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THE FREEMASONS AND THE BIRTH OF THE ROYAL PRINCE.

A special Grand Lodge was held this (Friday) afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, presided. He had the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, on his right hand, and Bro. W. W. B. Beach acting as Past Grand Master; Sir Francis Beilby Alston, K.C.M.G., S.G. Warden in 1850, acted as S.G.W. and Bro. the Rt. Hon. Aretas Akers-Douglas, M.P., P.G.W., as J.G.W. Among other brethren present were Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Lord Euston, E. Terry, Cama, Col. Noel Money, W. B. Coltman, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; T. L. Wilkinson; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; together with a large number of other Grand Officers.

After Grand Lodge had been opened in ample form, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH Grand Secretary, read the summons convening the meeting, and then announced that he had received letters expressing extreme regret at being unable to be present at this special meeting of Grand Lodge from the Earl of Dartmouth, Lord Skelmersdale, and a large number of Grand Officers, and also of Masters and Wardens of lodges.

The Earl of LATHOM, in moving the address, said: Brethren,—I have summoned this Special Grand Lodge, as you have heard, for the purpose of resolving upon addresses of congratulation on the auspicious birth of the Royal Prince, son of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, grandson of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and great grandson of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. I should like to remind you that this is the first time in the history, not only of our country, but I believe also of any other kingdom or dynasty of Europe, that a direct descendant of the fourth generation has been born to the grand-parent, and that during the life of the great grand-parent, and who we all rejoice to think is still alive. (Applause). It is, therefore, a most unique favour, and I feel that the addresses of congratulation will be voted by acclamation, for I know that the great hearts of Masons, wherever the British flag flies will have throbbed with a feeling of joy and thankfulness when they heard of the birth of the hope of the kingdom. Every one also will rejoice at the great pleasure the event must have given to the whole of the Royal Family, and especially to her Majesty the Queen, and also to the Grand Master and the Princess of Wales who reign in all our hearts, and whose griefs we trust will be soothed by this advent of a great grandson to the Queen. I have now to ask you to join in these addresses of congratulations most heartily, and to unite with them our hearty good wishes for the speedy recovery of her Royal Highness the Duchess of York. I will now read you the draft of the address to her Majesty the Queen, and also to the Prince of Wales.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,
We, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, desire, humbly and respectfully, to approach your Majesty with the expression of our warmest and most dutiful congratulations on the auspicious birth of a son and heir to his Royal Highness the Duke of York and her Royal Highness the Duchess of York—an event which has brought joy and gladness to the hearts of all your Majesty's subjects throughout the world.

Of these none are more loyal and devoted to the Reigning House, of which your Majesty is the beloved and revered head, than the Freemasons of this Empire, and to them the birth of the young Prince in the direct line of succession to the throne, is a source of heartfelt satisfaction and happiness.

We pray the Almighty that He may be pleased to preserve the precious life of your Majesty for many years, and that it may be given to your Majesty to witness the growth of the Royal Prince, destined hereafter to succeed to the glorious heritage of which your Majesty is now, and we trust may be for many years to come, the possessor.

Given in special Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, London, this 6th day of July, 1894.

LATHOM, Pro Grand Master.

F. A. PHILBRICK, Grand Registrar.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE, Dep. Grand Master

EDW. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary.

To his Royal Highness, Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c.
Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

We, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers, and brethren in special communication assembled desire most respectfully to offer to your Royal Highness as the head of our Order, our hearty and sincere congratulations on the birth of a son and heir to your Royal Highness's son the Duke of York, and to express for ourselves and on behalf of the entire Fraternity the feelings of satisfaction and joy which this happy event has caused to us in common with all our fellow subjects in the realm.

The sentiments of loyal attachment to the throne and to the Royal Family which happily prevail throughout the kingdom, are held by no class of the community with greater unanimity and concord than by the ancient Fraternity over which your Royal Highness has so long and auspiciously presided, and which, in recent years has so signally increased and prospered.

That the Great Architect of the Universe may be pleased to preserve and bless the Royal Infant born in direct course of descent to the great heritage of the affection of a free and united nation, and that your Royal Highness may long live to preside over our Order is our most earnest and heartfelt prayer.

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I now formally move that these addresses be engrossed and presented in due course to her Majesty and the Prince of Wales. (Applause.)

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren,—I need add nothing to what has been said, and so well said by the Pro Grand Master, upon a subject which, as one of the addresses expresses it, is a matter of heartfelt rejoicing, not only to all the members of our Craft, but to all the subjects of the Queen. Loyalty and affection to her Majesty and our Grand Master, and, may I add, to our country as well, combine to make us join in these addresses, knowing that the event to which they refer is one which is not only of ordinary interest to the Royal personages to whom our congratulations are offered, but to the long stability of our national institutions, and which we hope will for many many years to come last under the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe and be a blessing to our country when our children's children are grown up. I feel sure that there is not a Mason present here in this hall, or one outside its walls among the many thousands represented by this Grand Lodge, who will not feel that the words of those addresses you have heard read express his own feelings, his own words, and his own hopes. Therefore I have not the slightest hesitation in seconding the motion of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master that those addresses be presented to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY: As a Past Grand Officer of the Victorian Constitution may I be permitted to say that the graceful words which have fallen from the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master will, I am confident, be received and echoed through the whole of the Colony of Victoria. The brethren composing that Grand Lodge are not forgetful that his Royal Highness the Grand Master is the Grand Patron of Victorian Masonry.

The motion was then unanimously agreed to, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The Mark Masons will hold a meeting with a similar object next Thursday.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR WALTER ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 2513.

The latest addition to the roll of the Order took place on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when the above lodge was consecrated by Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Secretary, assisted by Bros. Perceval Nairne, P.G.D., as S.W.; Frederick Hilton, A.G.P., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; F. Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and R. J. Voisey, P.M., as I.G.

The founders are all members of St. John's College, Battersea, viz., Bros. Vincent T. Murché, P.M., M.E.Z., W.M. designate; John J. White, P.M., S.W. designate; J. Moore-Smith, J.W. designate; R. F. Macdonald, Rev. St. Clare Hill, G. Collar, T. E. Dexter, Arthur C. Rogers, and F. W. Westaway.

The visitors were—

Bros. F. J. Murphy, D.D.G.M. Argentine Republic; Thos. Roe, P.M. 1641; H. Hardman, P.M. 606, Sec. 1329; R. Elgar; G. Lewis Henderson, 1641; Boulton, I.P.M. 229, P.S.G.D. Essex; R. C. Davis, P.M. 2266; A. Pellew, 1963; J. Osterstock, W.M. 2266; J. Hill, P.M. 1658, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; W. House, 2182; J. Thornhill, W.M. 1329; S. Hague, P.M. 2033, P.G.D. of C. Middx.; R. J. Vincent, W.M. 1641; C. V. Burgess, P.M. 206, W.M. 2369; G. E. King, S.W. 1641; W. M. Mallinson, 1329; Geo. Rankin, 1641; W. H. Harper, W.M. 2182; C. J. Hayes, S.W. 1475; C. H. Stone, P.M. 507; Wm. Donaldson, S.W. 1963; B. C. Hastrell, 1603; G. Gill, P.M. 1963; Hy. Sadler, Grand Tyler; F. W. Williams, P.M. 101; W. T. Berry; R. Greenwood, P.M. 1641; G. M. Hamilton, P.M. 1641 and 1446; Dr. Wm. Cock, P.M. 1597, P.P. G.S.B. Middx.; Wm. Briant, J.D. 1641; E. Roberts, 1348; W. A. Leaming, 1963; H. Wakerell, 1963; W. J. Spratling, 2033; W. T. Snell, S.D. 1818; and Whiteman, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressing the brethren in a few appropriate remarks, said that it was almost unnecessary to account for his attendance, but considering the welfare of the Craft, and the application of several worthy brethren to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to grant a warrant to found a new lodge, to be called the Sir Walter St. John Lodge, his Royal Highness had most graciously acceded to the request, and he was present to consecrate and dedicate the same. The founders were charged with a most solemn duty—that of educating the young, and he was sure their duty would as faithfully be

carried out in the lodge. He and the other Grand Officers wished them every prosperity.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER next called upon the Chaplain for the benefit of prayer.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the CHAPLAIN delivered the following oration :

One of the great objects of our Fraternity, whether operative or speculative, has always been to live and work, not for self, but for others. It is, therefore, with special pleasure that we welcome to-day a new lodge, founded by men who are, or who have been, engaged in a work which is specially stamped with this Masonic principle : the work of giving to the children of the masses an education which will teach them their duty to God and to man. A bishop of the English Church, preaching at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1810, horrified his hearers by telling them that a large majority of the children of the English poor were growing up without any religious education. At first the public would hardly believe the statement, but the foundation of the National Society in the following year led to the collection of statistics, which proved that the statement was in no degree exaggerated. The College of St. John's, Battersea, with which this lodge is so closely connected, has been one of the principal means of altering a state of things which was a disgrace to a Christian country. It is impossible to over-estimate the quiet, unobtrusive work which has now been done for many years by those, who from this and other Training Colleges, have gone out into the world, on a work which is in every sense a great and noble one, the work of winning children to God. It is a work which can only be done by religious teachers. It is a work distinctly in accord with every principle of our Order. The English soldier and sailor has done his duty in a manner unsurpassed by the armies and navies of any other country, because he has known the meaning of the words truth and duty. Where have the masses of the English had the opportunity of learning what these two words, "duty" and "truth" are, and what they mean? I honestly believe that nine-tenths of the teaching which has secured so fair a fame for the English nation is owing to the work done in our national schools, and the work, thank God, is still going on. Be it said to the honour of the English teachers that children, although coming from homes in many of which they have very little religious training, yet still are welcomed in our schools. We see in them the rough ashlar which we have to make, God helping us, into a stone worthy of His acceptance. Men who have done, and are daily doing this, do well to come into our Order, and we wish God-speed to-night to their new Masonic "home."

The ceremony, which included several anthems, was concluded, and the lodge solemnly dedicated and constituted.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER next inducted into the chair the W.M. designate, Bro. V. T. Murché, who invested his officers as follows : Bros. J. J. White, P.M., S.W.; J. Moore-Smith, J.W.; R. F. Macdonald, Treas.; the Rev. St. Clare Hill, Sec.; G. Collar, S.D.; T. E. Dexter, J.D.; A. C. Rogers, I.G.; and Whiteman, Tyler.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER rose, and in eulogistic terms proposed the CONSECRATING OFFICERS honorary members of the lodge, which was most graciously accepted in the name of all by Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec. Propositions of seven candidates for initiation were handed in to the Secretary for the next meeting.

The banquet ended, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER in most appropriate terms, specially dilating upon the auspicious event of the birth of the young Prince, gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received right loyally.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER took the opportunity of acknowledging the uniform courtesy and consideration he had received from the Grand Secretary in arranging the preliminaries for that meeting. He also publicly thanked Bro. Nairne, P.G.D., for the great interest he had from the first taken in the projected new lodge, and the material help he had given the founders in carrying their project to fruition.

Suitable allusion was also made to the appearance, for the first time in that capacity, of Bros. F. Hilton, A.G.P. No two appointments to Grand Lodge honours could have been better merited, or have given greater satisfaction than those of Bros. Nairne and Hilton.

In reply, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Secretary, said he very deeply regretted that their Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Brownrigg, was obliged to leave, for he was such an admirable speaker. Nevertheless, he thanked the brethren for the most hearty reception of the toast of the Grand Officers. Really they always received such kindness wherever they went, that it was a pleasure to perform any ceremony. In their Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, they had a most ardent worker, and also in the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, a most enthusiastic Mason. All the Grand Officers appreciated the position they were placed in, and nothing gave them greater pleasure than to do their respective duties in return for the honour done them in being elected as Grand Officers.

Bro. Nairne said he was very gratified in being called upon to reply, as nothing had given him greater pleasure than to forward the application for a warrant for the lodge.

The toast of "The CONSECRATING OFFICERS" followed. The W.M. said after thanking the Grand Secretary and those distinguished brethren who had assisted in the ceremony, remembered that Bro. Letchworth in a conversation with him had said that he looked upon the consecration ceremony as a most solemn service, and was unwilling to have anything done that could detract in the smallest way from its solemnity. The Grand Secretary had, in his own person, and by his own bearing and conduct of the ceremony, been the best exponent of his own exalted views. The CONSECRATING OFFICERS had that day brought that new lodge into existence, and it must be the part of the founders so to manage their household in the future as never to cause those officers to blush for the work they had done.

