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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Kelvedon, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., and passed off most successfully.

The arrangements for the meeting were made by the members of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, whose Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir William Neville Abdy, Bart., ably assisted by Bro. J. H. Salter, P.M.; Bro. M. W. Meade, the hard-working Secretary and others, spared no pains or expense in providing for the comfort of the brethren. The new Infant School was kindly lent by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. E. F. Hay, for the business meeting and presented a very charming appearance, the walls being hung round with the handsome banners of the various lodges, while flags and pot plants added greatly to the effect.

The Prov. G.M., the Earl of Warwick arrived at Kelvedon Station from Easton Lodge at 12.30, and was met by Sir William Abdy, Bro. Salter and the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Ralling) who escorted his lordship to the site of the Masonic temple, which is being erected for the use of the Easterford Lodge, through the munificence of Bro. Sir William Abdy. His lordship inspected the works with much interest, and congratulated the builder, Bro. C. T. Thorn, upon the progress which was being made.

In the meantime the D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Recorder of Colchester, arrived from London, accompanied by Bro. Sir Wm. Marriott, O.C., D.P.G.M. of Sussex, and Bro. Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., and luncheon was partaken of at Bunswick House.

At two o'clock the brethren assembled at the Infant School, which was filled to overflowing. On entering the room, his lordship was most heartily received.

The Provincial Grand Officers present were: Bros. B. Hoddinott, P.S. G.W.; J. H. Salter, P.P.J.G.W., as Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. T. Armfield, P.G. Chap.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec.; Jas. Boulton, P.S.G.D.; Jas. Speller, P.J.G.D.; G. R. Cobham, P.G.S. of W.; A. Lucking, P.G.D.C.; W. E. Sutton, P.D.G.D.C.; Jas. Bradbury and Walter Smith, P.G. Std. Brs.; J. Fuller, P.G.P.; C. W. Barnard, P.G. Stwd.; and A. W. Martin, P.G. Tyler.

Among the other brethren present were: Bros. Sir Wm. Marriott, O.C., D.P.G.M. Sussex; Rev. W. Cree, P.P.G.C. Cumberland and Westmorland; Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M. 2098, P. Dist. G. Chap. Canterbury, N.Z.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. Morrison McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Andrew Durrant, P.P.G.T.; F. M. Gratton, P.M. 570, P.D. S.G.W. Northern China; and others.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge (at Southend) having been read and confirmed,

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY stated that letters expressing regret at their inability to attend had been received from Bros. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent; Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk; Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., P.G.M. Middlesex; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Hamon Le Strange, D.P.G.M. Norfolk; Sir Francis Boileau; Col. G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; John E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; N. Tracy, P.G. Sec. Suffolk; G. W. G. Barnard, P.G. Sec. Norfolk; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; T. J. D. Cramphorn (Mayor of Chelmsford); Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Hills, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. T. S. Raibles, P.P.G.C.; Vere W. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Kirby Johnson, Hon. D.G.M. India (S.C.); and others.

The roll of the lodges was called by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, and it was found that all were represented.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, a copy of which having been sent to each member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was taken as read, was presented by the D.P.G.M. The report commenced with the following paragraph:

"Since the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, our beloved Provincial Grand Master, as head of his family, has succeeded to the historic Earldom of Warwick. In offering to his lordship our hearty congratulations on this accession of rank and dignity, the Board trust they may, on behalf of the province, express the hope that, under his new title, the reign of the Earl of Warwick over the Freemasons of Essex may be long continued, and be marked by the same unanimity and prosperity of the Craft as will render that of Lord Brooke ever memorable in the annals of Essex Freemasonry."

The report further stated that the accounts, after payments of all outstanding claims, showed a balance in hand of £192 8s. 8d., whilst the roll of the lodges had been increased during the year by the addition of four new ones, the present strength of the province being 1862 members as against 1725 last year. The Board recommended payment of the following grants: 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 10 guineas to the "George Cooper Memorial Fund," and five guineas to the funds of the Kelvedon Schools. After recommending that the portrait of Sir William Neville Abdy, Bart., should be placed in the calendar for 1895, the report concluded by expressing regret at the loss the province had sustained in the deaths of several prominent Masons.

