entertained for him by them, and as a memento of the interesting event about to take place.

The trowel bore the following inscription: "Presented to W.M. Sir William Neville Abdy, Bart., by the members of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, in commemoration of his laying the foundation stone of the new Temple so generously presented to the lodge; by himself. Kelvedon, June 14th, 1894."

The W.M., who spoke with evident emotion, said the presentation came as quite a surprise to him. He wished to thank them from the bottom of his heart for their expression of loving kindness towards him; he was deeply touched by their kindness, and although what he would say would come from the very bottom of his heart, he could not find words to adequately convey his great thanks. He assured them he would ever prize the trowel above his most cherished possessions, for it would always remind him of their very great goodness and kindness to him.

A procession was then formed and marched to the site of the new building, where an awning had been erected, and here a number of the general public and a good posse of ladies had assembled.

The W.M. then delivered an interesting address, describing the brethren as true and faithful Masons. They had among them secrets which were not revealed, and which no man had discovered; but they were honourable secrets, and were not repugnant to the laws of God or man. Those secrets it was their duty to transmit unimpaired to posterity. If their cause were not a good and honourable one, it would not have lasted so many years, and they would not have so many distinguished members. It was the first duty of Masons in all their undertakings to invoke the aid of the Great Architect of the Universe; and he begged, therefore, to call upon the Chaplain to offer prayer.

Bro. the Rev. THOS. LLOYD, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., having responded to the request,

Bro. T. J. RALLING, Prov. G. Sec., read aloud the inscription on the stone, which was as follows: "This stone was laid by Sir William Abdy, Bart., Worshipful Master Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, June 14th, A.D. 1894, A.D. 1894," and the Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Salter, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., then deposited a phial containing coins and newspapers in the cavity.

The stone was then laid by Sir William, who having duly proved its just position and form, gave it three distinct taps, and declared it well and truly laid. He expressed a hope that the architect would proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work, and he handed Bro. J. H. Salter, as Treasurer, the covenant and deed of trust.

The hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," having been sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the Chaplain.

Bro. F. Spalding then took a photograph of the party, and the procession, in inverted order, returned to the lodge, which was afterwards closed.

A champagne luncheon followed at the Angel Hotel. The W.M. presided, having on his right the newly-made brother, Bro. A. Money Wigram, M.P., the brethren and visitors present numbering 40.

The W.M. having given the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," proposed "The Initiate." He said that all lodges wanted initiates, but there were initiates and initiates. Some initiates as they proceeded did so without taking an interest in the Craft, and there were some, he regretted to say, but only a few, happily, whose names did not redound to the honour and glory of the lodge into which they were admitted. He felt sure, however, that the name of their initiate of that day would do so. Bro. Wigram was a man of intellect, inasmuch that he had been chosen by the electors to assist in presiding over the destinies of the country, and he (Sir William) felt sure that Essex would find in

him an earnest and honest advocate, in the sore trial through which, as an agricultural county, they were passing. He felt sure, also, that Bro. Wigram would do his duty as a Mason, and that he would learn to appreciate the good which Freemasonry professed to do for humanity, and the principles which its members universally carried out.

Bro. A. MONEY WIGRAM, who received quite an ovation, said it was seldom that one could lay claim to a title without having it disputed; but he thought he might safely claim that he was at the present moment the youngest "entered apprentice." He thought he could also lay claim to having been present at a ceremony such as few men had the opportunity of witnessing. He could assure them that he esteemed it a very great privilege to have been admitted into their lodge. The greatest pleasure that those who spent their days in the turmoil of political life could have, was to join an absolutely non-political society. That he was impressed by their ceremony he need hardly say, and he would endeavour to take to heart the good advice given him by the Worshipful Master and his old friend, Bro. Salter. He would attend the lodge meetings to the utmost of his power. He did not ask to be admitted to the lodge as a "show figure," but with the intention of coming amongst them as often as he could and doing his duty. He would spare no effort to take his proper place in their new temple.

The other toasts were "The Worshipful Master," proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. the Rev. T. LLOYD; "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. J. H. SADLER, and responded to by Bros. T. J. RALLING and E. H. BAILEY; "The Visitors" by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, responded to by Bros. J. SADLER, E. HENNEMEYER, J. P. LEWIN, and F. G. GREEN; "The Officers of the Easterford Lodge," by Bro. JOSEPH SADLER, responded to by Bro. J. H. SALTER, P.M., Treas.; and the Tyler's toast.

The visitors included Bros. T. J. RALLING, P.A. G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. T. Raffles, P.M. 2339, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Sadler, P.M. 1024, P.P.G. Treas.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; F. G. Green, P.M. 1024, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Hennemeyer, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.; Walter de Caen, P.M. 1024, P.P.A.G.P.; F. Bird, P.M. 1024, P.P.A.G.P.; H. J. Skingley, P.M. 697, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Francis, P.M. 51, P.G. Stwd.; F. C. Herbert, P.M. 45; W. Frost, 1977; T. Eley Bland, 1024; L. J. Watts, 51; T. A. Bundock, 2442; E. H. Taylor, 1000; F. W. Richards, Stwd. 697; and G. F. Hempson, I.G. 2339.

The temple which Bro. Sir W. N. Abdy, Bart., is so generously providing for the Easterford Lodge is to be of red brick, relieved by stone, and it will comprise a large room, Tyler's room, dining room, kitchen, cellar, and commodious vestibule. The lodge room will be 16 feet high and its dimensions will be 30 feet by 40 feet. Mr. S. Thorne is the contractor, and the building will be erected under the personal supervision of Bro. F. Whitmore, architect, from plans prepared by the late Mr. Alan Stewart, C.E.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992, CARDIFF.

The summer outing of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., in the beautiful grounds of Dunraven Castle, most generously placed at the disposal of the party by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven, K.P.

About 120 brethren and ladies travelled in saloon and other carriages, specially retained, to Bridgend Station, where brakes were waiting to convey them to the castle, a lovely drive of about six miles. The weather being superb made the drive most enjoyable, and when entering his lordship's extensive grounds views of the sea in the distance gleaming with golden sunshine lent enchantment to the scene, many were the expressions of pleasure.

On arrival at the castle a most *recherché* luncheon, tastefully and prettily laid out under verandahs at the rear of the castle and facing the sea, was a welcome sight.

Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey, W.M., presided supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and Miss Tennant, Mr. Irvine (Lord Dunraven's agent), and most of the Past Masters of the lodge with their wives.

During the luncheon Mr. Arthur Johnson's string band discoursed sweet music from a little distance.

Luncheon ended and the loyal toasts drunk with musical honours,

The W.M. said it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast of "The Worshipful D.P.G.M.," and though he could not in Bro. Tennant's presence say all that he would like to say, he could at least assure him that it was a great pleasure to them all to have him amongst them. They had the privilege of meeting him very often in the various lodges of the province, but it pleased them even more to see him on such a festive occasion as the present. Increased familiarity with the Worshipful Deputy meant increased liking and esteem.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. TENNANT thanked the W.M. and the ladies and brethren for the warmth of his reception, and expressed his gratitude to the W.M. for giving him and his daughter the invitation to join them that day in their most enjoyable picnic. The W.M. had stated that in his presence he could not speak as freely as he could wish, but, though he was very sorry for Bro. Bailey, he did not hesitate to say that no such con-

siderations would induce him to stay away when asked to meet them under such altogether delightful circumstances. He again thanked them most sincerely for their kind reception.

The W.M. then, in cordial terms, proposed the toast of "Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven, K.P." He bore eloquent testimony to the extreme kindness of his lordship in giving permission to use as they pleased his beautiful grounds, and to the interest his lordship had taken in the matter by personally giving instructions for their comfort and happiness that day, instructions which had been most faithfully carried out by Mr. Irvine and those in charge of the castle. He argued that apart from their knowledge of his lordship they would know from the considerateness and courtesy of those who were in his lordship's employ that he himself must be a kindly, generous, and warm-hearted man. He thanked Mr. Irvine and all the others who had done so much for their enjoyment, and asked the ladies and brethren to drink most heartily to the health of Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, in connection with which he should couple the name of Mr. Irvine.

The toast was most cordially drunk, the brethren singing to the accompaniment of the band, "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. IRVINE, on rising to respond, was well received. He thanked the W.M. for all the kind things he had said about the Earl of Dunraven, and assured them that his lordship had taken a great interest in their visit there that day, and had requested him to do all he could for their comfort, which it had given him great pleasure to do. He was very glad that the weather was so favourable, and sincerely hoped they would all most thoroughly enjoy the day, which his lordship would be delighted to hear had been the case.

The toast of "The Ladies" was then proposed in his usual eloquent manner by Bro. T. MATTHEWS, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and responded to in the same way by Bro. H. WHITE, P.M., P.P.G.T., both of whom indulged in a dig at the W.M.

Bro. JOHN T. HOGG, Prov. G. Treas., I.P.M., then said he had a most pleasing duty entrusted to him. Bro. T. P. Kerman, J.W., and Mrs. Kerman would on the following day celebrate their silver wedding. It was their privilege in the Tennant Lodge to join in the joys and share the griefs of each other. They had shared in Bro. Kerman's sorrows; he had taken part in theirs. It was therefore a great pleasure to him to be made the mouthpiece of the brethren of the Tennant Lodge in congratulating Bro. and Mrs. Kerman on reaching the termination of the first quarter of a century of their happy married life. The brethren had felt that they could not allow the occasion to pass without showing some tangible mark of their interest in the happy event. He therefore had great pleasure in asking them to accept a punch bowl and ladle suitably engraved, as an earnest of their best wishes on the interesting occasion, and he sincerely hoped it would please the G.A.O.T.U. to spare them to spend very many more happy years together.