Bro. LETCHWORTH returned his warmest thanks on behalf of the CONSECRATING OFFICERS which had been presented in such exceedingly kind terms, specially on behalf of Bro. Brownrigg, whose absence he regretted, as his heart was most cordially and sympathetically given to the work connected with St. John's College. On behalf of himself he had no greater pleasure than in performing the duties of consecration of a lodge connected with that institution for his early years were spent in connection with it, and his father's dearest friend was the former Principal. Before sitting down, the Grand Secretary said a most pleasing duty devolved upon him to present the toast of "The W.M.," whom he was greatly pleased to have inducted into the chair, he having already most ably filled the chair of W.M. of the Duke of Albany Lodge. He congratulated most heartily the lodge in having a brother so well able to rule and govern during the most critical part of the history of the lodge.

In reply, Bro. MURCHE said : Very Worshipful Bro. Secretary,—I scarce know how to sufficiently thank you for such flattering remarks. I certainly am going to do the very best I can for the lodge. The Grand Secretary has said very great things about me, and I shall be glad if the future bears out all that he has said. It will be my endeavour to so work the helm, and it

will be my proud privilege so to steer the vessel, that my very good second in command can bear it on even more successfully. He most cordially thanked the Grand Secretary for such kind expressions towards him.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially presented, and responded to by Bros. VINCENT, W.M. 1041; BANNISTER, W.M. 1963; OSTERSTOCK, W.M. 2266; HARPER, W.M. 2182; THORNHILL, W.M. 1329; MORPHY, Deputy Dist. G.M. Argentine Republic; and ROE, P.M. 1641.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," whom he said he was very proud of. He most heartily thanked them all for their able assistance rendered in the formation of the lodge.

The whole of the officers replied, pledging to do their utmost for the lodge.

The musical arrangements were most ably carried out by Bro. Harper, W.M. 2182, assisted by Bros. R. J. Voisey, R. J. Vincent, Hastwell, Collar, Wakerwell, and Rankin. Bro. Harper presided at the piano.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE TRINITY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 254, COVENTRY.

The above chapter was duly consecrated on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Queen's Hotel, Coventry. There was a large attendance of Royal Arch companions of the province and from Staffordshire. Comp. J. T. Collins, Prov. G.H., Past A.G.D.C. of England, was the CONSECRATING OFFICER. There was a large number of companions present.

The PROV. G.H. addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting and expressed a hope that as there were three lodges in Coventry the new chapter would be well supported, especially as it had for founders companions who took such interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and who were such experts at the ritual.

The companions of the new chapter were arranged in order.

The Prov. Grand Scribe E., Comp. F. G. SWINDEX, P.Z., read the petition.

The Prov. Grand Reg., Comp. BODDINGTON, P.Z., read the charter.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER inquired if the companions approved of the officers who were nominated in the charter to preside over them.

They signified their assent in the usual manner.

Comp. the Rev. TREVOR PARKINS, M.A., P.P.G.J., delivered the oration as follows :

It cannot fail to be a subject of deep satisfaction to all the members of our Order that a fresh centre of Masonic activity is to be inaugurated to-day, and I am sure that I am but giving expression to the sentiment which is common to all present here, when I fondly anticipate a bright feature of much usefulness for the chapter we are now about to consecrate. By a recent alteration in our Regulations, as you are perhaps aware, a Master Mason of one month's standing is now qualified for election as a companion of our Order, and, while I hesitate to hastily deprecate a change which promises to add largely to the number of our recruits, I would most strongly urge the avoidance of all excessive haste; while, therefore, we may freely invite all Master Masons of proved worth to join our ranks, no desire for mere numerical increase should lead us to sacrifice that higher standard of moral and Masonic excellence which has thus far been our aim. You will hardly expect me in the short period to which my remarks must be confined to go deeply into the history of our Order, and trace the gradual development of the more speculative and higher branches of Masonry; but there is one special point in the nature of Royal Arch Masonry which differentiates it widely from the previous Degrees, and lends to it, if possible, a still more exalted position in our estimation. Not to dogmatise too strongly, I would say that, while the three first Degrees treat of man's duties mainly in regard to his fellowmen, Arch Masonry brings into greater prominence the duties we owe to God; and, while the former are the guide of social conduct, the latter teaches man his true relation to Jehovah and his obligation to serve Him and to love Him with all his heart and mind and strength. In this Degree our primary object is the worship of Almighty God, and it is our relation to Him which gives its sanction to our conduct towards our fellowmen. The life of every man may be viewed from two aspects—from the one he is a citizen of this world; from the other he is the adopted child of God's mercy. Each view represents a portion of man's nature, and the higher and more spiritual side of our being is too apt to be forgotten. In the din and clash of the modern struggle for existence, our spiritual nature is apt to be neglected; we forget that man does not live by bread alone; that we are all God's offspring, immortal beings, sent into this world's training school to be fitted for a higher existence; not mere hucksters in the market-place of life. It is this view of life and life's responsibility which this Supreme Degree appears to me to so specially illustrate and enforce. Will you allow me to command to your liberal sympathies the Warwickshire Pupils' Aid and Benevolent Fund, for which your alms will be solicited. To aid those of our brethren who have suffered from the stings and arrows of outrageous fortune, to lighten the dark lot of the widow, to provide for the due training of the orphan, to lighten, as far as may be, the weary burdens of undeserved poverty, to rob the cup of suffering of something of its bitterness, to soothe the cradle of declining age, and to equip the young for the battlefield of life. These, surely, are objects which need no words of mine to commend them to the sympathy of the companions of our Order, who, by aiding their fellows, will best illustrate their devotion to that benevolent and loving Master, whose divine compassion we can thus faintly imitate, and whose tender mercies are over all His works.

This was followed by the hymn of invocation, and the dedication prayer by Comp. the Rev. TREVOR PARKINS, M.A., P.P.G.J.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER delivered the invocation, and the usual ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the work being highly appreciated. The D. of C., Comp. Jas. Rooker, P.Z. 587, was ably supported by Comp. A. J. Lawrence, P.Z. 502, Prov. A.G.D.C., who gave every assistance that was needful.

During the singing of the closing hymn, the collection was made in aid of the Warwickshire Pupils' Aid and Benevolent Fund, and resulted in £5 17s. 6d. being handed to that fund.

The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Comp. F. H. Bell, P.Z. 938, Prov. G. Org.

The Principals of the new chapter are Comps. A. E. Fridlander, P.Z., P.P.G.J., M.E.Z.; Dr. E. Lynes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.B., H.; and W. R. Coate, Prov. A.G.S.E., J.; and the officers : Comps. F. G. Swinden, P.Z. 587, M.E.Z. 739, Prov. G.S.E., I.P.Z.; John Astley, P.Z. 1630, S.E.; Dr. C. Davidson, S.N.; M. J. Davies, P.Z. 1630, P.S.; Rev. Canon Beaumont, P.Z. 1630, D.C.; Major W. F. Wyley, Treas.; and G. J. C. Graham, 1st A.S.

The Provincial Grand Chapter being closed, was followed by a very recherché dinner, which the Provincial Grand Officers, members, and visitors partook, and brought a most interesting ceremony to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Cups Hotel, Colchester, on Monday, the 2nd inst., under the banner of the Constantine Lodge, No. 145. Amongst those present were—

Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.M.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; Sir Francis C. M. Boileau, P.S.G.W.; Geo. Graveley, P.J.G.W.; W. Shurmer, P.S.G.O.; E. Sparks, P.J.G.O.; Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar, P.G. Chap.; J. M. Harvey, P.G. Sec.; E. C. Wills, P.J.G.D.; J. C. Yates, P.G.D.C.; S. D. Abblit, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Purchas, P.G.I. of W.; F. C. Atkinson, P.G.S.B.; L. H. Blake, P.G. Org.; W. F. Stratford, P.G. Steward; J. Hewett, P.G. Tyler; C. N. Tracy, P.P.S.G.W.; A. J. H. Ward, P.G. Reg.; J. P. Lewin, P.P.G. Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.G.D. England; M. W. Meade, P.A.G.I.G. England; and others.

After the reading of the minutes of the special Prov. Grand Lodge, held immediately after the death of Lady Henniker,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, referring to the vote of condolence then passed, expressed his gratitude for the sympathy extended to him in what was rightly described by Bro. Martyn as the greatest sorrow that could befall a man. Their expression of sympathy touched him very much, and to a great extent softened his sorrow. He bowed, he hoped, in all humility to the will of the G.A.O.T.U., and prayed that He would help him to bear his trouble as a Christian and a Mason should do, with fortitude and resignation.

Some discussion arose with reference to the fines imposed upon the lodges which were not represented at the last annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge.

These, it appeared, had not been paid, and the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY explained that he had not pressed for payment because of the alteration which was made in the date of the holding of the meeting.

Ultimately, on the suggestion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, it was agreed that last year's fines should be remitted, but that in respect both to the lodges and the officers, the penalties for non-attendance would in future be strictly enforced.

On the roll of the lodges being called, it was found that all were represented except the Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 112, which the Prov. Grand Master remarked would be fined as a matter of course.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, departing from the business on the agenda, proposed that a letter of congratulation be forwarded on behalf of Prov. G. Lodge to the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of York on the occasion of the birth of a future heir to the Throne. He only hoped that the Duke of York's son would follow the good example set him by the Royal Family, and might not only be spared to carry out his public duties with the same unremitting zeal as their Grand Master had done, but that he would add to the happiness and pride of our great country.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which showed that the present number of members on the books of the province was 358, an increase of 14 on the number last year. The deaths, exclusions, and resignations exceeded the additions by 20, and if it had not been for the addition of two new lodges, there would have been a small decrease in the members. The financial state of the province was satisfactory.

On the motion of Bro. Sir FRANCIS BOILEAU, seconded by Bro. TRACY, the report was adopted.

On the proposition of Bro. TRACY, seconded by Bro. LEWIN, Bro. T. J. Ralling was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had an announcement to make which he was sure would be received with great regret. At last he had been compelled to give way to Bro. Martyn's importunities, and release him from the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. He was sure they were all very sorry for it, but he did not think it would be right for him to press Bro. Martyn any further, because living so far away from the province as he did, he felt that he could not discharge the duties of his office to his own satisfaction. Personally, he (Lord Henniker) was extremely sorry, because Bro. Martyn was one of his oldest and greatest friends, but it was some satisfaction to feel that, although relieved from office, he was still a member of Provincial Grand Lodge of East Anglia, so that they might hope to see him amongst them at their annual meetings.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN said it was really with the most unfeigned regret that he felt compelled to ask the Prov. Grand Master to release him from the office he now held. For some time past he had felt that the duties of D.P.G.M. of East Anglia had been unavoidably neglected, not through any fault of his own, but because, living right away in Gloucestershire, it was utterly impossible for him to come amongst them as often as he could wish. For this reason he last year asked the Prov. Grand Master to allow him to resign the office, but with kindness which was so characteristic of him he said he could not possibly let him off, at least for a year, and therefore he held on, but he felt he could not perform his duties to his own satisfaction, or to the satisfaction of the province, and therefore he again pressed Lord Henniker to be good enough to allow him to retire, and to appoint in his stead one who would be able to discharge the duties far better than he had been able to do. He had been D.P.G.M. ever since the province of East Anglia was formed, and had always received the greatest kindness and consideration from everyone with whom he had come in contact. He thanked them all from the bottom of his heart for all their past kindness and forbearance, and he assured them that he should look upon his connection with the province as one of the happiest remembrances in his not altogether unhappy life.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he ought to say that in his own mind he attributed whatever success had attended his governance of the Province of East Anglia to the wise counsel he had always received from Bro. Martyn.