Some discussion took place upon one paragraph in the report which recommended that two lodges which had failed to comply with the by-laws should be fined. Eventually it was decided to remit the fine in one case.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. He acknowledged, with gratitude, the kindness with which his accession to his new title

had been received, and he felt thankful that it had been his fortune—for it was a matter of fortune—to succeed to so honoured a name as that of Warwick. He was glad that there was still a Lord Brooke in the county, and he had no doubt that the young man who bore that title would, when the proper time arrived, see what an excellent thing it would be for him to become a Mason. Referring to the continued growth of the province, his lordship expressed his great pleasure at the success that had attended the Colne Lodge, and he congratulated his friend, Bro. Claude Egerton-Green, on the excellent work he had been doing for Freemasonry as the first Master of that lodge. It had been a very great regret to him that, owing to an extremely sudden call to America, he was unable to attend two of the consecrations that had taken place during the past year, particularly that of the Thomas Ralling Lodge. He knew how highly they all honoured their Prov. Grand Secretary, and he knew that they would have wished him, as their representative, to have taken his proper place at the formation of a lodge bearing that honoured name. It was quite unavoidable, however, and he trusted that the members of that Lodge would, on the first opportunity allow him to pay them a visit. In conclusion, his lordship said, anticipating their wishes, he had written to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, conveying to their Royal Highnesses the congratulations of the Freemasons of Essex on the birth of a Prince.

The next business was the election of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. There were seven nominations for the four vacancies, and on a ballot being taken, the old members were re-elected, viz., Bros. Alfred Buck, Rev. Thomas Lloyd, W. D. Merritt, and John J. C. Turner.

For the post of Provincial Grand Treasurer there was but one nomination, Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, 2477, and he was unanimously elected.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then announced amidst hearty applause that Bro. F. A. Philbrick had kindly consented to act as his Deputy, and he heartily thanked him for the great assistance he was in the work of the province. His lordship then appointed and invested the officers for the year as under:

Bro. Sir W. N. Abdy, Bart., W.M. 2342	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. C. Wills, I.P.M. 214	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. Linton Wilson, Chap. 1457	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. C. H. Jones, P.M. 51	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C. England (18th year)...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Vandervord, I.P.M. 1000	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" J. W. Tyler, P.M. 2077	...	...
" F. A. Renshawe, P.M. 453	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" W. Adams, W.M. 1280	...	...
" W. Maxwell Butcher, W.M. 2318	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.M. 1000, P.G.P. Eng. (21st year)	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. W. King, I.P.M. 1437	...	Prov. Dep. G.D.C.
" J. T. Bailey, P.M. 697, Sec. 2477	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Geo. Brown, W.M. 1977	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. R. Finch, I.P.M. 1024	...	...
" H. C. Borradaile, P.M. 1343	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Fred. C. Bevan, I.P.M. 2508	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. M. Welch, W.M. 1543	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. L. Ogier, P.M. 2342	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. F. Golding, I.P.M. 160	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. G. Hammond, jun., W.M. 2181	...	...
" G. J. Booth, I.P.M. 697	...	...
" Wm. Rudrum, P.M. 1977	...	...
" S. S. Parsons, W.M. 2339	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. T. Thorn, S.W. 2342	...	...
" R. Galpin, J.W. 2342	...	...
" A. W. Martin	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Sir Wm. Abdy was elected a member of the Charity Committee, in the place of Bro. Heagerty, who retired by rotation.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having announced that the meeting next year will be held at Grays, the proceedings ended.

Miss Philbrick, sister of the D.P.G.M., kindly sent a large number of "button-holes," which were much appreciated.

A banquet was afterwards held in a spacious marquee at the back of Braiswick House, the catering of Messrs. Wright and Son, of Colchester, giving universal satisfaction.

After dinner a few toasts were drunk.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in submitting "The Health of their beloved Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick," said he used the word "beloved" in no common sense. (A VOICE: Lord Brooke). The D.P.G.M., raising some roses from a vase in front of him, observed: A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. Whether it was as Lord Brooke they had learned to love him, or as the Earl of Warwick that they would continue their affection to him, the man was the same for "a" that. "The rank," if his lordship would pardon him for saying so, "was but the guinea stamp," the true gold was there. There was an eloquence far higher than the tongue of the speaker; it was an eloquence of accomplished facts, of a record of continued prosperity and success, a record of a province united and happy and at one with itself, and which might, therefore, legitimately congratulate its head upon the success of the promulgation of true Masonic principles in the province. Such had eminently been the case during the sway of their Prov. Grand Master. It was very little in one aspect to tell them that the lodges since

the Prov. Grand Master began to reign over them had practically doubled in number, and the number of brethren in the lodges had correspondingly increased. During his lordship's office they had not been disturbed by any burning question, they had been agitated by no great difficulty, and they had had as much Home Rule as they wanted and as had been good for them. He expressed the feelings of all when he said that it was their earnest wish that the province might long be favoured with having to preside over it a Grand Master who united in himself so many Masonic virtues and so many Masonic qualifications which had contributed in no slight degree to the success and popularity of his reign over them.