Bro. T. P. KERMAN, J.W. (taken entirely by surprise), thanked Bro. Hogg and the brethren in the best way he could for their great kindness and thoughtfulness, and assured them he should ever prize the gift as an evidence of their good feeling towards himself and his beloved wife; he informed the ladies and brethren that the 25 years had been very happy ones, and that if he had to begin again he would marry the same dear little woman to-morrow.

The D.P.G.M., then, in a most humorous and hearty manner, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," a speech which was received with cheers and laughter, especially by the ladies.

The W.M. immediately replied, and expressed his pleasure at meeting them under such pleasant circumstances. The Earl of Dunraven had given up castle and grounds to them; the weather was all that could be desired; and everything conspired to make the day enjoyable, and he sincerely hoped that it would be most thoroughly enjoyed by them all.

The party then assembled in front of the castle, and were photographed by Bro. W. D. Dighton, afterwards being conducted through, and much admired, the beautiful castle and its contents, Bro. John Sheridan, S.W., being especially enraptured with the magnificent collection of Shakespearian pictures, which he declared was the most complete he had ever seen.

The time before tea was then spent in rambling through the grounds, wandering to the beach, playing tennis, rounders, &c. After tea was perhaps the most enjoyable part of the day. To the sweet strains of the band dancing was indulged in by the more nimble members of the party, the others preferring to sit quietly and enjoy the scene, which, lit up by the rays of the setting sun, touched castle, sea, and hills with golden beauty.

Three hearty cheers having been given for the W.M., then for the Earl and Countess of Dunraven, afterwards for Bro. and Mrs. Dunn, who had catered so well, the party reluctantly turned towards the waiting brakes, and began the return journey, which, being safely accomplished, Cardiff was reached at 10 o'clock, the unanimous opinion freely expressed being that it had been an absolutely perfect day.

At the regular meeting of the lodge on the following evening a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, and a copy sent to his lordship.

The W.M. also expressed his gratitude to the Picnic Committee and the Stewards of the day for working so hard to make the outing such a grand success.

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Next week it will be our privilege to report the result of the third and last of our great Anniversary gatherings for the year, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, nor have we any serious doubt that such result will be in all respects most gratifying. It may surpass, or it may fall short of, the expectations which have been formed of it, but, as we have remarked on more than one occasion, a large Board of Stewards is certain to amass a tolerably big total. It may not be, relatively, as large as some we have known, or it may be larger, but the total will suffice for the year's requirements, and may leave a small margin over, with which to increase the present extremely moderate amount of invested capital.

Considering, indeed, that the Board of Stewards for Wednesday next is little, if at all, short of 600, we shall not expose ourselves to the charge of being over-sanguine, if we estimate the Return at not less than £15,000 or £16,000; the exceptionally low average of about £25 per list will yield us that much. But whatever may happen, we know full well it will not be the fault of the Chairman and the ladies and brethren by whom he is being assisted, if the total is less than our hopes or the experience we have of past Anniversaries inclines us to forecast. If the Returns are limited, it will not be due to any lack of earnestness on the part of Bro. Jackson or of loyalty on that of his West Yorkshire and other Stewards, but rather because the times are somewhat unsettled and the business of the country depressed. Come what may, both he and they will fulfil their duty manfully.

Still we are hopeful, and have no inclination to conceal the fact. We know that West Yorkshire is putting forth its strength, and that means something. We know, too, that only a very few of the Provinces are unrepresented, while the London section of the Board has about it a healthy appearance, as if it did not intend allowing itself to be very seriously behind those which have so worthily represented the Metropolitan district on previous occasions. In short, the circumstances are such as to justify hope, and so we are just a trifle more encouraged than we have been in respect of some of our Anniversary meetings.

The usual distribution of prizes in connection with the Festival will take place at the Institution at Wood Green on Tuesday. Bro. Jackson, as the Chairman of the year, will preside, and the ceremony will be graced by the presence of Mrs. Jackson, who has kindly promised to present the prizes to the successful pupils. Those who have been fortunate enough to secure tickets of admission are requested to be in their places in the Great Hall not later than 2.45 p.m.

We learn it is the intention of Bro. Stiles to again offer himself as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Grand Lodge at the next election, and that his friends are exerting themselves to secure his return. His qualifications for the post have already been fully stated in these columns, and are so well known that it is not necessary again to refer to them.

We are enabled to announce on authority that Bro. Walter Vaughan-Morgan will be a candidate for the Grand Treasurership of the Craft at the next election. The Masonic and social history of Bro. Vaughan-Morgan are briefly as follows: He was initiated as far back as 1865 in the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, and in place of seeking far and wide for chairs in other lodges has remained steadfast to his first and mother love,

and this year was elected W.M. for the third time since 1874 when he was first made Master. He is P.Z. of the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, and a member of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241, which he joined on being recently elected Alderman of that Ward in the City of London. He is Vice-Patron of all the Masonic Charities. Originally a "Blue," he left Christ's Hospital on Easter Tuesday, 1846, and returned to take up his residence as Treasurer of the Hospital on Easter Tuesday, 1891. He has been for many years Treasurer of the Benevolent Society of Blues and is a Donation Governor of the following Royal and other Hospitals: Christ's, Bartholomew's, St. Thomas', Bridewell, Bethlehem, Westminster, and the Foundling.

A large company assembled at the Anglo-American Lodge on Tuesday evening, at the Criterion Restaurant, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. G. H. Reynolds as W.M., by his father, Bro. George Reynolds, who immediately preceded his son in the chair. The visitors included many distinguished American brethren who, in accordance with the custom of the lodge, were elected honorary members. Bro. Reynolds is to be heartily congratulated on the success of this representative lodge, which owes so much to his fostering care. We shall report the proceedings in our next.

The summer outing of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge this year promises to be of more than ordinary interest, the pilgrimage on this occasion being to Salisbury and Stonehenge. Bro. Speth has drawn up a very carefully arranged itinerary, which starts with a departure from Waterloo Station at 9 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday), the 23rd inst., and after lunching at the Lion Hotel, Salisbury, and inspecting the museum, cathedral, &c., ends with dinner at the hotel at 8 o'clock. At 10.30 on Sunday the party will start for Stonehenge and Old Sarum, returning to dine at 3.30, and returning to town by the 5.49 train. We trust the responses to Bro. Speth's invitation will have been numerous enough to enable him to carry out this programme in its entirety.

At the 113th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York, held on the 5th inst., the report of the Grand Secretary revealed the following statistics:

Number of Master Masons in the lodges of New York State, December 31st, 1892 ...		83287
Number raised during the year ...	...	5741
Affiliated ...	...	1028
Restored ...	...	1188
A total increase of ...	...	7957
Deducting losses by death, &c. ...	...	5030
Leaves a net increase of ...	...	2927
A total membership December 31st, 1893 ...	...	86214

A most satisfactory showing, indeed, especially for a season of monetary depression.

The law of "one man one lodge," which is common to all the Grand Lodges of the States, enables the authorities to compile such statistics as the above, but such an accurate estimate of the actual number of members under the Grand Lodge of England would, owing to dual membership, be almost impossible. There is much to be said in favour of the American system, although we think any curtailment of the freedom to join two or more lodges would be resented by English Masons.

The ex-pupils' day at the Girls' School is this year fixed for the 30th inst. The privilege accorded to all former pupils of renewing their acquaintance with the Institution is one that we have reason to believe is much appreciated by both residents and visitors.

Reviews.

"THE ILLUSTRATED ARCHAEOLOGIST," edited by J. Romilly Allen, F.S.A. Scot. London: Chas. J. Clark, 4, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. (Price 2s. 6d.).—This is the first number of Vol. II., and begins well, giving promise of another valuable part to this most interesting series. The illustrations are of a superior character, as they have been from the commencement, and are a grand aid to the text. The excavations at Silchester in 1893 are duly described, and the notes on museums are most welcome, being the first portion of a series of articles on our national and provincial museums of an educational character, and intended to bring the curators of such institutions into closer union, and thus make their labours and aims better known. Two remarkable articles of more than ordinary interest are those on "The Meaght Stone Circle," and "Sculptured Norman Tampana in Cornwall," the illustrations being both helpful and excellent selections. There is no lack of matter, and the "Quarterly Archaeologist" holds its place as firmly as ever as one of the best artistic publications to be had.

his exalted office. That was the most pleasurable moment of his life, and he thanked the members for placing him in the chair.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," Bro. Bond," observing that he was the ideal of a W.M., and he was honoured by having been installed by so excellent a friend and brother.

Bro. Bond, who was enthusiastically received, tendered his hearty thanks for the kind things said of him, and if, as they were good enough to think, he had installed his successor in a satisfactory manner, he was gratified, and was indebted to Bros. Sapsworth and W. C. Page for their tuition. He appreciated the jewel which had been presented to him, and it would ever remind him of his happy year of office. In conclusion he thanked his officers for their great assistance.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Initiates," who he was pleased to welcome as brethren.