The Prov. Grand Master then formally appointed as Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, Bart., P.S.G.W., who took the obligation, and was invested with the collar and jewel of the office.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BOILEAU briefly acknowledged the honour that had been conferred upon him, and expressed his determination to carry out the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

The Prov. G.M. then invested the other Prov. Grand Officers as under:

Bro. J. J. C. Turner	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. P. Suthery	Prov. J.G.W.
" C. D. Leach...	Prov. G.M.O.
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Bro. J. Moore Smith	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
" J. M. Harvey	Prov. G. Sec.
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" E. Sparke	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" John Fuller	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. H. Salter	Prov. G. Stewards.
" Sir W. Abdy, Bart.	Prov. G. Stewards.
" R. Galpin	Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Hewitt	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. TRACY said they could not allow that occasion to pass without a formal recognition of the great services Bro. Martyn had long rendered to the province. While he (Bro. Tracy) acted as Prov. Grand Secretary he was brought into intimate connection with Bro. Martyn, and knew how thoroughly he considered the interests of the brethren in the province. He was filled with an earnest determination to do his duty, and the whole province had received the greatest possible benefit from his services. Bro. Tracy then formally proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the services he has rendered to the province during the past 12 years.

Bro. GEORGE ABBOTT, as one of the first officers of the province, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN briefly replied. He again thanked the brethren for all the kindness he had received at their hands, and assured Sir Francis Boileau that he should at all times be most happy to do all that he could to assist him in the discharge of his duties.

Lord HENNIKER, in his address to the brethren, said he thought they might congratulate themselves on the fact that during the 12 years the Province of East Anglia had been established they had been holding their own very well, and, considering that they were, to a very large extent, in a purely agricultural district, he thought they might say that they were in a flourishing condition. In the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, he thanked Bro. Turner and the members of the Constantine Lodge for the handsome and liberal manner in which they had entertained them. Lord Henniker, in conclusion, asked the brethren to excuse his attendance at the banquet, over which he had asked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, to preside.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Cups Hotel.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

At a Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Chapter held at Philadelphia, on the 7th ult., the Grand High Priest appointed Comp. William James Hughan Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

After the reports of Committees and the adoption of the resolutions thereto attached, the Grand Secretary read the following communication from Comp. William J. Hughan:

" Dear Grand Secretary.—As the representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania at the Grand Mark Lodge of England, I have been in the habit of reporting matters of my Grand Chapter that seem worthy of special note. I do so now as to the Mark Degree in particular.

" Until the last few weeks the earliest known reference to the esoteric Mark Degree was the year 1773, viz., in the records of the Craft Lodge, No. 124, at Durham, England.

" Bro. Alexander Howell, of Portsmouth, who is now completing the publication of his history of the Phoenix Lodge of that town, has just come across a cypher in one of the minute books of the Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, which has supplied him with the key to the earliest volume of its records of 1769, all of which is in cypher and never traced until now.

" The cypher is peculiar, and, so far as I know, only met with in this MS., and not being of a regular kind (that is, not running as usual) was not made out previously.

" It is most extraordinary for a whole volume of records to be in cypher, but this is, and begins in the year when the chapter was formed, viz., 1760, and ends in 1786. When I wrote the history of the chapter in 1890, the earliest records then traced were of the year 1787.

" The first entry is as follows: 'At a Royal Arch Chapter held at the George Tavern, in Portsmouth, on first Sept'r, seventeen hundred and sixty-nine; Present—Thomas Dunkerley, Esq., William Cook, 'Z.,' Samuel Palmer, 'H.,' Thomas Scanville, 'J.,' Henry Dean, Philip Jones and Thomas Webb. The 'Pro. G. M.,' Thomas Dunkerley, bro't the Warrant of the Chapter, and having lately rec'd the 'Mark' he made the Bre'n 'Mark Masons' and 'Mark Masters,' and each chuse their Mark (&c.). He also told us of this man'r of writing, which is to be used in the degree, which we may give to others, so they be F.C. for Mark Masons and Master M. for Mark Masters.'

" Like all the early records respecting the Mark Degree, this proves there were two ceremonies, the 'Mark Man' or Mason for Fellow Crafts, and the 'Mark Master' for the Master Masons; and as it is also the first and only time that Dunkerley's name is found in connection with the Mark, the minute is of great value and importance.

" I still hope for earlier notices of the Degree, especially as in print and MS. we can now trace the Royal Arch back to the fifth decade of the last century.

" Of course, the antiquity of the Mark as an operative custom is virtually pre-historic. Marks were chosen by speculative as well as operative members of lodges back to the year 1600 by evidence, and doubtless much earlier.

" The last Proceedings of Grand Chapter are most interesting, and the account of the difficulty between England and Quebec, Masonically, is most exactly stated. I wish much that the lodges would join the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and thus settle the matter. But we cannot compel them to do so.

" With compliments to the M.E. Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter,—Believe me, yours fraternally,

" WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,
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We record elsewhere the proceedings which took place at a special Grand Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall this day (Friday) convened for the purpose of voting loyal and dutiful addresses to her Majesty and to the Worshipful Grand Master on the happy event of the birth of a son and heir to the Duke of York. Both the Pro Grand Master and Dep. Grand Master were present. The meeting was attended by a large number of Present and Past Grand Officers as well as Masters and Wardens of lodges, many of whom journeyed from long distances for the purpose.

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The Quarterly General Courts of the two Schools will be held at Freemasons' Hall next week, the Girls' School Court being appointed for Thursday, the 12th instant, at the hour of 12 noon, and that of the Boys' School on the day following, at the hour of 4 p.m. The only business of importance at the two meetings will be the declaration of the number of vacancies to be competed for at the October election and the settlement of the lists of candidates.

The series of Festivals in aid of the Masonic Charities, which commences with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, followed by the Girls' School Festival in May, and the Boys' in June, is very modestly brought to a close by the Mark Benevolent Festival in July. What has been done for the three larger Funds has been duly recorded in our columns, and it only remains for the brethren of the Mark Degree to see to it that it shall, in proportion to its needs and usefulness, not fall short of the success which has been achieved by the other Institutions. More than this its promoters do not ask; they only desire that the good work they have hitherto, by the generosity of the Craft, been able to carry on, shall not suffer for lack of funds.

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The 26th Anniversary Festival will this year be presided over by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire, the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, who will be supported by a Board of Stewards numbering to the present time 148. Last year the subscriptions amounted to £2166 19s. 6d., which was a decided recovery from the small amount announced at the previous Festival. We can hardly hope that on this occasion the Honorary Secretary, Bro. Matier, will have the satisfaction of announcing quite so large an amount, but if a special effort is now made both to increase the number of Stewards and augment the sums on each list, there is still time to present a total that will be fairly representative of the prosperous Degree from which this deserving and well-administered Charity has sprung.

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A new lodge, with the style and title of the Charles Edward Keyser, No. 2518, was consecrated at Hoddesdon, in the Province of Hertfordshire, on Thursday, the 25th ult., the ceremony being performed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., who was assisted by Bro. George E. Lake, D.P.G.M.; Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.D.C., and other Provincial Officers. This is the 22nd lodge on the roll of the Province, and the 14th which has been constituted since Bro. Halsey was installed in office in April, 1874. The new lodge has been ushered into existence under the most favourable auspices. The distinguished brother after whom it is named is the first W.M., and among the founders are several brethren who have done excellent service to the Craft in Hertfordshire. The Charles Edward Keyser Lodge has our heartiest good wishes for a long and prosperous career.

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In one of its early May numbers, the *Australasian Keystone* passes some severe, but, if the facts as given are correct, by no means unmerited, strictures on the conduct of a Sydney Masonic journal entitled *Masonry*. It appears that the permission of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales to publish the proceedings of lodges under its jurisdiction had for some reason or other been withdrawn, and of this withdrawal the editor of *Masonry* had been informed officially by the Deputy Grand Master, who, when the publication of the said journal was in contemplation, had courteously received the editor at his private residence. However, this editor, it would seem, has no respect whatever for privacy, and has since most grossly and scurrilously attacked the Deputy Grand Master, ridiculing him and his private tastes and conversation in a manner most disgraceful to a man who, we may assume, is a man of some education, and holds a decent position in life.

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If conduct of this kind were left uncensured, that freedom of intercourse among men which is one of the delights of civilisation would become impossible. No one is justified in publicly repeating private conversation, and still less is he justified in violating those unwritten laws of hospitality which are as binding on the guest who is received and entertained as they are on the host who receives and entertains him. By setting these laws at defiance the Editor of this *Masonry* of Sydney, New South Wales, has brought himself into public contempt, and we rejoice that our respected contemporary, of Melbourne, has spoken its mind so freely respecting conduct which must be abhorrent to all decent and well-disposed people.

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The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Free-masonry of Western India held its annual convocation at Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 29th March, under the presidency of Comp. K. R. Cama, the Grand Superintendent, when the office-bearers for the ensuing year were obligated and invested. Among them was Comp. J. W. Smith, whom Comp. Cama had re-appointed his Deputy Grand Z. and of whom he spoke as his successor in the near future to the important office of Grand Superintendent.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your excellent report of the recent Festival of this Institution it is recorded that £293 11s. was the amount contributed by North and East Yorkshire. It seems only fair to state that this Province was heavily handicapped by the fact of its Triennial Educational Festival having just been held in May, when £500 was raised. Had the Boys' Festival, under the presidency of the esteemed Prov. Grand Master of our sister Province, been held in any other year than the present, undoubtedly an equal amount would have been forthcoming, to mark our respect for the Chairman, and in grateful acknowledgment of the many kindnesses received from West Yorkshire.—Yours fraternally,

M. C. PECK,

Prov. Grand Secretary North and East Yorkshire.

June 30th.

R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your last issue a letter appears from Bro. Dixon asking for some information respecting my remarks in the fifth paragraph of my letter of 28th May.

In speaking of the then forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School I urged my brethren in East Lancashire to do their utmost for this particular Festival, because up to that date we were very miserably represented.

I pointed out the growing demands on each of the London Institutions and the number of candidates which are annually unsuccessful.

Three cases came before the various Committees, with the usual unfortunate phrase, "Died and left his family totally unprovided for." How often does this not come as a great surprise to all who know the brother in question. Whilst living he was a generous, kind-hearted father, husband, and brother Mason; but when the end comes we find that, although he always conducted himself properly, lived creditably and respectably, still he could not afford to insure his life for, say, £500, which sum would be of the greatest service in bringing the widow and family on in the world on something like the same footing which they were left. As the result of cases like the above, some of our brethren consider we admit the wrong men into our lodges. I contend the instance I have just quoted does not in any way show that he was not a fit man to become a Mason, but, perhaps, quite the contrary. Still, we know this is a very common case indeed, and through such we have annually a larger number of applicants for each of the London Institutions than can possibly be provided for.

It is under these circumstances I was constrained to say in the paragraph Bro. Dixon refers to, "that something more practicable should be done than we have at present to relieve the continued strain upon these Charities."

My suggestion is more self-help, brought by organisation within the reach of all who are Freemasons and who care to avail themselves of such.

What brother would not, if opportunity presented itself, care to take advantage of securing to his widow £400 or £500 on his death at a comparative cost of £1 per centime per annum, with a further chance under the same outlay to secure an annuity of £25 per annum when he is 65 if he be incapacitated. And yet I submit with respect this can very simply be done with the organisation of Freemasonry, and I do not know of any other capable of carrying forward such a movement. If this were set in force and received the sanction of the Board of General Purposes, very soon we should lessen the burden now continually at the doors of the London Charities and stay the chill of disappointment which goes to the heart of many an unsuccessful applicant now.

I must apologise for taking up so much of your valuable space, but I will just state in conclusion that I can demonstrate this to be perfectly free in its action, and perfectly protective in preventing unworthy applicants into Masonry for these benefits.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. BOARD, P.M., P.P.G.D. East Lanes.
Sale, July 3rd.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I can find no reference in the Book of Constitutions to honorary members of a lodge. I should be glad if any brother would tell me (and I know of several brethren who would be glad for information on the subject) what are the qualifications and privileges of such distinction. Is not such a member in opposition to our established usages and customs? Awaiting information,—Yours fraternally,

GAVEL.

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Bro. Captain and Mrs. Henry Wright have invited the brethren of the Alliance Lodge to a garden party at Haversham Grange, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 14th inst.