The toast was received with full Masonic honours.

The Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of WARWICK, in reply, remarked that it was a good many years since he first had the honour of ruling them, and he thought he might say, without any presumption, that the depth and warmth of Masonic feeling towards him in the province did not seem to diminish on their side, and he could assure them most cordially that it did not in any way on his. He hoped in the future to be able to attend—to use a sporting phrase—the fixtures of their Masonic gatherings oftener than he had done in the past. He had no longer to sit as a representative of his country; he was now, as they knew, in the House of Lords, and he took the precaution to take his seat before he went to America. He did not think it a misfortune to be in the House of Lords. He thought it was a position of which any man might be proud. He had had some experience of popular representation, having been a representative of the people in the House of Commons, but he felt that, although he was in the House of Lords now, and only represented his own views, there was all the more responsibility attaching to him, and he should always well weigh his vote when he was called upon to give it. He concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C.," whose advice, he said, was of such great assistance to him in matters connected with the province.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., having suitably acknowledged the compliment, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, Q.C., responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. Sir W. T. ABDY, Bart., responded to the toast of "The Worshipful Masters of the Province of Essex."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held at the Parish Room, Teddington, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master, was supported by Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Sir H. Trueman Wood, P.A.G.D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G.S.B., P.P. G.W.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Fisher, Prov. G. Treas.; Stewart Brown, Prov. J.G.W.; Geo. R. Langley, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G. S. of W.; Dr. S. Hague, Prov. G.D.C.; and a good attendance of other Provincial Grand Officers and members of the province.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, and the Prov. Grand Master saluted according to ancient form.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were presented and accepted, a cordial vote of thanks being accorded to Bro. W. Fisher, Prov. G. Treas., on the proposition of the D.P.G.M., for his efficient services during the past year.

The report of the Charity Committee, which was unanimously adopted, showed that four cases had been assisted to the amount of £60. The total amount contributed to Charitable purposes, including the three Masonic Institutions, was £117, or well over half of the available income.

The Elections' Committee reported that one boy and one girl were elected last October, and that there was a probability of two more cases being brought forward; 36 lodges had appointed representatives, and in conclusion, the Committee tendered especial thanks to Bro. Geo. R. Langley, Prov. S.G.D. (the Secretary of the Committee), for his unremitting efforts which had mainly conducted to the success attained.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced the re-appointment of Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., as Deputy Prov. G.M., and Bro. R. W. Bilby was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, on the proposition of Bro. J. TICKLE, P.P.G. Reg.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. Jabez Church, 2024	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Dr. N. Goodchild, 1037	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Hugh B. Chapman, 2105	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. P. H. Aitken, 1597	...	...
" R. W. Bilby	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Clowes, 1494	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Howard H. Room	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. Matthews, 1423	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" A. Toulmin, jun., 1503	...	...
" T. Brown, 1597	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" H. Wilson, 1293	...	...
" T. J. Cusworth, 1579	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Adams, 1194	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Taplin, 382	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" E. Clare, 865	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" J. H. Tomlinson, 1238	...	...
" A. J. R. Simmonds, 1793	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Rohrs, 946	...	...
" C. T. Tolman, 1549	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. Covill, 1733	...	...
" J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc., 1512	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Lee	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" C. T. Lynn, 1310	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. Clark, 1512	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. H. Glynn Smith	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Barlow	...	...
" His Honor Judge Lumley Smith, Q.C.	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. D. Milner	...	...
" T. Angel	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. E. Cassal	...	...
" J. Gilbert, 1194	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the proposition of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, the sum of 15 guineas was voted to each of the three Masonic Institutions.

Votes of thanks were heartily given to the Sir Charles Bright and Royal Hanover Lodges, for use of furniture, and to Bro. R. W. Forge for his great assistance in arranging for the comfort of the brethren.