Bros. Radway, Tom Jones, and Clement responded. In eulogistic terms, the W.M. gave "The Visitors," and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Thomas Glass, W.M., and T. W. Willis, P.M.

Bro. Glass said that he was always pleased to respond for the visitors. He was glad to see Bro. Spooner, who was one that spoke from his heart, installed. He thoroughly enjoyed the installation ceremony so ably performed by Bro. Bond. Two months ago he, as W.M., went through the same ordeal, and he appreciated what he had seen that night.

Bro. T. W. Willis also replied, bearing testimony to the excellent working of Bro. Bond. He had never seen the ceremony performed better, and he had had an enjoyable evening.

Bros. Robertson and Murrell also responded, the latter observing that he had the honour of representing the first English-speaking lodge in Cairo, and when he went back he would report to his lodge the kind reception he had met with that evening.

The hour being late the W.M. gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," to which Bros. W. I. Peat, S.W., and R. W. Rice, J.W., responded in appropriate terms.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening Bros. Nash, Jehu, Tom Powley, and Capt. T. C. Walls vocally entertained the brethren, but the two last named deserve special mention for their efforts.

LOWESTOFT.

Unity Lodge (No. 71).—The closing night of the session of the above lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on the 14th inst., was marked by an interesting ceremony performed by Bro. W. B. Cooper, P.M. It was to recognise the services of Bro. W. J. Wilton P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., who for many years has identified himself in every good work associated with the lodge. In making the presentation of an illuminated address and a Secretary's jewel, Bro. Cooper briefly described the work and services of the recipient. Bro. Wilton, who was much overcome by the manifestations of kindly feeling extended to him by such handsome testimonials, said he would ever treasure them as happy mementos of his connection with the lodge.

The following is the testimonial: "To Brother William John Wilton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.—We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, officers, and members of Lodge Unity, beg your acceptance of this address and jewel as a slight recognition of valuable services rendered to the lodge. We, as members, thank you for the valuable aid in raising the lodge to a state of efficiency during your year as Worshipful Master. We are deeply sensible of the faithful discharge of your duties as Secretary. The financial condition of the lodge whilst under your fostering care having been brought to a state of prosperity. We are grateful to you for representing us on so many occasions as Steward to our Charities, the result of which has placed the lodge in the foremost rank in the province. Our earnest prayer is that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare you to remain amongst us to continue your usefulness to the Craft in general and the lodge in particular. Signed, on behalf of the subscribers, this 14th June, 1894. J. H. BLACKBURN, W.M.; FREDERICK R. FREEMAN, I.P.M.; FREDERICK SPASHETT, S.W.; EDWIN BROOK, J.W.

The address and jewel were supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

MANCHESTER.

Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Victoria Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. Jos. Challender, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Fred. Hilton, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., was requested to occupy the chair, and he performed the third ceremony with great ability and impressiveness. Bro. J. W. Hallam presented the working tools. Bro. Challender again resumed the chair, and initiated a candidate who had been previously balloted for. Bro. J. Snape, P.M., gave the N.E. address. Bro. J. B. Peace, J.W., presented the working tools, and the charge was beautifully rendered by Bro. J. Heywood, S.D. Altogether it was a most successful meeting.

The following brethren were present: Bros. John Challender, W.M.; J. W. Hallam, S.W.; J. B. Peace, J.W.; Thos. Nesbitt, Treas.; C. R. Hardman, Sec.; J. Heywood, S.D.; John R. Smith, J.D.; H. F. Newman, I.G.; Robert Williamson, P.M.; Charles Smith, I.P.M.; F. Hilton, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; H. Grimshaw, T. Cardwell, H. E. Wrays, Joseph Snape, P.M.; Thos. E. Rigby, P.M.; J. Greison, and J. Chapman. Visitors: Bros. E. H. Ritson, W. H. Worsley, Geo. S. Mackneth, H. W. Bloomer, J. Mitchell, P.M.; William Smith, Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; and John Marshall, P.P.G.P. W. Yorks.

NEW BARNET.

Barnet Lodge (No. 2509).—The first regular meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated on the 28th ult., was held on the 14th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, when the following officers and members were present, viz.: Bros. J. Morrison McLeod (Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), W.M.; Wm. Belchamber, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Robert Cranston, S.W.; J. A. Witthaus, J.W.; H. T. Matthews, C.C., Treas.; F. S. Plowright, Sec.; John Falconer, S.D.; F. E. Witthaus, J.D.; W. Sergeant Lee, P.M., D. of C.; Wm. Baddeley, I.G.; Harold Imray and Wm. Fitch, Stwds.; Frank Attree, J. Spencer Chapman, and J. McLeod Rainsford.

Visitors: Bros. Charles Ellis, 1385; Dr. Jas. Haskins, Prov. G. Org. Essex, 1364; S. Wright, W.M. elect, 2426; S. E. Shutter, I.G. 1965; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler.

The minutes of the consecration and installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. S. Passmore, M.D., F. R. Newbery, and the Rev. G. E. Gardner, M.A., and declared unanimous in their favour, whereupon the two first-named gentlemen being in attendance, were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in an exemplary manner. The Secretary reported various valuable and interesting presentations to the lodge by the founders, among other things being a Tyler's sword by the W.M., which had formerly belonged to his father; a set of excellent tracing boards by Bro. Wm. Baddeley, I.G., drawn and painted by himself; and by the first officers the collars and jewels of their respective offices. The thanks of the lodge were heartily accorded to the various donors. The infant daughter of Bro. J. Spencer Chapman, one of the founders, was nominated as a lady Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the lodge will thereby probably achieve the distinction of being represented for the first time by the youngest Lady Steward on record.

All labour being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A pleasant evening was spent, the usual toasts being given by the W.M. in a style that betrayed the practised speaker, while the "Initiates" responded to their healths by neat and effective speeches, which met with the warm approval of the brethren.

The toast of "The Visitors" was cordially received, and was duly responded to by each of the visiting brethren. Songs and recitations made the evening all too short.

WESTHAM.

Hadrian Lodge (No. 2483).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Corporation Arms, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bro. Major E. W. Stillwell, the popular W.M., took the chair at the time appointed, and was supported as follows: Bros. James Creighton, P.M. 1110, acting I.P.M.; Geo. Fowler, P.M. 1110, acting S.W.; Henry J. Capon, J.W.; J. Boyles, Sec.; Albert Gosling, Treas.; R. Francis, S.D.; W. R. Griffin, J.D.; F. Russell, I.G.; E. Streets, Org.; James Wood, D.C.; F. C. Golden, Stwd.; J. S. Catford, P.P.G. Std. Br. Devon; Chas. Chitney, T. Duly, J. Boyles, jun., F. Nicholson, W. Rutter, H. White, W. Trigger, and F. A. Hooley. Visitors: Bros. R. Püttick, 1110; S. G. R. Coles, 1110; Henry Towner, 1110; Fred. Pike, 1110; W. Ash, 1471; and Joseph Clement, 1602.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed. Among the correspondence was a letter from Bro. Henry Marks, S.W., stating that for private reasons he felt compelled to resign his membership of the lodge. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.D., the resignation was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to inform Bro. Marks of the deep sympathy of the lodge in his trouble. The J.W. was, on the proposition of the W.M., appointed Charity Steward, in the place of Bro. Marks. Bro. Wm. Rutter was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., who also passed Bro. T. W. Beeny to the Second Degree. Mr. William Chapman was initiated by Bro. Jas. Creighton, P.M. 1111. After balloting for Mr. Russell as a candidate, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Sargent, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 419).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, when there were present Bros. E. Berry, W.M.; E. F. Coleman, S.W.; T. C. Bigwood, J.W.; S. Dean, Org.; W. Howell, Sec.; W. Skett, P.M., S.D.; T. E. Lowe, J.D.; Newnham, Prov. G. Treas., D.C.; R. M. Lord, I.G.; J. N. Lester, Stwd.; J. Lyne, Tyler; Beck, I.P.M., P.G.S.; Gibson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Corke, P.M., P.P.G. Keg.; Stanger, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Bradney, P.M.; Knight, De la Haye, Dobbs, J. Bigwood, Allen, F. H. Skidmore, A. C. Skidmore, Mears, Vale, and Jos. Skett. Bro. Rev. A. Jackson, 77, was a visitor.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Joseph Skett raised, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. Gibson, P.P.A.G.D.C., stated that it was the 30th anniversary of his initiation into the lodge, and in commemoration of that event he presented the lodge with a large portrait, suitably framed, of Bro. Col. Vernon, who was P.G.M. of Staffordshire from 1853 to 1864. Colonel Vernon occupied the chair of St. Peter's Lodge in 1846, and still continues a subscribing member and constant contributor to the Charitable Institutions. Bro. Gibson was warmly thanked for his appropriate gift and for his loyalty to his mother lodge.

Other business followed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. The musical reputation of this lodge was maintained by the singing of several brethren, under the conductorship of Bro. Sidney Dean, Org.

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ALTRINCHAM.

Stamford Lodge (No. 140).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Unicorn Hotel, on Monday, the 18th inst. Bro. the Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, W.M., presided. The following were present: Bros. H. Gordon Small, J.W.; Rev. Newhouse, P.M., P.G.D., P.G. Sec.; William Ramsden, E. G. Parker, M.O.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; Samuel Thompson, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Derbyshire, J.D.; A. Huxley, John Law, J. Wagsaffe, William Dykes, and Thos. Nicholson.

MANCHESTER.