The Queen leaves Windsor Castle next Wednesday on a visit to Aldershot Camp, and will sleep at the Royal Pavilion, which is being prepared for her reception. Her Majesty is expected to return to Windsor on Thursday.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The presence in London of a large number of brethren from West Yorkshire in connection with the Boys' School Festival at Brighton, was made the occasion of an invitation from the House Committee of the Girls School to visit that Institution on Thursday, the 28th ult. The visitors were received by Bros. Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; Col. James Peters, Trustee; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Treas.; Edward Terry, and the Secretary.

About 70 ladies and brethren were present, among them Mrs. and Miss Bateman Fox, Bros. Wm. Harrop, Sorabjee Navarjee Cooper, W. E. Cawthorn, Herbert Green, Prov. G. Sec., West Yorks; A. W. Duret; Bro. and Mrs. G. H. Parke; Bro. Wm. Gaukroger; Major Forbes (Inniskilling Dragoons), Bro., Mrs., and Miss Smithson, Miss Terry, Rev. Corrie Jackson, Bro. and Mrs. John Barker, Dr. and Mrs. F. Gordon Brown, Bro. George Heaton, and Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Cowper (North East Yorks).

The company made an inspection of the premises, and afterwards the pupils went through a charming programme of calisthenics, marching, music, and singing.

The Princess of Wales, the Czarevitch, and Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales visited the Gaiety Theatre on Thursday evening, and witnessed the performance of "Madame Sans-Gêne."

On Thursday, the offices of the National Rifle Association were transferred to Bisley Camp for a fortnight for the Prize Meeting commencing next Tuesday. Colonel Ricardo, the camp commandant, and the military staff will take up their duties on Monday.

On Thursday the Duke of Cambridge opened a bazaar at the Stables' Institute, Newmarket. His Royal Highness was welcomed by Sir John Astley, and expressed the pleasure he felt at being present. Sir John announced an anonymous gift of £100 to the building fund. Countess Cadogan, Lady Fitzgerald, Mrs. Daniel Cooper, and others presided over the stalls. The president, the Rev. J. Littlewood, returned thanks to his Royal Highness.

The fourth series of races of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club took place on Thursday off Ryde, in a pleasant easterly wind, fresh at first, and lighter as the day went on. In the five class Red Lancer (Captain Orr Ewing) took first prize, and Fleur de Lis second. Ferida (Lord Bury), probably the best of this year's 21 raters, was first of her class, Meneen second, and Gareth third. Mehallah (Marquis of Carmarthen) came in first of the ones, Morwena being second, and Estrella third. Wee Win and Spruce took the prizes for halves.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320).—The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing South London lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the 21st ult. There were present Bros. J. Hooper, W.M.; T. R. Cass, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Le Cren, J.W.; W. M. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; E. A. Rice, S.D.; E. Salter, J.D.; W. Wright, I.G.; G. Pike, O.C.; T. Hobley, Org.; Whiteman, Tyler; A. J. Martin, P.M.; J. M. Buckley, P.M.; Dr. Raw, P.M.; T. W. Spence, T. Tucker, T. M. Hale, H. Broadway, E. Morson, A. Smith, W. F. Temple, W. R. King, and H. T. Cornford. Visitors: Bros. F. Dunstan, W.M. 1326; S. H. Hilton, 1622; W. H. Berridge, 441, P.G. Org. Cambridge; A. C. Wood, P.M. 1586; R. Weller, P.M. 1667; G. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; F. Hilton, A.G.P.; R. W. Philpott, P.A.G.P. Kent; W. F. Gummell, P.M. 153; H. Wood, W.M. 101; T. Hampton, P.M. 145; D. Rose, P.M. 73; W. H. Dallimore, P.M. 87; W. H. Edwards, 217; W. Thomson, J.D. 1297; J. Braham, P.M. 72; A. F. Casperd, P.M. 1608; T. Grunnett, P.M., Sec. 1559; H. C. Turner, S.W. 1622; J. H. Pullen, P.M. 1622; W. J. Whittaker, P.M. 1572; A. Tilling, P.M. 765; C. H. Stone, P.M. 507; G. W. Niblett, 1622; S. Mahomed Ali (Light in Adjudhia), 836; Isaac Dunn, P.M. 1622; J. B. Cass, 199; F. C. Simpson, 1564; M. Cutting, 1564; S. J. Derham, W.M. 1622; T. H. Salmon, J.W. 1475; S. W. Ballard, S.D. 1622; J. Loader, P.M., Sec. 1622; J. Sparks, J.W. 720; F. P. Weinel, P.M. 1828; W. Dawson, J.D. 1622; W. Hill, Stwd. 1512; and Frank Williams, P.M. 101.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was presented and adopted, which showed a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The W.M. vacated the chair, and Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M., proceeded to install Bro. T. R. Cass, W.M. elect, who was presented by Bro. J. Hooper, P.M., into the chair in the presence of a Board of 30 Installed Masters. The whole ceremony was rehearsed in a most exemplary manner. The W.M., Bro. T. R. Cass, invested his officers most ably as follows: Bros. J. Hooper, I.P.M.; A. W. Le Cren, S.W.; E. A. Rice, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; G. C. Pike, S.D.; E. Salter, J.D.; W. Wright, I.G.; E. Morson, O.C.; T. G. Hobley and A. Smith, Stewards; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. Bro. H. Cornford was elected a joining member. A candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded for next meeting. A notice of motion was given to present Bro. H. A. Stunt with a jewel, the value not to exceed 10 guineas, for able services rendered to the lodge for many years. A grant was also made to the extent of

10 guineas, and placed upon Bro. J. Hooper's, I.P.M., list, who was a Steward for the Boys' School.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Pearce, the proprietor, which he superintended in his usually good style.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in most appropriate and well-chosen remarks, gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received in a most loyal and cordial manner.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given by the W.M. who said: In introducing this toast to your notice I may, perhaps, be permitted to observe that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has appointed a number of worthy brethren to carry out the duties of Grand Lodge, and those who have had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge can testify to the excellent work of the Pro Grand Master and the other officers. We are honoured to-night by the presence of a Grand Officer who is well known to most of you here, and beloved by all who know him; I refer to our esteemed friend, Bro. Hilton, A.G.P., and in saying that the brilliant services which he has rendered in South London in the cause of Freemasonry deservedly entitle him to the honours he has gained, I carry with me the opinion of the whole of the brethren present.

In reply, Bro. F. Hilton, A.G.P., said: I desire to thank you, W.M., for the way in which you have proposed the toast and the brethren for the unanimous way in which they have received it. In proposing the toast you proposed the Grand Officers, Present and Past. You do honour, I am sure, and rightly, to the Grand Officers of the past who have done so much for the foundation of the ceremonies of which we are so proud. With respect to the Grand Officers of the present, I, of course, am very proud of being a member of that distinguished body, and I need not say that I am and they are endeavouring to follow in the steps of those eminent brethren who have gone before. I am invited here to-night by the Blackheath Lodge, not exactly as a Grand Officer, but as the Preceptor of your Lodge of Instruction, and I thank you heartily for the invitation.

I have reason to be proud of the progress which has been made in that lodge of instruction since it has been formed. We had almost insurmountable difficulties to contend with at first, but we have now attained an uniformity of working which should be the aim of every lodge of instruction. I have been delighted to see the masterly manner in which Bro. Stunt, P.M., installed you, W.M., into the chair, and I shall look forward with great pleasure to your year of office as being one of great credit to yourself, and of satisfaction to every member of your lodge.

The toast of "The W.M." was next presented by the I.P.M. Bro. J. Hooper remarked: I find it difficult to speak of the high character of our W.M. as it should be spoken of, but I have known him and been associated with him in Freemasonry for a number of years, and have looked forward with pleasure to his occupying his present position. I consider that with Bro. Cass in the chair and supported by these officers invested this evening, the Blackheath Lodge is as near perfection to-night as it is possible. With one exception, our W.M. has occupied every position in the lodge, and has always performed whatever duties were required of him with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, said: I have to tender my sincerest thanks to the I.P.M. for the way in which he has been pleased to propose the toast of my health, and the brethren for the generous manner in which they have received it. I must ask you to forgive me, brethren, if words fail me on this occasion to sufficiently thank you for your kind expressions towards myself. Bro. Hooper has referred to my services in the lodge, and I can assure you that reference recalls many pleasant evenings I have spent in this lodge, and I may also add that as I have been in the past so I hope to be in the future.

The toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. H. A. Stunt," was given by the W.M., remarking that he had the honour and privilege of being admitted into Freemasonry by Bro. Stunt, and now had reached that proud position of being installed by him. Bro. Stunt had asked the favour of Bro. Hooper, I.P.M., to allow him the privilege to which the I.P.M. most kindly acceded. He felt that it would have been impossible for any brother to have performed that beautiful ceremony better than Bro. Stunt, and he most heartily thanked him. He trusted the lodge might have for many years to come the valuable assistance of the Installing Master.

In reply, Bro. Stunt, said it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to perform the installation ceremony on the W.M., who was a brother so worthy and one who took the greatest interest in Freemasonry. It was a most important event in the annals of the Blackheath Lodge when it removed to the Bridge House Hotel, and its flourishing condition might be attributed to that fact, and also to the deep interest the W.M. had taken in the lodge from his initiation. It would be his utmost endeavour to perform any service to the lodge, and maintain its present prestige.

The toast of "The Joining Member" was presented by the W.M. in most becoming terms, and heartily responded to by Bro. H. Cornford.

"The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," in terms of great cordiality, remarking that they outnumbered the members of the lodge, which showed the characteristics of the brethren of the Blackheath Lodge, for which he thanked them for inviting such an array upon this auspicious occasion.

This was ably responded to by Bros. Harry Wood, W.M. 101, and S. Derham, W.M. 1622.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed in eloquent terms by the W.M., and was responded to most ably by Bro. H. A. Stunt, Sec.

The W.M. next presented the important toast of "The Past Masters" in most befitting terms, to which Bro. Hooper, I.P.M., most suitably replied, thanking the brethren for the splendid jewel presented for his second year of office.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, the W.M. remarking he had a most brilliant set, and all worthy of their positions.

This was most ably responded to by the Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

The Tyler's toast closed a most successful meeting, and one which marks an epoch in the history of the Blackheath Lodge.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. F. E. Choveaux, who was most efficiently assisted by Miss Julia Jones, Miss Theresa Kelaway, Mr. W. Turner, and Bros. S. J. Derham (flau'ist), Thos. Hobley, H. W. Webb, and Saml. Wright. Bro. Choveaux was the able accompanist. During the banquet a selection of music was plied by Mr. Newton's quadrille band.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHISLEHURST.

Chislehurst Lodge (No. 153).—The 105th meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull Hotel on Saturday, the 23rd ultimo, and owing, no doubt, to the glorious weather and the popularity of the incoming Master, a goodly number of the brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. C. Atte Dettmer, W.M.; Thos. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Hollis, P.M., Treas.; Edward J. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; Wm. White, J.D.; W. Kipps, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Kipps, I.G.; W. Tunstall, Stwd.; R. G. Robinson, I.C.C., Arthur Rawlins, W. J. Kelly, J. Muir Smith, W. R. Ashley, G. N. Tanner, Geo. Proctor, G. H. Dowsett, and J. H. Storey. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Main, P.M. 157; W. J. Wibley, P.M. 229; R. D. Dixon Smith, 2458; G. A. Robinson, 55; R. Fletcher, 1551; W. H. Jarrett, 1662; J. Percy Fitzgerald, 2168; and A. King, 1321.

The lodge was opened, and letters were received from the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Earl Amherst, and Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M., regretting their inability to be present. The heavy work of the lodge was very ably carried out by the W.M., and he was congratulated on all sides upon the impressive way in which the ceremony of installation was performed. Bro. Thomas Smith gave ample proof of the wisdom of the brethren in electing so able a Master for the ensuing year. The way in which he appointed and invested his officers leaves nothing to be desired, and augurs well for the work being thoroughly performed in the future. The new officers appointed were Bros. Nathan Robinson, L.C.C., S.W.; A. J. Perriam, J.W.; Wm. Hollis, P.M., Treas.; Edward J. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; Wm. White, S.D.; W. J. Kipps, J.D.; Wm. Tunstall, I.G.; and Wm. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G.O., I.C.; and one and all gave proof of their worthiness before the lodge was closed.

A very elaborate banquet had been prepared for the brethren and their guests at the Village Hall, under the able management of Bro. G. Whomes, of the Bull Hotel, and gave general satisfaction.