A similar compliment was paid to the Vicar of Teddington for his kindness in allowing the use of rooms. An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. H. B. Chapman, Prov. G. Chap., after which a collection was made, realising about £10, to be handed to the Vicar for local charitable purposes. Provincial Grand Lodge was then formally closed.

An adjournment was made to the Town Hall, where dinner was provided, and the customary toasts were afterwards honoured.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who remarked that he always considered it a happy one, because her Majesty was the best of Constitutional monarchs and they were all convinced that Masons were the best of the subjects she ruled. Her Majesty, after 53 years rule, stood in the unique position of having three generations in the direct line living at the present time.

In referring to "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the PROV. G.M. said the anxious time experienced by his Royal Highness some time ago had now been effaced by the pleasing event of the last few months. They should never ignore the great obligation the Craft was under to their M.W.G.M., who by temperament and inclination illustrated that benevolence and Charity, was the foundation of the Institution.

The PROV. G.M. then proposed "The Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, referring to the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, said it was a great advantage for any institution such as Freemasonry to have at its head men who duly appreciated the importance, dignity, solemnity, and grandeur of it. Bro. Sir H. Trueman Wood, who was present, had been kind enough to allow him to associate his name with a later toast. That would enable him to couple with that toast the name of one of the most notable of Middlesex brethren, who was distinguished for his ubiquity, and who held office in Grand Lodge—Captain Walls.

Bro. Capt. T. C. WALLS, G.S.B., in reply, said that although a young Grand Officer he had had opportunities of being present at many grand functions in London and the provinces, where distinguished Masons had taken prominent parts. A few weeks ago he was invited to attend the ceremony of the installation of the Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, when Lord Lathom received a splendid ovation. On behalf of the Grand Officers he would say that since his Royal Highness had honoured him by an appointment, he had been inundated with letters from Middlesex brethren congratulating him on his preferment. It would be his duty and pleasure to continue to exert himself for the cause of Freemasonry, not only in Middlesex, but in the large Metropolis of London.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Deputy Prov. G. Master, said they next came to what was certainly the toast of the evening, "The Health of their Prov. Grand Master." When about 14 months ago they heard the first intelligence that Lord George Hamilton had been appointed by his Royal Highness to be their Prov. Grand Master, he met a friend in Masonry who said "Well, you Middlesex Masons have got an ornamental Mason. I suppose you will not see much of him." He replied that they had got the man they wanted. They had a Middlesex man, and if they knew anything of the Hamilton family they knew he would do his duty, as his father did, and as his brothers were now doing. He (the Deputy P.G.M.) appealed to the brethren whether their Prov. Grand Master had not done all they expected. Those behind the scenes like Bro. Room and himself knew the great interest he took in the working of the province, for there was scarcely a question arose but the Prov. Grand Master made it his business to know all the ins and outs, and advised on the merits of the case. Those who had the privilege last week of being present at the consecration of the Roll Call Lodge would know what their Prov. G.M. could do when called upon. That consecration was done in a most splendid manner, for there was not a hitch from start to finish, and the ceremony must have impressed itself on the minds of the new members. They did not see as much of their Prov. G.M. as they wished and desired, but there were other and greater things that had a claim upon him, and they were the exigencies of the State. As one of the leaders of the Opposition, Lord George Hamilton had to be in his place in the House, and those who read the papers knew what a task he had to perform. He asked them could they expect the Prov. G.M. to give up the only three days' holiday he had in the year to come among them. That work was a great strain and they would all join in the hope that good health would be given him for the ensuing year.