St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. Myers, W.M. The ballot was taken for two candidates, both being favourable. One of them being present, he was advanced by Bro. Joseph Truelove Richardson, P.M.,

Prov. G.S. of W. It is sufficient to say the work was admirably performed. The following were present: Bros. G. A. Myers, W.M.; J. M. Veal, J.W.; John Walker, S.O.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, J.O.; Julius Laurisch, Chap.; W. Nicholl, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; J. M. Sinclair, P.G.M.O., Treas.; James Sharples, I.G.; Henry L. Rocca, P.P.G.M.O.; Julius Arensberg, P.P.G.M.O.; Joseph T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; E. Locke, and Edward Roberts.

PLUMSTEAD.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Paradise-street, when Bro. J. Warren, S.W., W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of A. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. Jolly, P.M., W.M. 309, P.J.G.D., in the temporary absence of Bro. Col. C. Vansittart, P.S.G.W., W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. Sanderson, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; and W. Chambers, of 700; and J. Orford, 1472, as candidates for advancement, and for Bro. J. H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G. S.B., as a joining member, and the ballot in each case proved unanimous. Bro. Jolly, by request of the W.M., accepted the office of Installing Officer—Bro. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., who has for many years, with few exceptions, acted as Installing Officer, being on his travels in Switzerland—and in faultless style installed Bro. Warren. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Farrier, S.W.; F. Reed, P.P.G.I.G., J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Stwd. Eng., Treas.; G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., Sec.; E. B. Hobson, M.O.; G. H. Porter, S.O.; C. H. Canning, J.O.; W. J. Crowley, R. of M.; W. J. Fowler, S.D.; J. D. Johnson, J.D.; J. McHugh, I.G.; H. Syer, D.C.; J. Wheatly, Stwd.; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bros. Captain W. Weston, G.I.G. England, and C. Coupland were accorded grand honours, and returned thanks. The candidates (with the exception of Bro. Taylor, who was not present) having been prepared, were admitted, and duly advanced by the new W.M., and having assumed their seats; Bro. Jolly gave the addresses, which, with the exception of a slight hitch in the first, were splendidly and eloquently rendered. His services having been acknowledged in the usual way by a cordial vote of thanks, it was unanimously resolved to present him with some further token of the regard of the brethren, and also some acknowledgment of his services as acting Master (Bro. Vansittart being in Egypt) during the past year, for which Bro. Jolly feelingly returned thanks. Bro. Vansittart was presented with a Past Mark Master's jewel, and there being nothing further before the lodge, it was closed. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P. A.G.D.C.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Stratton, G. R. Cobham, P.M. 364, P.P.S.G.O.; E. Morris, P.M. 44; F. J. Down, W.M. 44; W. Robson, 411; J. Bilton (unattached), and others.

The banquet was partaken of at the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, Bro. Capon's snug hotel, and was all that could be desired.

In responding for "The Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," Bro. Weston said they were all aware of the rapid strides that Mark Masonry had made under the benign rule of H.R.H. their esteemed Grand Master, whereby it had set a glaring example to the other Degrees. The Mark Degree had a Benevolent and Educational Fund that was an example to any institution. They educated their children at home, there was no costly schools to maintain with all their heavy expenditure, nothing but the simple and inexpensive staff at their Grand Lodge. That enabled them so to help their poor and distressed brethren and educate their children without even the shadow of a contest, every case was looked into, and if found worthy, it was at once accepted, without the bother of an election. The distressed were granted their annuities, and the children educated at their own homes, under the direct care and supervision of their parents. He thanked them for their kind reception of his name, and assured them of the high honour he felt had been conferred on him by their esteemed Grand Master.

Bro. Coupland said he had been appointed a Steward of Grand Lodge some time ago, and it was generally thought to be a stepping-stone to higher honours, but he had not received his promotion yet, yet he felt satisfied, and heartily endorsed the remarks of Bro. Weston.

Bro. Col. Vansittart responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he was proud to be an officer of the Mark in the Province of Kent, more especially as he was in Egypt at the time of his appointment, so that he felt the honour to be more for the lodge than for himself. He then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," observing that they had that night seen a specimen of his work in the advancement of the candidates; and if their W.M. could so well commence his year of office it must have a successful and prosperous ending. He asked them to drink the toast loyally, and unite in making the lodge even more successful than it was at present.

Bro. Warren could assure them that he felt that to be one of the proudest moments of his life, to be installed as W.M. of the splendid lodge in such a grand manner as he had been, and in the presence of such a grand gathering of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. It was a proud thing for him to remember that he was unanimously elected, and also that he was enabled to commence his year of office by advancing three such excellent brethren as the candidates that night. He was proud of his officers, who by their good work had done honour to the lodge. He should endeavour, and he felt sure they would assist him, to maintain the high prestige of the Excelsior Lodge.

Bros. Downes, Cobham, Hobson, Morris, and Bilton severally responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Jolly to a hearty reception of his name as "Installing Officer." Bros. Sanderson, Chambers, and Orford were toasted as "Advances," and severally responded, and Bro. Roberts was specially toasted as "Our Joining Brother," and then "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were interspersed with some excellent singing by Bros. Fowler, Hobson, Spinks, and others.

Earl Spencer, First Lord, and the Members of the Board of Admiralty will leave London to-day (Friday), to complete their annual inspection of the dockyards and naval establishments. Their lordships travel to Sheerness by rail, and after visiting the dockyard there and the Naval School of Gunnery will embark on the Admiralty yacht Enchantress for Chatham.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Gray, President of the Board, presided; Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, represented the Grand Secretary's office. Bros. C. F. Hogard, W. P. Brown, D. D. Mercer, H. Garrod, John Chadwick, C. H. Webb, Charles Davey, C. J. R. Tijou, J. M. Klenck, H. Massey, Max Mendelssohn, Frederick Hilton, Walter Martin, George B. Chapman, William Vincent, George R. Langley, William Fisher, James Bunker, Henry J. Thompson, Robert A. Gowan, J. T. Briggs, James Collins, C. J. D'Oyley Mears, John Oldis, John Brock, James Collins, R. Greenwood, Emil Apelt, J. Pickett, M.D., John Tattersall, J. Hepburn, Arthur Williams, J. H. Collingridge, Joseph Bruton, John Mersey, J. Hepburn Hastie, Charles Henry Stone, J. R. Omer, William George Poole, W. M. Stiles, W. H. Toye, H. Birkbeck, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, also attended.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the May meeting to the Grand Master to the extent of £250. There were 37 new cases on the list. These were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Spalding, Dartford, Truro, Buenos Ayres, Bolton, Bingley, Pietermaritzburg, Hindley, Port Melbourne (Victoria), Penistone, Chichester, Hyde (Cheshire), Devonport, Newport (Isle of Wight), Cape Coast, Birmingham, Chigwell, Hampton Court, Meerut, Rawtenstall, Warwick, Oxford, Gainsborough, Brighton, Scotland, Holyhead, and Bombay. Out of these cases only three were deferred, being incomplete. One case was dismissed. The remainder were granted a total of £835. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100; five were recommended to Grand Master for £40 each, and seven for £30 each. There were 13 grants of £20 each, six of £10 each, and one of £5.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. JAMES GIBSON, P.M. 2030.

Some members of the Abbey Lodge of Instruction conceived the idea of showing their appreciation of Bro. Gibson's good services as Preceptor of the lodge, which "soon caught on," resulting in his being entertained as their guest on the 12th inst., at the Hotel Victoria, Westminster, the brethren attending numbering over 70, but we have only space for a few. Bro. Bonwick, I.P.M. of the mother lodge, was, in the regrettable absence of Bro. Hambling, in the chair, supported by Bros. J. E. Smith, C. C. Piper, R. E. H. Goffin, H. E. Poole, Sec., Dotterill, Balcham, T. Bull, T. Cocks, T. W. Davies, Montague, Bolt, Hamborg, Geisel, Dr. Norton, Kettle, White, Baderly, Shand, and others. Numerous letters were read from brethren regretting their absence.

After the usual routine toasts, loyal and Masonic, had been duly submitted and heartily received,

Bro. GOFFIN, to whom the toast of the evening had been entrusted, rose to propose "Their Guest, Bro. Jas. Gibson, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction;" this was vociferously welcomed, and after silence reigned he gave an excellent peroration of some of the virtues and characteristics of our worthy Bro. Gibson, his zeal for the Craft, and the ungrudging time he gave to the lodge of instruction; a strict, but unostentatious, unpedantic Preceptor, he would in their name, and of members absent, ask them all to drink his health, wishing him long life and peaceful days to continue his good works, and especially as he might mention he had quite lately been elected Churchwarden of St. John's, Westminster.

The toast having been honoured tumultuously, Bros. Montague and Bartlett sang respectively in their excellent style, which was much applauded.

Bro. GIBSON, in returning thanks, said at no time of his life was he much at talking, but that night he felt so over-joyed with the kindness of Bro. Griffin's remarks, and the reception his good friends and brethren had given him that he could not express more than his heartfelt thanks, and lay his further services at their command whenever they required his help in the lodge or elsewhere.

Bro. W. H. Bolt, W.M. 1563, here gave one of his well-known recitations with excellent effect.

Songs and recitations followed, and all separated after one of the most enjoyable and pleasant re-unions held in Westminster.

MASONIC SERVICE AT SANDGATE.