The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Wm. Kipps, P.M., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers" and Bro. Wm. Hollis, P.M., for "The Masonic Charities" in very felicitous terms.

The harmony of the lodge was general, and many of the brethren contributed songs, which greatly added to the *éclat* of the meeting, and when the time for parting arrived all agreed the evening had passed very pleasantly.

LIVERPOOL.

Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—Consecrated in 1780, and accordingly celebrating its centenary 14 years ago, the above lodge has long deservedly held a prominent position in the Province of West Lancashire, its noble deeds of Charity being well known throughout the important Masonic division ruled by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M. and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire. The annual installation meeting of this lodge on the 26th ult. was largely and influentially attended, there being a numerous representation of Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, the last named being headed by the popular Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Goodacre. Bro. B. P. Philpot was installed W.M. with exceptional effectiveness by Bro. Joseph West, the retiring chief, the presentation for this honour being made by Bros. White, P.M., and Brotherton, P.M. The following were appointed officers for 1894-95: Bros. J. West, I.P.M.; Arthur E. Povey, S.W.; William Amos, J.W.; Ralph Robinson, Treas.; William Jennings, Sec.; John Laughton, S.D.; Richard Brown, J.D.; Edward Jones, I.G.; Roger White, P.M., D.C.; R. W. Richards, E. R. Jones, and W. Burgess, Stwd.; and A. B. Ewart, Organist.

An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Capper, P.M., and in the course of the evening a musical programme was given by Bros. Edwards, Sweetman, West, Batty, Shaw, Quilliam, and Ewart. The I.P.M., Bro. West, was the recipient of a Past Master's jewel, a silver tea service, and gold locket, in recognition of his sterling worth and valuable Masonic services.

Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 28th ult. at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when Bro. John Bellingham was duly installed as W.M. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Among the latter present were Bros. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancs.; W. Savage, P.P.G.T.; G. Harradon, P.P.G.T.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Callow, P.P.G.T.; R. G. Bradley, Prov. D.G.D.C.; E. S. Willings, P.P.G.D.; J. Tarbuck, P.M. 2316; J. Shield, P.M. 2294; R. Shacklady, P.M. 249; T. Lawton, P.M. 220; T. W. King, W.M. elect, 823; E. Kite, P.M. 823; P. Armstrong, P.M. 724; A. S. Heath, W.M. 724; T. Bush, W.M. 249; W. Rawsthorne, P.M. 1182; W. Webster, P.M. 1713; T. Burrows, W.M. 2042; J. Scott, W.M. 1570; H. M. Silver, P.M. 1502; W. Spencer, J.W. 823; J. Barrett, J.W. 1325; T. Edwards, J.W. 1380; and C. R. W. Connor, J.W. 2294.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. Bellingham was presented for installation by Bros. W. H. Vevers, P.M., and A. Pederson, P.M., the Installing Masters being Bros. J. Pnelan, P.M., and E. R. Latham, P.M., Charity Representative, who subsequently received the thanks of the brethren for the able manner in which they performed their duties. The following officers were then invested: Bros. E. Smart, I.P.M.; Charles Treuse, S.W.; Fred. Wilkinson, J.W.; Isaac Turner, P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. H. Parkinson, Sec.; J. S. Brien, S.D.; D. C. M'Clave, J.D.; F. Kirsopp, I.G.; W. Hudson, Org.; W. H. Vevers, P.M., D.C.; E. R. Latham, Charity Representative; H. Hinchcliffe, James Ashcroft, C. W. Drury, Dr. H. Dubourg, and Joseph Roberts, Stwd.; and

Thomas Malcolm, Tyler. Before the business of the lodge was concluded, the I.P.M., Bro. Smart, was presented with a costly jewel in recognition of his services.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. C. E. R. had provided an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done.

As a mark of the high esteem in which Bro. Smart was held, the brethren of the lodge subscribed for a presentation to Mrs. Smart, consisting of a pair of valuable bronze figures, which were presented to Bro. Smart on behalf of his wife.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, and an excellent programme rendered.

LIVERPOOL.

Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual festival of St. John took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 27th ultimo, when there was a very numerous assembly of the chiefs of the Order present, the Provincial Grand Lodge being well represented. Bro. Arthur Stanley Heath was installed Worshipful Master with much impressiveness by Bro. T. Hodgson, the retiring chief of the past year. The officers were appointed, as follows: Bros. Thomas P. Hodgson, I.P.M.; G. C. Rosstook, S.W.; John Parry, J.W.; George Beeken, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., Treas.; William Briscoe, Sec.; Philip Armstrong, P.M., D.C.; D. W. L'Amie, S.D.; R. Robinson, J.D.; J. H. Pritchard, I.G.; J. O. Griffiths, Sam Perkins, R. B. Godberhe, and Robert Nelson, Stwd.; William Hudson, Org.; and Williamson was re-elected Tyler. Presentations of a Past Master's jewel, by the lodge, Past Master's apron, collar, and massive silver collar jewel, by private members, and a Past Master's gold charm, by the initiates of the year, were made to Bro. Hodgson as marks of general esteem.

A musical programme was provided by Bros. Antwiss, Busfield, Crickett, Blake, Griffiths, M'Laughlin, Bannister, Parr, and Hudson, accompanist.

The presentations were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

ROMFORD.

Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).—The installation and "coming of age" meeting of the above excellent and flourishing lodge took place on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Corn Exchange, and was a most pleasant and harmonious one, there being present, not only a number of good and true Masons, but the courtesy and liberality of the brethren was in every respect worthy of the lodge and its splendid reputation. The lodge was opened at 3.30, punctually, by Bro. G. W. King, W.M., who proceeded to pass Bro. C. Wood. Bro. W. D. Child, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due course that brother was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted by a properly constituted Board of Installed Masters and then by the brethren in the several Degrees. He invested his officers as follows: Bro. J. W. Armour, S.W.; J. S. Hammond, J.W.; F. A. White, P.M., P.P.G. R.g., Treas.; H. R. Heasman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; J. Spencer, S.D.; J. Boreham, J.D.; G. Paul, I.G.; J. Edwards, Org.; G. Bailey, D.C.; F. A. Stratford, and H. E. Smith, Stwd.; C. H. Woodcock, A.D.C.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. Bro. King then gave the addresses in an eloquent and impressive manner, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and it was further resolved "that a copy of the same be illuminated on vellum, appropriately mounted and framed, and presented to him, for his services as Installing Officer that day." He was subsequently presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, inscribed with "the esteemed respects of the brethren of the lodge," for all and several of which he returned his sincere thanks. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, and Bro. R. Jennings, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee in conjunction with Bro. White, P.M., &c., who has a seat at the Board by virtue of his position as a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c. The report of "The Commemoration Committee," which recommended a festival and jewel to mark the fact of the 21st year of the lodge's existence, and further that a combined effort should be made to make the lodge that year a "Vice-President" of the "Old People's" Institution, were unanimously and cordially received and agreed to, and the lodge was then closed.

The banquet, which was served in the handsome Assembly rooms of the Golden Lion, was above all praise; the fruits, flowers, and all other necessary adjuncts to the copious menu, being fresh from the gardens and grounds of the establishment.

Among the brethren present, not above enumerated, were Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec.; J. P. G. Sec., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Warren, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Burroughs, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Davey, P.M.; J. H. Sharpe, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Jennings, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; H. T. Hardy, P.M.; R. Bull, P.M.; J. Gardener, W. Baker, E. Goodchild, A. Dowsing, G. Hobday, and W. Chalk, of the lodge; R. Stanley, W.M. 2442; F. S. Guy, W.M. 1341; W. Wilshaw, P.M. 1716; H. Wigmore, P.M. 809; W. Roscoe, S.D. 1580; H. Opperman, 1693; Gardener and Wood (unattached), C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; and others.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of the Order," were most enthusiastically and loyally responded to, the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" being sung most heartily by every brother present.

Bro. Ralling, in response to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," paid high testimony to the excellent manner in which the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, carried out their important offices. He earnestly advocated the constant attention of the Master and his Wardens at the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge. They were not placed like many of their brethren in the North of England and other distant places. They were within a snap-shot of London, and should show an example by their constant attendance. There were many interesting subjects that were continually cropping up at Grand Lodge. There was one under notice at the present time, in respect to a warrant, and other questions were constantly occurring that would materially assist them to a knowledge of the arduous and responsible duties that were included in, and were incidental to, the official life of Grand Lodge. He

then spoke of the approaching Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Kelvedon. Sir W. Abdy was the Master of the entertaining lodge, and was strenuously working to make the meeting a great success. He was pleased to be present at their lodge that day; as he saw around him some of the pillars of Masonry in the province, and trusted long to meet them, not only as good working Masons, but as examples of what could be, and is, done for the sublime Charities of the Order.

Bro. Humphreys, in a brilliant and witty speech, returned thanks for "The Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past." He instanced his own earlier misery when he first had to respond to a toast, and in rare vein showed the efforts of others whom he had watched in endeavouring to make a speech at all worthy of the occasion. He eulogised the work of their Prov. Grand Master, and congratulated the province on being ruled by one who had succeeded to the highest honour among the roll of nobles of England. He also congratulated the province on its D.P.G.M. and the whole of their coadjutors, and especially upon their esteemed P.G. Secretary, Bro. Ralling, while, as to those now around him, their virtues were so patent, that he would leave praise of them to the fertile imagination of the brethren.

Bro. Child, W.M., in replying to a hearty reception, said it was 10 years ago when he was initiated into Masonry by Bro. White, and was so impressed by the ceremony that he determined at some future time he would, if possible, occupy the position then so ably held by Bro. White, and try and emulate his splendid working upon that memorable occasion. He was proud of having achieved the position, and they might depend upon it nothing should be wanting on his part to prove himself worthy of their confidence. Now with regard to their 21st anniversary commemoration, it seemed to him that the first grand object of Masonry was Charity, and he intended to combine the toasts of "The Past Masters" with that of "The Charities." The Charity box would go round and he trusted the response would be such as would be not only worthy of the occasion but would be a nucleus around which they would be able to gather a goodly sum for the Charities of the association. He thanked them all, Past Masters, officers, and brethren for their great kindness to him, and trusted, with their assistance, to have a good and prosperous year of office.

Bro. King, P.M., was then presented with a Past Master's jewel amid rounds of applause, and the toast of his "Health as Installing Officer" was drunk most cordially.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bro. Hardy was presented with the testimonial voted to him that day twelve months as a reward for installing his successor, for which he returned his heartfelt thanks.

Bro. White, in responding for "The Past Masters and the Charities" combined, said the Past Masters had done good service for many years past, and had been well assisted by the brethren of the lodge, especially in the Charity organisation. Their first association sent up over a thousand guineas to the Charities; their second, which was not so prosperous, £400; and now their present association was going on well, and hoped to emulate their first. They wanted to make their lodge a Vice-President of the Old People's Charity, and some 30 guineas more paid into that Institution would accomplish their aim. He then entered into a short history of the lodge, and remarked upon its fluctuation, but now it was in a most flourishing condition, and second to none in the province.

Bros. Manning, Hardy, and Heasman also responded, and the Charity-box, supplemented by the generous contributions of some of the brethren, produced the handsome sum of 10 guineas.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of the evening, which was enhanced by the excellent singing of several of the brethren and visitors.

SHEERNESS.

De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Fountain Hotel, Blue Town, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., to install Bro. Lieutenant William Lawrence, Royal Artillery, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Lawrence being a very popular Mason, there was a large attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. S. G. Crampin, the retiring W.M., and the W.M. elect, Bro. Lieut. Lawrence, R.A., having been duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. H. H. Pannell, P.M., appointed and invested his officers, as follows: Bros. G. S. Crampin, I.P.M.; E. C. Milway, S.W.; S. H. Cole, J.W.; W. Norrington, P.M., Treas.; W. Pannell, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W. Sec. and Charity Representative; R. Stannard, S.D.; A. J. Martin, J.D.; S. Thompson, I.G.; A. Christie, Org.; J. Johnson and G. Humphrey, Stwd.; and W. J. Parsons, Tyler. The W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. G. S. Crampin with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of regard as well as to mark the appreciation of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his important duties during the past year. Bro. Crampin suitably acknowledged the high honour paid him.