The annual service of the Castle Lodge, No. 1436, was held on Sunday afternoon, the 17th inst., at St. Paul's, Sandgate. In previous years the brethren in a body had attended the ordinary evening service at the church; but this year it was decided to hold a regular Masonic service, and invitations to attend the service were sent to neighbouring lodges.

The lodge was opened at the Masonic Hall at half-past two by Bro. T. H. Goddard, W.M., and there were also present Bros. W. L. Chubb, S.W.; T. Onslow, J.W.; the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield, P.M., Chap.; R. J. Fynmore, P.M., G.S. of W., Treas.; James J. B. Caudell, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; J. Blundell, S.D.; H. T. Barnett, J.D.; Octavius H. Smith, P.M., D.C.; H. T. Longly, Org.; W. Whitehouse, I.G.; G.

Butcher, Tyler; W. Vidler, P.M.; W. Hughes, P.M., D.J.G.W. Malta; W. Howes, P.M.; A. H. Couchman, W. H. Burden, W. C. Finn, H. McLachlan, J. M. Rann, F. J. Silbourn, R. Shambler, C. J. Woods, T. H. Bannister, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the brethren adjourned and proceeded to the church, the service opened with singing the hymn "Worship the King" (A. and M. 167), and was followed by several prayers, entoned by Bro. the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield. The special Psalms were the 103rd and 104th, and were sung to a simple chant. The two lessons were 2 Chronicles, ii., and St. Matthew vi., 24—end; and the hymns "O God our help in ages past," and "My God, how wonderful Thou art" were sung. The reverend chaplain preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "As Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us," St. John xvii., 21. He dwelt specially upon brotherhood, and pointed out that one bond of their brotherhood was shown by their gathering together at that service to worship the Great Architect of the Universe. In alluding to the object of the offertory, the Benevolent Institution, the reverend gentleman said that in giving to such an Institution, Masons differed from other societies, inasmuch as they gave their Charity entirely for those who had seen better days, and had hoped to have been able to keep in good circumstances, but who for some reason or another had come down in the world. During the taking of the offertory the hymn "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," was sung, and the service concluded with the Blessing.

After the service the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, and the lodge was closed.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. T. BLANCO WHITE,

First W.M. of the Fulham Lodge, No. 2512,

which was consecrated on the 11th inst., was initiated in Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, of which he became W.M. in 1888. He was a founder of the St. Ambrose Chapter, No. 1891, and of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 34, and was installed First Principal of the former in 1890, and of the latter in 1892. In the Mark Degree he has passed the chair of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 251, and attained the rank of A.G.D.C. in the Grand Lodge in 1894. Bro. White has been a steady supporter of the Charities, and has qualified as a Vice-President of each of the three Institutions. His Stewardships have been as follows: Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 1888, 1890, and 1891; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1894; Benevolent Institution, 1889, 1890, 1891, and 1892; Mark Benevolent Fund, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

For several years past the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge has had an unbroken record of successful summer gatherings in which the ladies have shared to the full the enjoyment of the day. The accession of Bro. Rogers to the chair of W.M. this year has given our zealous brother an opportunity of showing himself as good a host as he had before proved himself to be at lodge work and in connection with the Charitable Institutions of Masonry. A somewhat new departure this year was justified by the unqualified success of the trip. At 10 in the morning the brethren with their friends and ladies embarked on board the Mermaid at Westminster pier and proceeded to Southend. It had been thoughtfully arranged that anyone desiring to land at Tilbury and proceed by rail might do so, and the comfort of those who seldom go down to the sea in ships was further studied by giving them the choice of landing at Southend or keeping on board, but no one would land, thanks to the smooth sea and the attractions on board so liberally provided by Bro. Rogers. On the way down a close inspection of the Tower

Bridge was made, a halt was also made at the Arethusa Training Ship, much to the gratification of the lads on board, and a sail around the U.S.S.S. Chicago, whose crew were greeted by the strains of "Hail Columbia" and the National Anthem by our band. Following this a most excellently served luncheon on board, and a dance on the spacious deck caused the day to pass most pleasantly.

About 4.30 the party landed and proceeded to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served. The W.M., Bro. Rogers, presided, and the company present numbered about 100, amongst whom were the following:

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Rogers, and Mrs. Rogers; Bro. Parkhouse and Mrs. and Miss Parkhouse; Bro. Murlis, P.M., and Mrs. Murlis; Bro. Frye, M.P., P.M.; Bro. R. C. Green and Mrs. Green; Bro. E. M. Lander and Mrs. Lander, Mr. Rogers, Miss Darby, Mr. Rogers, Mr. R. S. Lander, Bro. Ransom and Mrs. Ransom; Bro. Armfield and Mrs. Armfield; Bro. Mason, P.M., Mrs. Mason, and Miss Mason; Bro. Flack and Mrs. Flack; Bro. G. J. Heath and friend; Bro. Heath, P.M., and the Misses Heath; Bro. J. French, Bro. Manchester, Bro. Hatton and Mrs. Hatton; Bro. Whittlesea and Miss Whittlesea; Bro. Davis and Mrs. Davis and friends; Mr. Aylmer, Bro. Sievers, Miss Sievers, and Mr. Sievers; Bro. G. N. Watts, Miss Thompson, Bro. Lambert, Bro. Belsham and Miss Belsham; Mr. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher; Bro. Slade and Mrs. Slade; Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Lopez, Bro. Brown and Mrs. Brown; Bro. Holmes, Bro. Whur and Mrs. Whur; Bro. English and Mrs. English; Mr. Havers, Bro. Weaver, Mrs. Weaver, and Miss Weaver; Bro. W. Lake and Mrs. Lake; Mr. J. Green and Mrs. Green; Bro. Chandler and Mrs. Chandler; Bro. Dr. Seanson and Mrs. Seanson; Bro. Dr. Child, Bro. Dickenson, Bro. Whadham, Bro. Chocqueel and Mrs. Chocqueel; Bro. Passingham, Bro. Lee, Bro. Wood, P.M., Bro. Burt and friend; Bro. Beard, Mr. F. Beard, and Mr. G. Beard; Mr. Bird, Bro. Millington, Bro. W. G. Watts, Bro. Huish and Miss Huish; Bro. Poloni and Mrs. Poloni; Mr. Hill and Mrs. Hill; Mrs. Wadham; Bro. Adkins, P.M.; Bro. G. A. Williams, S.W.; Bro. Thomson, Bro. Andover, Bro. F. King, Bro. Seanson, Bro. Middleweek, Mr. A. P. Pocock, Bro. S. K. Bennett and friends; and Bro. Sanger and friends.

After Grace had been sung by Bros. Arthur Strugnell, Sidney Tower, and the Misses Williams and Ethel Winn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured.

Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE, P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Rogers." They had, he said, been favoured with good company and fine weather. Everything that could be done by the W.M. and those who had assisted him for the enjoyment of all, had been done. He asked them to drink with enthusiasm the health of the W.M. and Mrs. Rogers.

This was done most heartily, and the W.M., in reply, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to look around and see present such a gathering of friends as any man might be proud to possess. It was indeed one of the happiest moments of his life, and on behalf of himself and wife he heartily thanked them. It was a red-letter day in his Masonic life. He need not tell them that all who had honoured him with their company had been heartily welcome, and he trusted they had enjoyed themselves to the full.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," who were always received by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge with cordiality. Many of the visitors present had been liberal contributors to the Institutions, and he felt bound to say that the Charities with him stood first among the Masonic virtues. When he first represented that lodge at a Festival he took up 100 guineas; but now he would not be content with less than 200 guineas for the Boys.

Mr. FLETCHER and Bro. G. NELSON WATTS responded. The former thanked the W.M. for the privilege of being present. He had shared to the fullest extent with the Brotherhood the enjoyment of the day. It was the first time he had experienced the hospitality of a Masonic lodge, and if that was a fair sample of the way they treated their visitors, he fervently hoped it would not be the last.

Bro. WATTS, in responding, said he had rarely had such a pleasant duty. The organisation had been perfect, the liberality of the W.M. unbounded, and the visitors were deeply sensible of the kindness and generosity of the host. He congratulated the lodge on taking up such a large sum for the Boys.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave the toast of "The Ladies." He knew of no Masons who were insensible to the charms of the ladies, and on such occasions they were heartily welcome. Moreover, it gave the brethren an opportunity of showing they were not altogether selfish as Masons.

Bro. HAVERS responded in a humorous speech, in which he more or less successfully attempted to divest himself of his sex and reply as one of the fair visitors. The toast of "The Officers" followed, the W.M. remarking that they had worked very hard to make the day a success. The suggestion that they should come to Southend came from Bro. Parkhouse, and their thanks were due to him.

Bro. PARKHOUSE and Bro. GREEN, the Secretary responded, the latter acknowledging the assistance he had received, not only from the other officers, but from local officials.

The vocalists, Bros. Strugnell and Sidney Tower, and the Misses Williams and Ethel Winn, gave several songs, &c. During the dinner the military band, which had accompanied the party in the boat, played outside the hotel.

A special train took the party back to town, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable functions ever carried out by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge.

CHESHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL HELD AT SOUTHPORT.

The first Anniversary Festival of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution was celebrated on Wednesday, the 13th inst., by a banquet held at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

The chair was occupied by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap. Eng., and amongst the brethren attending were Bros. J. Salmon, A.G.D.C. Eng.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. Clayton, P.P.G.W. Cheshire; R. Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire; T. C. Thorburn, P.P.G.W. Cheshire; J. Cookson, P.P.G. Treas. Cheshire, and Treasurer of the Institution; Herbert Finch, P.P.G. Reg. Cheshire; H. Jackson, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; H. E. Heywood, P.P.G. Std. Br. Cheshire; Capt. J. Andrew, P.P.G.D. of C. West Lancs.; W. Eardley, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. F. Roberts, P.P.G.D. of C. West Lancs.; Thomas Whitehead, P.P.G.D. of C.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. E. Lancs.; J. Hamilton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Harry Gordon Small, P.G.D. of C.; and G. H. Brown, P.P.G.D. of C. There were also several ladies present.

The toast of "The Queen," and of "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," having been proposed from the chair, and duly honoured,

Bro. J. CLAYTON proposed "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Grand Rulers of the Craft." Since his installation as Grand Master of the Order, the Prince of Wales had proved a worthy and zealous Mason, and had ever shown a deep regard for the welfare of the Craft. He had always been very careful in the selection of his officers whether of high or low degree. They were fortunate in having three representatives of the Grand Lodge of England with them that evening, namely the Chairman, Bro. Sillitoe, and Bro. Salmon.

Bro. SILLITOE said that so far as the Past Grand Officers were concerned, they could only refer to their past work, and trust that what they had done had been to the satisfaction of the Grand Master who appointed them, and of the brethren with whom they had come in contact, as well as to the benefit of the province to which they belonged. He congratulated them most sincerely upon the gathering they were holding that day, and upon the grand amount which he understood from the Secretary had been subscribed towards their Charity. He thought their Grand Officers could not be better occupied than in attending such meetings, and, therefore, he was proud to be present and to take part in their proceedings. He trusted that year by year, as time went on, the Institution, in aid of which they were assembled, would continue to prosper, and that the Provinces of Lancashire and Cheshire would join together hand in hand in promoting the interests of Masonry.

Bro. SALMON also responded in a brief but appropriate speech.

Bro. Capt. J. ANDREW proposed "The R.W.P.G.M., for Cheshire, the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Provincial Rulers of the Craft." Representing, as he did, Lancashire Masonry, he took it as a compliment to Lancashire that he had been asked to discharge that duty. He regretted, in the first instance, that they had not Lord Egerton of Tatton present with them, but anyone connected with Manchester knew what Lord Egerton had on his hands at the present moment, and had had for the past few weeks. He thought, therefore, that under the circumstances, his lordship might very fairly be excused.

Bro. G. H. BROWN submitted the toast of the evening, "Success to the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution." He mentioned that that was the first birthday of the Institution, and he was sure the directors had the most earnest sympathy and support of those whom he was addressing. That such was the case was evinced by the large number who had attended the festival. It was only fitting that when they were met to rejoice they should call their neighbours together to rejoice with them and he thought those who were with them that day would rejoice that they were able to give a good report of what had been done during the twelve months. He thanked them all most sincerely for the encouragement they had given to the brethren of that province in endeavouring to consolidate and build up an Institution which represented to the outside world one of the grandest facts upon which the noble institution was founded, that of helping one another in time of need; and though they did not profess to be a Charitable Society, still they were a society of self-help and help towards one another. In the Province of Cheshire, as distinguished from the other districts of England, they had been endeavouring to establish a fund upon which their decayed and indigent brethren might draw in times of need and sorrow. He was sure after so noble an effort and after having put their hands to the plough in connection with it they would not look back. The province to which they were proud to belong had for years past gained a name second to none in the cause of Masonic Charity, and when the claims of an Institution of that sort were made upon the brethren they were sure they would always be heartily responded to. He expected that in years to come the seed they were now sowing would have grown into a gigantic tree, and that when people saw its wide-spreading branches they would wonder how such a result had been brought about.

Bro. RICHARD NEWHOUSE, Prov. G. Sec., who has worked in this cause so indefatigably, said before reading the list he was requested by the Committee to thank

the brethren most sincerely for the manner in which they had assisted to carry out the object of the Institution. Twelve months ago he read out a list which had never been touched by any province in England, and he assured them he had received letters from provincial Secretaries all over England asking him to give them a tip as to how it had been done. That day 30 lodges had subscribed, and 16 had not done so, but he would explain why they had not done. Next year their Provincial Grand Master had consented to take the chair at the Boys' School Festival in London, and it had been thought advisable that those lodges should hold themselves back for next year, so that they might be enabled to support his lordship. He had had a letter from his lordship that morning, in which he expressed great regret that he could not be with them, and he had also received a telegram from the House of Commons, in which Bro. Alan Egerton, who had consented to take the chair that day, stated that he had received command to dine with the Speaker of the House of Commons. He wished his great regret to be expressed to the brethren that he was not able to attend, and he also extended to them his "Hearty good wishes."

Bro. NEWHOUSE then read a list of subscriptions amounting to £520 4s., and said he was sure they would all be perfectly satisfied with that result. He was more than satisfied, and could only thank them personally for the manner in which they had assisted him in carrying out the objects of the Institution. Before sitting down, he wished to say that he was very happy indeed to see so many ladies among them. It was very seldom that they had ladies' society in their Masonic gatherings, and when they did have the opportunity they rejoiced at it, and hoped that in the future, whenever it was possible, they might see a large gathering of ladies amongst them. He would like to call attention to the fact that they had a lady present that evening who had been acting as Steward, and he had had the honour and privilege of pinning on her breast the jewel of the Institution, he referred to the wife of their Treasurer, Bro. Cookson.

Bro. COOKSON, in responding to the toast, said that the amount subscribed that year would enable them to relieve the declining years of such aged brothers and widows as might be directed to the fund, and he mentioned that in November next they would be enabled to appoint four annuitants. The question of relief to the aged poor was receiving the attention of eminent statesmen, and their Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, had taken an active part in the matter. He assured them that the funds of that Institution had been, and would continue to be, safely employed, and he prophesied that that Institution would have a successful future.

Bro. H. JACKSON then proposed "The Health of the Chairman." He said he was sure the toast was one which would be most cordially received by every brother in the room. They had in Bro. Stanhope a most indefatigable worker in the cause of Masonry, and when he said that their Chairman stood second to none in Cheshire in the interest he took in the cause he was sure they would all heartily agree with him.

The CHAIRMAN, in acknowledging the toast, said whatever he could do for the cause of Masonry in that province or throughout the country generally, or even the Colonies, he would only be too glad to do. He was glad that they had had such a successful meeting that evening, and he thought the result was such that they might all be proud of. They had had a first-rate banquet provided for them, and for this they had to thank the excellent arrangements made by Bros. Cookson and Clayton, who, he thought, deserved their highest praise. He had no doubt every one present would be glad to accord their heartiest thanks for the trouble they had taken in the matter.

The remaining toasts were "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. W. F. ROBINSON, and responded to by Bros. HERBERT FINCH, HERYWOOD, and EARDLEY, and "The Musical Brethren," responded to by Bro. J. F. ROBERTS, P.P.G.D. of C.

During the evening selections of vocal and instrumental music were given by the following: Bros. L. Connard; Aldrige; J. F. Roberts, P.P.G.D. of C.; James Hesketh, P.M.; Tom Chambers, P.M.; and G. W. Hesketh. Vocalists: G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; and Thomas Whitehead, P.P.G.D. of C.

We must congratulate the Prov. Grand Secretary and Committee upon the success of the meeting. Everything about the whole matter was carried out in an admirable manner under the directorship of Bros. Harry Gordon Small, P.G.D. of C.; Herbert Finch, P.P.G. Reg.; and H. Powell Jones.

Great praise is due to Mrs. Palethorpe, the manageress of the Prince of Wales Hotel, who had the tables laid in a unique manner with charming decorations, and the banquet was of the most *recherché* character. Everybody present giving the highest praise.

During the evening the Stewards were presented with the beautiful jewel and others with the bars which were all worn during the banquet.

The above jewels and bars were all manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

THE LATE BISHOP OF NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In our last week's issue we briefly noticed the death of the Bishop of New Westminster. A correspondent sends us the following further particulars:

The death of Dr. Acton Windeyer Sillitoe will be an irreparable loss to the Craft in British Columbia.

For several years he held the position of Grand Chaplain to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and his influence was felt in every way that tended for the advancement of Masonry. He was always ready to take part in any Grand Lodge function, and his sermons to the brethren and Masonic orations were full of practical teaching. It was quite a picture to see the late bishop assisting at the laying of a foundation-stone or the consecration of a new lodge. Vested in his scarlet convocation robes, wearing his episcopal mitre, and clothed in the purple and gold regalia of a Grand Lodge Officer, he presented a most imposing appearance. His services to Masonry were not confined to taking part in the ceremonies of the Craft, our late brother was an active promoter of the building of the Masonic Hall at New Westminster, and when that edifice was destroyed by fire, he interested himself in its restoration. His loss will be mourned by all the brethren of the Grand Lodge which has jurisdiction over the farthest bounds of the far, far West. The late Dr. Sillitoe was born in Melbourne, Australia. He was educated in England, and graduated at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He held several curacies, and in 1877 was appointed Chaplain of the British Legation at Darmstadt, where he also acted as Chaplain to the late Princess Alice. His position at Darmstadt led to his being selected for the bishopric of New Westminster, and he was consecrated on November 1st, 1879. The difficulties of his work in a country where the bishop is called on to be continually travelling told on his health; and we have to lament the loss of a zealous and influential brother who, in the prime of life, has been called to join the Grand Lodge above.