A vote of thanks having been given to the Installing Master, the W.M. then closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by host Bro. W. Johnson. The tables were laid out with choice fruit and flowers, and presented a most handsome appearance. The host and hostess were warmly eulogised for the able manner in which the banquet had been arranged and carried out.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a social and enjoyable evening was spent.

Bro. H. Pannell proposed "The Health of the W.M." and wished him a prosperous and useful year of office.

The W.M. responded in suitable terms, remarking that he hoped to discharge his duty, not only with credit to himself, but to the satisfaction of the lodge.

Other toasts followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Bros. C. M. Glaysher and E. Black officiated as accompanists to some excellent songs rendered by Bros. Black, Easton, Griffith, Caraco, W. Cole, Newing, Christie, and the W.M. A very pleasant evening terminated by the company singing the National Anthem.

SOUTHPORT.

Fermor Lodge (No. 1313).—The installation of Bro. S. J. Fane as W.M. of this lodge was on Thursday, the 28th ult., performed by Bro. J. F. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C., and the investiture of officers proceeded as follows: Bros. J. G. Emmerson, I.P.M.; W. Morecroft,

S.W. ; J. J. Johnson, J.W. ; Rev. J. Ashby, Chap. ; J. F. Roberts, Treas. ; T. Whitehead, P.P.D.G.C., Sec. ; H. H. W. Kay, S. ; F. G. Moody, J.D. ; T. E. Chambers, D.C. ; J. Joye, I.G. ; J. Wooler, Org. ; W. Hopkinson, E. J. Gadd, T. Grimsditch, and J. H. Ormerod, Stwds. ; and C. Rockliff, Tyler. In the evening, a banquet was served in the Masonic Hall, Eastbank-street, and the customary toasts were musically honoured.

YORK.

Agricola Lodge (No. 1991).—The members of this lodge held their regular meeting on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Castlegate, when there were present Bros. D. Young, W.M. ; Capt. F. Hewson, I.P.M., P.Z., P.D.G.S.D., 18^o ; J. W. Dow, S.W. ; R. Spence, J.W. ; J. H. Hill, Chap. ; J. Booth, Treas. ; James P. Gill, Sec. ; F. M. Woodhams, acting S.D. ; G. H. Stott, J.D. ; A. R. Wood, D. of C. ; W. S. Child, Org. (*pro tem.*) ; J. Riley, I.G. ; J. Buckle, acting Tyler ; Epworth, Buckle, and E. A. Robinson, Stwds. ; J. H. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.P. ; Geo. Minton, P.M., P.G. S.B. ; A. Macdonald, T. D. Stagg, W. H. Barton, J. Press, T. Leetham, W. Abbey, S. Shaw, G. Woolford, H. Masser, T. Thompson, J. S. Burnet, G. Underwood, J. R. Thompson, J. Elders, and R. Rook. Visitors: Bros. F. L. Borgeaud, 1244 ; and C. Wilson, 1611.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. David Young, and after the minutes of the last regular lodge and the lodge of emergency had been confirmed, Mr. Robert Rook, who had been successfully balloted for, was duly admitted and initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., who was supported by the I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Hewson, the J.W., Bro. Spence, and Bro. Hill, Chap., who respectively gave the lecture, working tools, and charge. The W.M. said he had to perform a very pleasant duty, both pleasing to himself and to every member of that lodge. It was to present to a brother, who was respected by them all, namely, Bro. C. Sergt.-Maj. Woodhams, R.E., who was about to leave York for South Africa, on military duty, with a M.M.'s jewel and a testimonial, and he hoped that Bro. Woodhams would accept that gift in the true brotherly-spirit in which they were tendered. The W.M. testified to the good feeling which always emanated from the brother who was taking his departure to foreign lands. He could certainly say that Bro. Woodhams had been very willing at all times to fill any office which he, the W.M., had felt it necessary to call upon him to occupy. He had been a great help both to the regular and the instruction lodges, and he felt that support when the W.M. was for a long time unable to attend to his duties owing to ill-health. Bro. Woodhams had always worked the respective offices, which he frequently filled, very well indeed, and he was personally sorry to lose such a noble and good brother. He and every member would regret his absence from the lodge. He hoped that when he was off duty it would be a source of enjoyment to him to open the scroll, and glance over the members' names, which would bring back to his memory the faces of his brethren. He trusted that whenever Bro. Woodhams went no danger would ensue; that the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him long life, good health, happiness, and a successful career. Bro. Capt. Hewson, I.P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to be present to speak with reference to Bro. Woodhams' leave-taking, and to see such a worthy Mason recognised. He had been of great service to him during his year of office as W.M. He was a true Mason, and his own personal conduct would bear well-deserved testimony. Bro. Jno. Earle Wilkinson, P.M., said that that was the proudest moment of his time in that lodge. He had always taken to Bro. Woodhams since he first shook hands with him, and there had been no testimonial given with more sincerity than that. Bro. Woodhams, in reply, said that his heart was too full to express his feelings properly. He would always prize the jewel and testimonial above everything that he had. He had always tried to do his duty both to himself and to the brethren, and hoped he had given satisfaction. He wished to be pardoned for his brevity, as he was quite overcome with the kindness which had been bestowed upon him. He thanked the I.P.M., Bro. Wilkinson, and all the brethren from the bottom of his heart. The lodge voted 10 guineas to the R.M.I.B., and Bros. David Young and J. H. Robson also gave five guineas each to the same object.

After some other business the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel on the 20th ult., when there were present Comps. A. Toulmin, jun., M.E.Z. ; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.Z., P.P.G.J., as H. ; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P. G.J., J. ; Capt. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C., P.P.G.P.S., S.E. ; C. W. Davis, S.N. ; and G. J. Dunkley, P.Z., P.P.G.O., Org. Comp. J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc., M.A., P.Z. 84, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation, which included a resolution voting 10 guineas to the R.M.I. for Boys, were unanimously confirmed. Comp. Dr. Hinton was unanimously elected a joining member. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. W. J. Hakim, H., and C. Robinson, P.S. Upon the motion of Comp. W. Taylor, seconded by Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, a resolution was unanimously passed congratulating the S.E. upon his promotion to Grand Chapter honours.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, the usual toasts receiving full justice. During the proceedings Comps. Dr. Hinton and G. J. Dunkley greatly entertained the companions by their musical gifts.

Mark Masonry.

Keystone Lodge (No. 3).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern on the 26th ult. Bro. Col. Wyndham Hart, P.M., P.G.S.B., occupied the chair, in the absence of the W.M. The ceremony of installation was then performed by Bro. Major W. E. Williams, P.M., P.G.S., who inducted Bro. Alfred C. Goodinge into the chair. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bros. Clay, S.W. ; Corderoy, J.W. ; W. E. Williams, Treas. ; Hart, Sec. ; Gosling, M.O. ; Morris, S.O. ; Ivey, J.O. ; Sherwood, S.D. ; Hoblyn, J.D. ; Kearsley, I.G. ; and Goddard, Tyler. The lodge was honoured by the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, J.P. ; and Bros. C. F. Matier, G. S. C. ; Alex. Stewart Brown, Prov. G. Sec. ; J. Gabriel, P.M. 244 ; Val Hunter, C.C. ; and others. Letters of regret at absence were received from the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston ; Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. ; and Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.

The lodge adjourned to dinner, when the usual toasts were honoured.

The music was under the direction of Bro. F. A. Jewson, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—A very large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Metropolis was present at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Tuesday evening, the 19th ult., when the ceremony of consecration was rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.G. Swd. Br., &c., and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who was ably supported by Bro. Hemming, P.M. 1287, Preceptor of the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, as S.W. ; Bro. W. Barnes Pendick, P.M. 1321, as J.W. ; Bro. J. H. Price, P.M. 1321, as D.C. ; and Bro. W. F. Bates, P.M. 1507, as I.G.

The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m. by Bro. James Terry, and the ceremony at once proceeded with. Nothing could have been more impressive than the earnest and admirable manner in which the ceremony was given by Bro. Terry, and this was much enhanced by the musical accompaniment so ably rendered by the Organist, Bro. T. Capel Seary, Org. 1985 and 2473, and his vocal assistants. On the conclusion of the consecration ceremony that of installation was proceeded with. Bro. G. E. Grimes, W.M. 1321, being duly installed as W.M., who then appointed and invested his officers. Before the lodge was closed a cordial and hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Terry for his kindness in being present on this occasion, and affording the brethren this splendid Masonic treat, was proposed by Bro. James Hemming, P.M., and carried unanimously.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E., on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. Alf. Atkin, W.M. ; F. Stephens, S.W. ; Morley, J.W. ; Roots, Preceptor ; Bird, Sec. ; Harper, S.D. ; Jackson, J.D. ; Boardman, I.G. ; Tullis, P.M. ; Osmond, P.M. ; Benedict, O'Dea, and F. Williams.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. O'Dea acting as candidate. Bro. Atkin vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Harper. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Atkin having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Atkin being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, after which the lodge was closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.M.).—A meeting of this council was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 15th ult. Among those present were: Bros. W. Vincent, G.D.C., W.M. ; A. McDowall, S.W., W.M. elect ; W. G. Lemon, LL.B., L.C.C., J.P., P.M., as J.W. ; George Powell, Treas. ; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.A.G.D.C., P.M., Sec. ; E. Sweny, S.D. ; Nelson Prower, M.A., D.C. ; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., P.M. ; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A. ; A. W. Humphreys, and E. Mills, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed Bro. A. McDowall was ably installed as W.M. by Bro. W. Vincent. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. G. Graveley, S.W. ; E. L. Shepherd, J.W. ; G. Powell, Treas. ; Capt. Walls, Sec. ; E. Sweny, Conductor ; H. H. Shirley, M.A., S.D. ; L. Steele, J.D. ; Nelson Prower, I.G. ; J. P. Pakes, D.C. ; B. Stewart, Org. ; and E. Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Vincent, and a vote of thanks passed to him as Installing Officer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the resignation of Bro. Frank Richardson, P.D.G.M., was received with much regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M. ; Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, P.M. ; H. J. Lardner, P.M. ; G. Graveley, S.W. ; E. L. Shepherd, J.W. ; H. H. Shirley, M.A., S.D. ; and many others.

The lodge was then closed, and the banquet, held at the Holborn Restaurant, was well attended. The customary toasts were duly honoured.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE T. BROWN, P.M. and P.Z. 65.

The death of this prominent member of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, occurred rather suddenly on the 26th ult., at his residence in Great College-street. Initiated in the above lodge in 1871 he was called by a sudden emergency in 1875 to fill the office of Secretary, and he continued to hold the same (with the exception of the two years required for the chairs of S.W. and W.M.) up to the time of his death; no trouble was too much for him and he was always at the service of his lodge. An ardent worker and Steward for all the three Charities, he conducted several Charity Associations, thereby raising large amounts which otherwise might never have been collected. He was also the prime mover, founder, and the first M.E.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter attached to 65, and his loss is now deeply deplored by his widow, family, and the brethren of his lodge.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Never was a finer or more successful ex-pupils day than took place at this Institution on Saturday last. A large number of those who had received their education here arrived during the afternoon and were cordially received by Bros. Frank Richardson (Chairman of the month), J. H. Matthews, C. Hammerton, and Sir John Monckton (members of the House Committee), and by Miss Davis, Miss Buck, and the Staff of the School. After an early tea, lawn tennis and other games were indulged in and the evening concluded with a dance, and music, and supper, most of the visitors remaining to prayers.

On Monday the Crystal Palace treat to the children took place, provided by the thoughtful kindness of the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival out of their own funds, and it is needless to say was enjoyed to the full by the little people. The School separates this week for the usual summer holidays after a half year of thorough success in every direction.

MASONIC SERVICE.

On Sunday evening, the 10th ult., the pretty little church at Deeping St. Nicholas, near Spalding, was the scene of a goodly gathering of the brethren of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, Spalding, who had journeyed there to a Masonic service to which they had been invited by the vicar, Bro. Rev. W. Benson, who is also Chaplain of the lodge, and he, together with the W.M., Bro. J. E. West, and Bro. G. F. Barrell, Prov. G.D.C., as well as D.C. of the local lodge, were responsible for the arrangements for the service, which proved highly satisfactory to the brethren and friends present, despite the unpropitious weather which prevailed until late in the afternoon.

Crowds of the inhabitants of the village and visitors filled the church to overflowing. Representatives were present from the lodges at Bourne and Peterborough, also Bro. Barrell, P.J.G.W. Kent, consequently when the procession was formed, the brethren numbered over 50, and, including the choir and clergy, numbered close upon a hundred. The purple of the brethren in the higher walks of Masonry caused the procession to be of a very imposing character. This started from the vicarage for the church singing the processional hymn, "Onward, Christian soldiers," and after reaching their places in the church came the Masonic hymn, "Hail, Eternal, by Whose aid."

Bro. Rev. R. G. Ash, J.W., P.P.G.C., rendered the first part of the service, and Bro. the Rev. Benson took the second part. The first lesson was read by Bro. J. E. West, W.M., and the second lesson by Bro. G. F. Barrell, D.C. The special Psalms were 84, 96, and 148, and the anthem "I waited for the Lord," from Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," the duet being exceptionally well sung by Mrs. Brodgen and Mrs. Linnell. The singing of the anthem was truly a most artistic effort, and spoke volumes for the vocal ability of those concerned.

The choir was augmented by members from other churches, notably Bourne, Peacock, and Market Deeping, but especially from the choir of the Spalding Parish Church; the success of whose efforts, which proved a musical treat, was mainly owing to Bro. W. J. Price, Organist of Spalding Parish Church, who so kindly undertook the training of the special choir. Bro. T. P. Holland, Lodge Organist, very ably presided at the organ.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Benson from I. Kings V, 17 v. : "And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house," and, both from a Masonic and public point of view, was an exceptionally able and remarkable discourse.

The singing of the retrocessional hymn, "Saviour, blessed Saviour," brought to a conclusion one of the most striking and interesting services ever held at Deeping St. Nicholas.

Scotland.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A quarterly communication of this body was held in Edinburgh on the 20th ult., Comp. Jas. Dalrymple Duncan, presiding. The other Principals present were Comps. Major F. W. Allan and C. C. Nisbet, Stwd. There was a large attendance, and during the course of the proceedings it was announced that Comp. Major Allan had been appointed Proxy Prov. Grand Superintendent of Western India, and congratulations were given from the chair to Comp. Major Allan on having been appointed to this high office, and to the Grand Chapter on having secured the services of so eminent and able a Mason as Comp. Major Allan.

Sanction was given to alterations in the by-laws of several chapters, and to a scheme for a benevolent fund in connection with Chapter St. Andrew, No. 69, Glasgow.

A hope was expressed from the chair that other chapters would follow in the lines of St. Andrew, and Comp. Major ALLAN, as Prov. Grand Superintendent of the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire, within which St. Andrew holds, expressed his gratification at this step on the part of a chapter which was coming very much to the front and rising in importance.

The other business was routine.

HOSTEL OF S. LUKE.

Some eighteen months ago Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M., P.D.G. Chap. New Zealand, founded in London a small nursing home for Medical and Surgical Cases for the clergy, their wives, and children. A General Council was formed, and an influential Committee appointed; on these bodies the names of many well known brethren are to be found—Bros. the Dean of York, W. Sinclair, Archdeacon of London, Dr. H. Courtney Atwood, Rev. John Kingston, R.N., Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, and Lord Theobald Butler, and others. An honorary staff of leading physicians and surgeons volunteered their services, amongst whom also the members of the Craft are prominent.

The Bishop of LONDON became president of the institution from the first, as he said, "There could be no question at all about the need of an institution of the kind," and after the first annual meeting his lordship authorised this recommendation to be printed and circulated: "I warmly recommend the Hostel of S. Luke to the support of all who feel an interest in the ministry of the Gospel.—F. LONDON, April, 1894."

Upwards of 50 cases have been already received, and medical or surgical treatment, with nursing and medicine provided free for those whose means did not enable them to pay the ordinary fees, for the others from 10s. to £2 2s. a week covered all expenses. No. 7 on the lists of patients received was an aged brother, described as, "Aged vicar, invalid and unable to meet the expenses of medical treatment; twenty years vicar, married, three children; gross income £102 with a house and two acres glebe. Admitted free patient, discharged cured in 24 days."

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Bro. Cannon W. H. Cooper, the Hon. Secretary, whose address is, the Church House, Dean Yard, Westminster, S.W., will be glad to give any information, and send the necessary paper for applying for admission, to anyone writing to him. He would particularly beg the brethren to let him know of any cases requiring help, and he asks for the co-operation of the Chaplains of the Craft.

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The following lists and additions to lists have been received since our report of last week:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
1278 Bro. W. Tove, new list	45	6	0	
2108 E. W. Dennis, new list	31	10	0	
Com. Din. } Bro. J. M. McLeod, additional	3	3	0	
(raising his list to £66 3s.)				
Unattached—Bro. W. S. Emden, additional	10	10	0	
(raising his list to £21.)				
PROVINCES.				
BERKS.				
*Miss Violet E. M. Galt (new list)	—	—	—	
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.				
Chapter	2262 Comp. J. Hattersley, additional	4	10	0
(raising his list to £120)				
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.				
Lodge	89 Bro. E. J. Elworthy, additional	10	10	0
(raising his list to £80 5s.)				
ESSEX.				
Chapter	453 Comp. John Glass, new list	10	10	0
Lodge	KENT.	—	—	—
1531 Bro. William Hollis (additional)	5	5	0	
(raising his list to £67 4s. 6d.)				
LANCASHIRE (W.D.).				
Lodge	2359 Bro. Clare E. Towell, additional	5	5	0
(raising his list to £15 1s.)				
SURREY.				
Chapter	2317 Comp. C. Pulman, additional	2	12	6
(raising his list to £13 2s. 6d.)				
WARWICKSHIRE.				
Lodge	43 Bro. F. J. Hambley, new list	10	10	0
794 T. V. Holbeche, new list	31	10	0	
WILTSHIRE.				
P.G. Chapter—Comp. Rev. F. W. McDonald, additional	7	4	0	
(raising his list to £120 4s.)				
WORCESTERSHIRE.				
Unattached—Bro. Major W. B. Williamson, new list	10	10	0	
YORKSHIRE (NORTH & EAST).				
Lodge	236 Bro. Arthur Jones, additional	10	10	0
(raising his list to £64 1s.)				
Lodge	WEST YORKSHIRE.	—	—	—
1239 Bro. Joseph Pickering, Senr. (new list)	—	—	—	
Lodge	WEST AFRICA.	—	—	—
1171 Bro. C. Ungebauer, new list	15	15	0	

There are likewise several minor additions and deductions, of which account will be taken in the Reprint.

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Bro. F. H. Macklin was, on Monday last, unanimously elected W.M. of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, for the ensuing year.

Bro. James Terry has issued the usual invitations to the summer entertainment to the residents at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, which will take place on Thursday next. A special saloon carriage will be reserved by the 3-20 train from Charing Cross, or 3-30 from Cannon-street.

The Accident Insurance Company, Limited, give notice that interim interest on the paid capital of the Company, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, for the half year ending the 30th June, 1894, is now payable.

Miss Lucinda Broadbent, formerly a pupil in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and for several years past Assistant Matron there, was on Friday, the 29th ult., unanimously elected to the responsible post of Matron to the Girls' Orphanage at Beddington, out of a very large list of candidates.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Bro. James Mulley Scarlett (in his 50th year), P.M. 1471, P.M. 1799, P.Z. 1471, P.P.J.G.W. Essex, from shock to the system, consequent upon a painful operation which was performed at his residence, 50, Aberdeen-road, Highbury, N., on Thursday, the 28th ult. The funeral took place at Abney Park Cemetery on Tuesday, the 3rd instant.

After providing for the amortization of leases, depreciation of plant, sinking fund for the redemption of debentures, and the payment of Debenture interest, the report of Spiers and Pond Limited recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent., less income tax, for the year ending the 31st March, 1894, leaving £532 15s. 3d. to be carried forward to next year. The warrants will be posted after the shareholders' meeting to be held on the 9th July. The share transfer books are closed from the 25th June to the 9th July, both inclusive.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham will be held in the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Monday, the 9th inst., under the banners of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (T.I.), and the Tristram Lodge, No. 346. At this meeting the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., will have completed his 21st year of rule in the province, and the occasion will be commemorated by the presentation to him of his portrait painted by Mr. C. Kay Robertson, and an address. The whole of the funds for the presentation have been raised by personal offerings from the Mark brethren of the province; no lodge funds of any kind whatever having been used for the purpose.

We notice that the new North London Philanthropic Society's excursion to Clacton-on-Sea takes place on Tuesday next, the 10th inst., when, in addition to an augmented band, there will be a variety of sports on board, fancy fair, phonograph, &c., and a great number of prizes for which the public can compete. This excursion should be a great success under the management of the energetic President, Bro. W. Ofield, and Vice-President, Bro. G. Ring, assisted by Bros. Burley, Sandle, Underwood, Maskall, and Berry. Tickets can be obtained by post from the Hon. Sec., W. Piper, 20, Culford-road, N.

MASONIC REVIVAL.—At the venerable cathedral of Limerick a very unique service was held on Sunday afternoon, the 24th ult., at the usual hour, half-past three o'clock. In addition to the ordinary congregation, the Masons of North Munster attended in very large numbers and occupied the stalls and central nave, and wore their various jewelled orders. The cathedral was completely filled with a most reverent and attentive congregation. The service was fully choral, and the rendering of the hymns and anthems most effective. The following clergymen took part in the service—The Dean of Limerick, the Precentor, and the Revs. Messrs. Hudson and Adams. Canon Wills, of Rathkeale, was the special preacher; and although over 90 years have elapsed since a similar service was held there, it is to be hoped that now henceforward there will be a like annual celebration on St. John's Day.

The Great Western Railway Company announce that during July, August, and September cheap excursions for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days will leave Paddington Station at 10.10 p.m. every Friday night for Exeter, Plymouth, Penzance, &c., and every Saturday at 7.55 a.m., for the same periods, for Weston-super-Mare, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, &c. An excursion train will leave at 8.10 a.m. on Saturdays for Shrewsbury, Llandloes, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Harlech, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Bettws-y-coed, Bangor, Carnarvon, and other stations in North Wales for 3, 10, or 17 days. An excursion will leave at 12.35 p.m. on Saturdays for Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., for 3, 10, or 17 days, and at 1.55 p.m. for Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days. Excursions will also be run at convenient times each Saturday to Newbury, Devizes, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bath, Bristol, Wells, Clevedon, Taunton, Tiverton, and other stations. Passengers will be booked on Saturdays to Guernsey and Jersey via Weymouth and the short sea passage to the islands by the mail train, leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m. Third class return tickets, available for 8, 10, 15, or 17 days, will be issued at a fare of 24s. 6d. Direct steamers will run direct from Weymouth to Guernsey and from Weymouth to Jersey and back.

FOREIGN COMPETITION is often declared to be the cause of much of the suffering in this country, and we are told that the number of foreigners in England make it difficult for the Englishman to get a living. However this may be, it is certainly true that the presence of foreign matter in the blood endangers the health of the whole system. To purify the blood and to correct disorders of the liver and stomach, the only certain, safe and agreeable medicine is Holloway's Pills. If you suffer from gout, rheumatism, or lumbago, scals, scabs, or similar evils, you must use with the least possible delay Holloway's Ointment. For over half-a-century these famous remedies have been the faithful friend of man.

The personality of the late Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt, J.P., has been sworn by the executors at the sum of £121,823.

Lord Rothschild has promised to contribute the munificent sum of £3000 towards the cost of erecting a People's Synagogue, a Jewish Courthouse, and a Jews Toynbee Hall at the corner of Commercial-road, Whitechapel. A sum of about £14,500 is required for the purpose.

The Archduke Ferdinand of Austria has presented a handsome diamond and turquoise pin to Bro. Hart, divisional superintendent of the Great Western Railway, in recognition of the courtesy and attention shown by him to his Imperial Highness when travelling over the line.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Sir J. Voce Moore, Alderman and Sheriff Sir J. C. Dimsdale, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Mr. Burdett Coutts, M.P.; Sir John Lubbock, Sir John Hutton, Sir Charles Hall, and Mr. H. L. W. Lawson, M.P., were amongst the company honoured with invitations to the State ball that was given by command of her Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Monday last.