Obituary.

BRO. FRED. HORSMAN, P.M. 51.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., the remains of Bro. Frederick Horsman, P.M. 51, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex, were interred in the churchyard of St. Paul's, Colchester, amidst every demonstration of respect. Notwithstanding the fact of its being early closing day, a very large congregation assembled—indeed, the church was more than comfortably filled, and many were unable to obtain admission—and the presence of so many friends, and the drawn blinds at the houses in the vicinity, eloquently testified to the widespread feeling of regret at Bro. Horsman's death. The attendance included many members of the Craft, of which Bro. Horsman was a member, also representatives of the Conservative Club and other organisations with which he had identified himself. Among the members of the Angel Lodge, No. 51 (to which deceased belonged), who attended to pay a last mark of respect to his memory were Bros. G. F. Wright, W.M.; C. Cobb, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. D. Ablitt, P.P.G.D.; H. Wisbey; Rev. Morgan Jones, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Fitzjohn; W. W. Scott; T. M. Lloyd; J. A. Hawes; C. Osmond, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. Org.; A. S. B. Sparling, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; and T. Bailey. The S.W., Bro. Claude Egerton-Green; the J.W., Bro. Capt. Naylor-Leyland, M.P.; the Sec., Bro. T. J. Ralling; the D.C., Bro. Haward Ives, and other members of the lodge were unavoidably prevented attending. United Lodge, No. 607, was represented by Bros. Thomas Rix, P.M. and P.P.G.S.B. Essex; J. G. Renshaw, P.M., P.P.G. Std. (who also represented the Colchester Conservative Association), J. T. Wade, F. W. Mallinson, and J. G. Bryan. Bro. W. T. Wild, Easterford Lodge, No. 234, was also present. A large number of floral tributes were sent by relatives and friends. The deceased's father sent a handsome wreath of roses from Lyndhurst: "To his good and beloved son"; there was magnificent horse-shoe shaped devices formed of lilies from his family; his brother sent a nice wreath; a beautiful wreath, kindly made by Miss Philbrick, was sent: "In loving remembrance of W. Bro. Fred. Horsman, P.M. 51, P.P.A.G.D.C., from the brethren of his lodge (Angel Lodge, No. 51)"; and the members of the Crusaders' Football Club sent "A tribute of respect." At the conclusion of the service at the grave, the Freemasons, according to custom, filed past, and each deposited a sprig of acacia and white glove on the coffin. The grave had been lovingly prepared, being lined with moss and decorated with choice cut flowers. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. J. S. Grimes, of Northgate-street Works, and were efficiently carried out under the supervision of Mr. T. Bailey. The coffin was of polished oak, with massive brass furniture, and the inscription on the plate was—"Frederick James Serle Horsman, born Jan. 15, 1844; died June 2, 1894." The deceased, who has for a number of years managed the extensive business of Messrs. Fred. Horsman and Co., florists, of Marks Tey, was widely known as one of the best judges of orchids, having made several journeys to South America and other places in pursuit of rare specimens. He regularly attended the London markets, and on returning from one of these journeys he experienced a severe shock to his system in the Manor Park railway accident. Of late he suffered considerably from Bright's disease, and, although he was able to attend to business up to a few days before his death, it was a sharp attack of this malady which proved fatal. Bro. Horsman took a great interest in the Church of St. Paul's, near which he resided, and had for some years been the Vicar's Churchwarden. His manly and genial disposition endeared him to many, and his untimely death at the comparatively early age of 51, has caused a widespread feeling of regret. He leaves a widow and six children—two sons and four daughters.



Bro. Sir Augustus Harris has disposed of his interest in the *Sunday Times*.

The Corps of Commissionaires now has a strength of 2041 men, an increase of 65 compared with the membership a year ago.

Lady Rothschild, who was accompanied by Lord Rothschild, distributed the prizes on Sunday afternoon to the pupils of the Jews' Free School, Spitalfields.

Nearly 150 students of the Guildhall School of Music will take part in an evening concert to be held at the Grosvenor Club on Friday, the 27th prox. Sir Joseph Barnby has kindly consented to preside.

Bro. John Lobb, C.C., the President, occupied the chair on Saturday at the meeting of the Schoolkeepers' Association of the London School Board, held in the Hugh Myddelton Board School, Clerkenwell.

Eighteen annuitants will be admitted to the benefits of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution at the election to take place on Saturday, 30th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Sir Sydney Waterlow, the president, will be in the chair on the occasion.

A concert, conducted by Mr. Alberto Randegger and Mr. Fountain Meen, will be held on Saturday, 30th inst., at the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagshot, in aid of the funds of the Institution. T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have signified their intention of being present.

The duties of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622, will stand adjourned during the months of July and August, and will be resumed on Thursday, September 6th, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8 p.m., under the able Preceptorship of Bro. D. Rose, P.M. 73 and 1622.

Bro. J. Norton, M.D., 2030, of Queen Anne's Mansions, Westminster, has just been elected Medical Officer of Health for the Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, from among a large and highly qualified number of applicants. We beg to join his Masonic and other friends in hearty congratulations.

We omitted to state, in reporting the installation meeting of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, that during the evening a most magnificent Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D.C., I.P.M., by the lodge, for the great ability he had displayed during his year of office, which was specially designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Sir Jacob Wilson, Agricultural Adviser and Land Director of the Board of Agriculture, is gaining strength since his return to 3, St. James's-square, S.W., after his late severe illness. We sincerely hope that now the fine summer weather is about to show itself that Bro. Sir Jacob Wilson will reap the benefit of it, and soon be in his old and energetic form.

A Clay Pigeon Tournament, under the patronage of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, in aid of the funds of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, will be held at Richview, Clonskeagh, Dublin, on Saturday, the 7th prox. A number of competitions will take place, and after the conclusion of the match for the Masonic Cup the Committee will nominate, out of the competitors who have taken part in the other matches, six gentlemen as a team to shoot for Ireland in the next match. In the England v. Ireland match the Committee will present cups value £25, or 25 sovereigns in cash, to the winning team. Bro. Charles P. Blackham, Rokeby, Terenure, Co. Dublin, is the Hon. Secretary.

DINING ARRANGEMENTS ON THE MIDLAND SCOTCH EXPRESS.—The arrangement, which was inaugurated by the Midland Company at the commencement of the tourist season last year, for serving luncheons, dinners, and other refreshments, *en route*, to first and third class passengers travelling by their afternoon Scotch express trains has thoroughly justified itself by results, and they contemplate extending this arrangement to the *Morning* express trains also, between London and Glasgow, commencing on July 2nd. The trains on which the new dining carriages will run will be those leaving London (St. Pancras) at 10.30 a.m. and 2.10 p.m., and Glasgow (St. Enoch) at 10 a.m. and 1.30 p.m., and amongst the points served by them will be Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, and Bristol.

The LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce the following special arrangements in connection with the Royal Agricultural Society's Show, which is to be held at Cambridge from June 23rd to 29th: in addition to their ordinary train service to and from Cambridge, they will run special trains between that City and the principal stations in the neighbourhood on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 25th, 26th, and 27th. For the convenience of exhibitors and others attending the Show cheap season tickets, available for eight days, will be issued to Cambridge from all the principal towns within 50 or 60 miles. On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 26th and 27th, cheap return tickets at a single fare and a quarter for the double journey will be issued from numerous stations on the L.N.W. system to Cambridge, and on Thursday and Friday, June 28th and 29th, there will be cheap excursions from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Liverpool, Chester, Birkenhead, Lancaster, the English Lake District, and a large number of places to Cambridge. Full particulars as to times, fares, &c., can be obtained on application to the principal stations.

WILL TRADE IMPROVE?—So far every one admits that 1894 is every whit as bad as 1893. Universal grumbling prevails. But while we hope for better times, let us not forget that we are ourselves in some measure to blame for the trouble. Certainly we should have much less cause for grumbling if we took better care of our health. Nothing unites one for work so much as illness, even what we are wont to call minor ailments leads to endless trouble. Happy in Holloway's Pills and Ointment we have the means of effecting a speedy cure for all such troubles, and we should be foolish indeed if we neglected to avail ourselves of them.

The Goldsmiths' Company have voted £100 to the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath.

In consequence of the great success of "La Navarraise," on Wednesday night, at Covent Garden Theatre, the opera will, it is announced, be repeated on Tuesday next.

Bro. W. G. Lemon, LL.B., L.C.C., New-square, Lincoln's-inn, distributed the prizes last week at the annual sports in connection with St. Peter's College, Brockley.

Mr. J. Passmore Edwards has undertaken to give during the present summer a day's treat in the country to no fewer than 10,000 of the London poor. The first excursion took place on Monday.

London alone supplies over 2500 singers for the Handel festival. The remainder are drawn from the Cathedral cities, the busy hives of Yorkshire and Lancashire, and other musical centres in the three kingdoms.

The Leathersellers' Company have sent a donation of £100 to the fund being raised by the board of the British Home for Incurables with a view, if possible, to opening the new building free of debt.

To-morrow (Saturday) afternoon a concert will be given at Lowther Lodge, Kensington-gore, on behalf of the choral expenses of St. Jude's Whitechapel, music forming a great feature at this East-end Church.