The Merchant Taylors' Company have for some time past been in negotiation with the leaseholders of the now celebrated property on Laurence Pountney-hill, with a view to the preservation of the ancient crypt beneath the building. These negotiations have failed, owing to the fact that the new building cannot be erected unless the ancient structure beneath is removed. The company have, therefore, nothing more to do with the matter.—*City Press*.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.—An American paper has the following: "The Convention of women Masons who constitute the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of the State of New York, which will open in the Scottish Rite Hall to-day, will not, from present indications, pass off as quietly as the gatherings of former years. Many of the members have been making assertions for some time past that there is too much politics in the order, and that heretofore the administration of affairs has been dominated by a 'ring.' The 'ring' is ruled by the male members of the order, who, while not numerically strong, have been astute enough in former years to force their ideas upon the Convention."

WEEKLY EXCURSIONS TO NORTH WALES.—For many years past the Great Western Railway Company have run excursions each week during the summer months between London and Weymouth, Exeter, Plymouth, Penzance, and other stations in the West of England, and with a view to increasing the facilities for visiting North Wales the Company announces that on every Saturday during July, August, and September, commencing to-morrow (Saturday), an express excursion train will leave Paddington at 8.10 a.m. for Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Borth, Aberystwyth, Bala, Barmouth, Harlech, Criccieth, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Conway, Bettws-y-coed, Bangor, Carnarvon, Llanberis (for Snowdon), and many other favourite holiday resorts. The tickets will be available for return on the following Monday, Monday week, or Monday fortnight, and the facilities afforded will no doubt be appreciated and largely patronised. Cheap trains will be run to London from North Wales every Monday, commencing on July 9th, returning on the following Saturday or Saturday week.

It is not generally known that East London can boast a large number of energetic and hardworking Freemasons. Yet such is the case, and in the Order they are regarded with a great deal of respect and interest. An altogether new departure was made on Sunday, when a special service for the Craft was held at Bromley Parish Church in aid of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest. Many visitors were unable to find standing room, so crowded was the old edifice. Archdeacon Sinclair preached an effective sermon, and every lodge in the district was represented. The vicar of the parish, the Rev. J. Parry, M.A., who succeeded the late Prebendary How, was the author of the idea, he being a newly-initiated Mason.—*City Press*.

INTERNATIONAL BOOKBINDING EXHIBITION.—A very attractive exhibition, not only to book lovers, but to all interested in arts and crafts, is now on view at the antiquarian book-shop in High Holborn, known as "The Caxton Head." Bro. and Mrs. Tregaskis, who so energetically conduct this flourishing business, have conceived the idea of obtaining specimens of the bookbinder's craft from all parts of the world, and a most attractive and interesting collection is the result. Cities so wide apart as St. Petersburg and Memphis, as well as Teheran and Edinburgh, contribute to the show. The work chosen for the purpose is "King Florus and the Fair Jehane," translated by Wm. Morris from a French Romance of the XIIth century, and never was book more magnificently enshrined. The variety of material and diversity of decoration are unquestionable, and prove that in design and execution the present is in no way inferior to the past. Bro. and Mrs. Tregaskis were on Tuesday last honoured by a command to submit the exhibition for the Queen's inspection at Windsor Castle. Her Majesty carefully examined the different specimens, and expressed the gratification the view had afforded her.

VICTORIA JUBILEE MASONIC ANNUITY FUND.—The half-yearly election for annuitants on the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund has just taken place at Dublin. This useful Charity was founded by members of the Masonic Order in the year 1887 to commemorate the Jubilee of her Gracious Majesty's accession to the Throne, and although started such a short time ago in a very modest manner, it has now become one of the recognised Charities of the Order, and is doing a valuable work amongst aged and distressed Masons and their widows. The two candidates elected now make 22 cases that have been substantially relieved since the foundation of the Institution, and leave at present 14 annuitants on the fund, seven of whom are brethren and seven widows. Every case is closely scrutinised by a special Committee appointed for the purpose, and their claims duly canvassed, and the brethren throughout Ireland have this guarantee that their generosity is not misapplied. We learn from the Treasurer that funds are urgently required with the view of extending the operations of the annuity fund; and copies of the report and other information can be had on application to the Assistant Secretary, Bro. A. N. Molesworth, 2, St. Andrew-street, Dublin.

Henley Regatta, favoured with delightful weather, passed through its second stage, on Thursday, the rowing again being of very high class.

At the annual police fete at the Crystal Palace on Thursday in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, there were 43,457 visitors, against 41,469 last year.

A donation of £500 has been received from Mr. George Hanbury for the building fund of the Paddington-green Children's Hospital. About £4000 is still required to complete and open this hospital free from debt.

The Leathersellers' Company have recently voted £105 to the Albion Colliery Explosion Fund, £250 to the Leather Trades School, Bethnal Green-road, and £10 10s. to the Sheriffs' Fund Society in connection with discharged prisoners.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's Britannia defeated the American Vigilant in Thursday's chief yachting contest on the Clyde. A collision occurred between the Satanita and Lord Dunraven's Valkyrie, by which the latter craft was sunk. No lives were lost.

Mrs. George Alexander gave an "At Home" on Wednesday evening at the Grafton Galleries, where there was a large and brilliant gathering of most of the notable people in the circles of Literature, Art, Music, and the Drama, as well as many well-known members of general society.

The death is announced of Mr. A. Pamphilon, Vice-Controller of the General Post Office, who died on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Pamphilon had only been ailing for a few days, and the news of his death came as a shock to most of his colleagues. The deceased gentleman was widely respected, and by his untiring energy and ability had risen practically from the ranks to the eminent position he attained in the postal service.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught paid a visit to the Ash Ranges, Aldershot, on Thursday, where the Army Rifle Meeting is in progress, and were accompanied by Major-General and Miss Gregorie. Their Royal Highnesses went round the ranges and showed the keenest interest in the various competitions. In shooting for the Ladies' Prize, Mrs. Follett distinguished herself by making three "possibles." She put on 24 bulls-eyes in succession, including three lightning shots. The Duke and Duchess, accompanied by Madame Marini and Lord Bingham, were present in the evening at a performance of "The Ticket of Leave Man," given in the Theatre Royal, Aldershot, by the officers and men of the West Yorkshire Regiment, on behalf of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

On Thursday, at the Hall of the Coachmakers' Company, Noble-street, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts was presented with the Honorary Freedom in testimony of the guild's appreciation of her exertions in the interests of the technical education of those connected with the coach-building trade in London. The Baroness was received by the Master, Bro. Sir John Monckton, F.S.A.; Mr. W. B. Brook, Senior Warden; Alderman Sir Walter Wilkin, Renter Warden; Col. Lee, Junior Warden; and Bro. P. de L. Long, the Clerk. Bro. Sir John Monckton having handed the recipient a copy on vellum of the grant, and, in accordance with the custom of the City, tendered to her "the right hand of fellowship," the Baroness—who already holds the Freedom of the Haberdashers' and Turners' Guilds, and was publicly presented with the Freedom of the City at Guildhall in 1872—suitably acknowledged the honour.

A handsome stained-glass window, presented by Mr. Joshua W. Butterworth, F.S.A., Master to the Worshipful Company of Stationers, and recently erected at the north end of the Hall in Ludgate Hill, was unveiled on Thursday, by the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. Mr. Soheran, Mr. Stephens, Sir Francis Russell, and other members of the Company were present. The main portion of the window represents Caxton submitting a proof of his first printing to Edward IV., and makes a fitting embellishment to the hall. The Queen is standing by the King with the Prince at her side, and the group is completed by a lady-in-waiting. In the foreground a youth is busily engaged grinding the materials for the ink and a compositor is setting type. An exact reproduction of Caxton's printing press, the insignia of the Stationers' Company, and the crests of some eminent printers complete the window.

An action, brought by the Apollinaris Company against Mr. Daly, the proprietor and manager of Daly's Theatre, came on for hearing before Mr. Justice Kekewich last week. The counsel for the plaintiff said that it was a motion for an injunction restraining the defendant from publishing in his programme a misleading advertisement which was calculated to lead to the belief that Johann's Water was the only water that could be obtained at the Midland, Great Western, and other of the principal railway stations and hotels. This, counsel said, was perfectly untrue, seeing that the Apollinaris Company had a contract with these particular railway companies to supply them with their water, and they also supplied the best known hotels. Upon the notice of motion being served, certain correspondence had taken place between the solicitors of the parties. The defendant was not present, having gone abroad. Mr. Daly's counsel said that what had been agreed to was a consent order for an injunction restraining the further publication complained of, and Mr. Daly undertook to pay a sum beyond the costs.

On the 27th ult. there was an imposing Masonic ceremony at Lincoln, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic buildings to be known as the Freemasons' Rooms. The movement originated with the Witham Lodge, the members of which desired to celebrate the centenary of the lodge in a permanent manner. The present lodge-rooms being somewhat cramped it was decided to erect more commodious and suitable quarters for the meetings. The members of the St. Hugh Lodge lent their aid to the undertaking, and the building was sufficiently advanced for the laying of the memorial stone by Bro. Major Smyth, of Elkington Hall, Louth, the Provincial Grand Master. The stone was laid with the customary Masonic ceremony, and an invocation delivered by the P.G. Chaplain (Bro. Rev. J. Graham). The brethren then returned to the lodge-room and subsequently partook of luncheon at the Saracen's Head Hotel. The new buildings are being erected by Messrs. H. S. and W. Close, Lincoln, from the designs of Messrs. W. Mortimer and Son, architects.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, July 21, 1894.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Caxton, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8.
Ebony, Graps Tavern, 123, High-street, Brough, S.E., at 8.
Euston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Vitrarian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

MONDAY, JULY 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-ter., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-way Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 8.
Tyness-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 211, and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nun's Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Westland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 70, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JULY 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
104, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
1857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.
219, Anglo-American, Criterion.
223, Old Westminsters', Cafe Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.R., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 8.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 8.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Bubblemire, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.10.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-oad, Maida Vale, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street W.
South Middlesex, Beaumont House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. George's, New Cross Hall, 8.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-Super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-rd., South Hackney, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18.

Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

GENERAL COMMITTEE GRAND CHAPTER, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

619, Beadon, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel.
200, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1278, Burdett-Coutts, London Tavern.

1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
2140, Hugenot, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

199, Duke of Connaught, Great Eastern Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.

Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.

Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-st., E.C., at 7.

Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.

Dalmousie, Lord St. Inley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.

Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.

Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.

Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 8.

Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.

Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office court, Fleet-street, at 7.

Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.

Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Black-road, Hammersmith, at 7.

Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.

La Tolerante, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-st., at 8.

Londesborough, Ferkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.

London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.

Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, 7.30.

Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.

Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

Pa'mure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.

Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.

Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.

Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.

Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.

Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.

St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rod, Victoria Park, 8.

Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.

Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.

Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitch-road, Nunhead.

United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.

Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.

Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.

Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, at 8.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.

Ar drew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 19.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.

1227, Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate.

1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel.

1321, emblematic, Bridge House Hotel.

1612, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.

742, Crystal Palace, White Hart Hotel.

1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-square.

MARK LODGE.

411, Ubique, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Delgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.

Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.

Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.

Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.

Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse E., at 7.30.

Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.

Harriet, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.

High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.

Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.

Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.

Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.

Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.

Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.

Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.

Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.

Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.

St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.

St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.

Sir Hugh Myddleton, Star and Garter, Upper-ster., Islington, at 8.

Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.

The Great City, M.H., Masons' avenue, E.C., at 6.30.

Tre egar, Th: Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.

Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.

Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.

Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.

Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 20.

CRAFT LODGE.

1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

Metropolitan, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

Bacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.

Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.

Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.

Earl of Carnarvon, E. gin Hotel, Ladbrooke grove, Notting-hill, 8.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.

Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.

Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.

Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.

Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.

Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.

Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.

Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.

St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.

Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.

Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.

Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' avenue, at 6.

Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.

The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.

United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 8.

Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.

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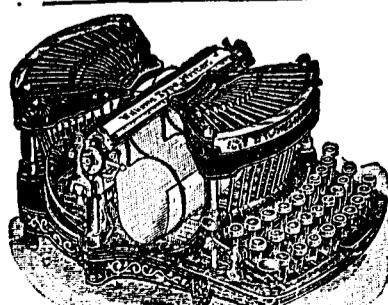
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