Several blocks of buildings in Tabernacle-street, Finsbury, were destroyed by fire on Thursday. Notwithstanding the early attendance of engines, the flames spread with remarkable rapidity, and were not subdued until long after midnight.

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

We regret to record the death of Bro. Horace Frederick Stewart, which took place, after only three days' illness, on the 4th inst. Bro. Stewart was a P.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, and P.P.S.G.W. of the Province of Middlesex. He was also a P.M. of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company. The funeral took place at Hendon on Saturday, the 9th inst.

Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, G. Chaplain, distributed the prizes on Saturday at the close of the Scottish Gathering that was held at Stamford Bridge. There being a record attendance, the funds of the Royal Caledonian Asylum and the Scottish Corporation will benefit handsomely by the afternoon's sport.

Freemasonry in Liverpool is progressing—a remark which applies especially to its Charities. Another new lodge, to be called the "City," will be consecrated at an early date, the necessary warrant, signed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, having already been granted. Its headquarters will probably be at a well-known hotel in Dale-street.

At Ashland, Wisconsin, a few days ago, Priest Fabian, in a sermon said: "You should all of you men join the Catholic Knights, and be instructed for the fray, and be in the front, shoulder to shoulder. We must protect our rights in this country as well as our church, our church is the only true church in the world. We must defend it and uphold it at all hazards. We priests will not go to the front with you, but will back you."—Tyler.

The annual visit to London of the officers and men of the Royal Marine Artillery, 800 strong, stationed at Plymouth, takes place to-day (Friday). The regiment with its band will visit the Earl's Court Exhibition, and during the afternoon and evening take part in the sports which are given there daily. After witnessing the performance at the Water Show and enjoying a shoot on the chute, they will proceed to the grounds of the military tournament, participate in the musical ride, and then attempt to overthrow their opponents in a tug of war.

The remains of the late Hon. Alexander Temple Fitzmaurice, fourth son of the fifth Earl of Orkney, will be interred to-morrow (Saturday) in the village churchyard of Taplow. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, served for some years with the 72nd Foot—now the Seaforth Highlanders—and was present at the battles of the Alma and Balaclava, and also participated in the Indian Mutiny conflicts. In 1867 he was appointed Groom of the Bedchamber to the Prince of Wales, and in 1873 married Adela, daughter of Mr. Simon Scrope, of Danby Hall, and widow of Mr. E. Riddell, of The Grange, Northumberland.

As St. John the Baptist's Day falls this year on Sunday next, the members and honorary associates of the Order of the Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem of England will commemorate their annual festival on the following day, Monday, the 25th inst. There will be a special service in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, which has been placed, for the occasion, at the disposal of the Order by her Majesty the Queen, the sovereign head and patron of the Order, of which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is the Grand Prior, and his Royal Highness the Duke of York Sub-Prior. The members and associates will lunch together at the First Avenue Hotel, and in the afternoon the annual general assembly will be held, by permission of the Master and Benchers, in the Hall of Gray's Inn.

Mallet in the *Glasgow Evening News* writes: "I had a glance at an old minute book of Lodge St. Mark, No. 102, the other day, from which I find that in the '50's at almost every meeting of the lodge a lecture was given or a paper read. It may not be known by our younger members that Bro. Sheridan Knowles was a P.M. of St. Mark. In this connection I make the following extract from the minute of the annual festival, held on May 12th, 1853. 'The dinner, which was personally superintended by Bro. Charles Wilson, Senior Steward, reflected great credit on his professional powers. . . . The quality of the liquors also cannot be passed over in silence—they were good. During the evening the brethren enjoyed the rare privilege of listening to the eloquence of Bro. Sheridan Knowles, a person known throughout the world as the greatest living dramatist, and who, as he himself mentioned, was at one time R.W.M. of St. Mark's Lodge, and the heartfelt and feeling manner in which this worthy man and brother spoke of the kindnesses he had on more than one occasion received from brethren who do honour to this city, and their kind, was truly edifying.'"

The Channel Squadron, in command of Admiral Fitzroy, arrived in the Clyde on Thursday evening from Stornoway.

A writer in the "Masonic Visitor" asks "will some kind reader, gentle or otherwise, invent a brand-new speech to be used by unhappy men in returning thanks when their health is proposed. A valuable prize will, I have no doubt, be given for the same if up to the required strength by the editor of this journal."

It is proposed to form a new lodge in London for Lancashire men. Membership will be open to Lancashire men in London, or gentlemen connected with the County Palatine by residence or association. It is hoped the Pro-Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, will accept the office of Worshipful Master. In all probability the name of the lodge will be the Red Rose of Lancashire, and the meetings will be held at the Frascati, in Oxford-street.

Mr. H. H. Johnston, her Majesty's Commissioner and Consul-General for British Central Africa, attended the monthly meeting of the Zoological Society of London, held at Hanover-square, under the presidency of Sir William Flower, in order to receive the silver medal awarded him by the Council "as some recognition of the value of his services to zoological science in making known the fauna of the region of the African continent, which was under his administration." The Duchess of Marlborough, Lord Falmouth, Major-General the Hon. Henry Parnell, the Hon. Alice F. Malcolm, Captain the Hon. Gilbert Leigh, and others were elected Fellows of the Society.

A circular just issued by the Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Bro. Speth, contains the following: "On Wednesday, 28th November next, the warrant of Lodge Quatuor Coronati will be 10 years old. It has been thought that the occasion might be commemorated by holding a conversation in the new hall, which will by that time be attached to the Holborn Restaurant. The proceedings will comprise an address of welcome from the W.M., an oration on Freemasonry, specially addressed to the ladies, by Dr. Sir Benj. Ward Richardson, and music at intervals, the words given being by Masonic composers only. Possibly Mozart's Cantata would be one of the numbers rendered. A few interesting objects of art connected with the Craft would probably be displayed, and light refreshment would be provided throughout the evening. A dispensation for the brethren to wear Craft clothing would be applied for. In this case also it is impossible to take any further steps until I know what support the project is likely to receive, as unless some 200 brethren and ladies are likely to attend, no satisfactory arrangements can be made. The ticket, including refreshment, will probably cost about five shillings or less per head."

Owing to the steady development of the City of London College, the governing body have found it necessary to add another block to their already large building. There is accommodation at the present time for 4000 students, and the new building will, when fully occupied, bring the total capacity up to 6000. By the opening night of the session, on the 1st October next, a new suit of art studios will be ready for Professor Hawker; a biological and physical laboratory for Professor Scarf; and two large lecture rooms for general use, all fitted with electric light. The new block, having separate entrances on the ground level, will be connected with the present building by a covered bridge from the main corridor. The engineering department, which has been under the direction of Professor Henry Adams for the last quarter of a century, will occupy the vacated art room.

Some four hundred children are now being maintained and educated at the senior branch of the Orphan Working School at Maitland Park, Haverstock Hill, and on the occasion of the public examination, which brought a large gathering to the institution, they answered questions in geography, history, scripture, grammar, mental arithmetic, and other subjects with an alacrity and force which testified alike to their sagacity and their physical training. "Why are Englishmen so interested in the Suez Canal?" was one of the "posers" asked, and great was the laughter when one of the lads, in stentorian tones, answered, "Because we have so many shares there." The Charity dates back as far as 1758, when a school was founded in Hoxton, and the existing building was taken in 1847. In the unavoidable absence of Viscount Bangor, Mr. W. S. Gard presided over the proceedings on Thursday. In the course of the afternoon the boys and girls received their prizes at the hands of Viscountess Bangor.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, Princesses Alexandra and Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Princess Leiningen, and Princes Alexander, Leopold, and Maurice, and Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenberg, and attended by the Dowager Duchess of Roxburghe, Sir Fleetwood Edwards, Admiral of the Fleet, Sir J. E. Commerell, Dr. Reid, the Hon. Ethel Cadogan, and others, arrived at Windsor from Balmoral at nine o'clock on Thursday morning, after a journey of 590 miles, performed in 18 hours. At the Royal waiting room at the railway station her Majesty was received by Mr. Aderman F. Layton (the Mayor) and Mr. Alderman Brown on behalf of the Windsor Corporation. The Royal party drove in open carriages to the Castle, and were escorted by Colonel the Hon. H. Byng and Colonel the Hon. W. Carington. The Palace Guard was mounted opposite Henry VIII.'s Gate, and a considerable number of spectators assembled in the streets. The Earl of Rosebery visited the Queen, and returned to town after luncheon.

Members and friends of what is, perhaps, safely assumed to be the most ancient of all handicrafts—namely, "gardening," although that is often nowadays called by a longer Latinised word—held their 55th anniversary festival at the Hôtel Métropole on Thursday. Sir Julian Goldsmid, M.P., occupied the chair. As was befitting the occasion, the tables were laden with the choicest fruits of the hot-house, and made brilliant with the prettiest floral treasures, including magnificent roses and rare orchids in rich abundance. The Chairman, in giving "Success to the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution," said it was still in a flourishing condition. A good gardener loved his vocation for its own sake, and did much to increase the happiness of mankind. The institution provided pensions for 157 aged and infirm men and women who had been connected with the industry. Mr. H. J. Heith responded, and among other speakers were Mr. N. L. Cohen and Mr. W. J. Nutting. Subscriptions to the amount of £1245 were announced, including 100 guineas from the chairman and a like sum from Messrs. Rothschild.