Bro. Lord GEO. HAMILTON, M.P., Prov. G. Master, returned thanks, and said he accepted the position subject to the fact that he could only attend if not wanted in the House of Commons. When it was suggested to him by the M.W.G.M. that he should be Prov. Grand Master, he knew the state of efficiency which the province had reached, and should have had great reluctance in accepting, had he not ascertained that he would have as a pillar of support, a far more deserving brother than himself, Bro. Thrupp, and also the Prov. G. Sec., whose efforts, ability, and tact had brought Middlesex to its present condition. He had received most cordial invitations from the lodges with which he hoped to claim comradeship, but he had never known when questions relating to the highest State subjects might not necessitate his appearance elsewhere. He was conscious of his own defects, and in consequence was not disposed to exhibit to other brethren in the discharge of their duties, the same tolerance. He belonged to a family that performed to the best of their ability anything they undertook. When any brother was appointed to office in the Prov. Grand Lodge and was to be invested by the Prov. Grand Master, he ought to attend, and unless he could send some valid excuse he would be liable to find himself supplanted. At the same time they must not go too far in that direction for the most efficient Masons were those who in other occupations were the most busily worked. As he lived in London, he hoped the lodges would renew their invitations in the autumn, when he hoped to participate in their ceremonies and of their hospitality. He congratulated the province on the consecration of another lodge, which gave them two extra collars in Prov. Grand Lodge. That lodge was local in its origin and in its support. The authorities who ruled over Masonry had wisely divided the Craft into provinces, and if Freemasonry was to exist, each province should be self supporting. As Middlesex surrounded London, they were always ready to welcome the brethren from London, and if these brethren joined the lodges in the province they would meet with kindness. It was not in the true interests of Masonry that a number of lodges should be created which were mainly supported by London Masons, for that extraneous support would compete with the legitimate and local interest of Middlesex. Wherever a petition was promoted by brethren in a locality he would forward the idea, but would not entertain any application from brethren outside the province. He knew the Craft had been brought to a high state of efficiency in the province, and he was desirous that they should show the Craft that Middlesex was a model province.

Bro. Sir H. TRUEMAN WOOD, P.A.G.D.C., replying for "The Visitors," said he remembered the Provincial Grand Master when he was one of the most popular boys of the school which had sent so many distinguished statesmen to the country—a school in the county of Middlesex. It had been a source of great satisfaction to watch his career, as an old schoolfellow, and he congratulated the province in its Provincial Grand Master, and also upon the distinguished position it had attained.

"The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was the last toast proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who remarked that no brother had done more for Freemasonry than the distinguished Mason, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. For 12 years Bro. Thrupp had been indefatigable in the province, and that was not his first connection with Masonry. Bro. Thrupp was one of the greatest masters of the ritual he had met with; his word was law upon questions of ceremony, and he conveyed his authority in so kindly a manner that every brother felt he was indebted for a suggestion rather than that he had been reproved for ignorance. Of the Prov. Grand Secretary, he could say, speaking with a long public experience, that it was a real pleasure to be associated with two gentlemen who gave so much zeal in the performance of voluntary duties in order to promote the interests of the greatest Order to which they belonged. These brethren upon whom he relied, had obtained from the various Secretaries information respecting the attendance of the officers, so that they could ascertain those who habitually undertook duties, and who were not prepared to discharge them. If such brethren came to that province for honours they made a mistake, for they would be put on one side. There being a high standard in Middlesex, it was their endeavour rather to try and improve that standard, and he was glad that in the Prov. S.G.W. and the Prov. J.G.W. they possessed two brethren who had well earned their distinction.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THURPP, D.P.G.M., in response, said he had endeavoured during the years he had been in the province to do his duty in seeing that the Prov. Grand Master's orders were carried out. The Prov. Grand Officers always received a hearty greeting, and appreciated that kindness. That had been an incentive to him in his work, for there was no man in the province who had its interest and welfare more at heart than he had. Twelve years ago it was the exception to see a Master install his successor; now the exception was the other way, and he hoped in a year or two there would be no exceptions whatever. Whenever he or the Provincial Grand Secretary visited a lodge there was "a chiel amang ye takin' notes," and if they did not do right they would repent it. They made a note of every brother who did his work, and he would receive the reward due to industry and merit. He hoped the Provincial Grand Officers who had been appointed would not think they could now leave their lodges, but that they would stick to the province, and give the Provincial Grand Master that support he so richly deserved.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. H. Davan Wetton, Mus. Bac., P.P.G. Org., a selection of music was rendered, in which the following assisted: Bros. W. Shiner, E. Branscombe, Lovett King, and Wingrove Ives.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was held at the Public Hall, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B. The arrangements for the meeting were entrusted to the lodges meeting in Croydon, and resulted in a very successful gathering. The lodge room and banqueting hall were tastefully decorated with flowers, the former being further adorned with the banners of the respective lodges. Amongst the numerous brethren who were energetic in securing a success, special mention should be made of the services of Bro. Woodward, to whom in a large degree the satisfactory result was due.

The Prov. Grand Master was supported by Bros. F. West, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; H. J. Dumas, C. Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., Prov. J.G.W.; Dr. Gibbs, Prov. G. Treas.; Alderman S. L. Rymer, Mayor of Croydon; V. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; Twador Nachez Stevenson Hoyte, G. Org.; J. D. Langton, P.P.J.G.W.; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. Howdle, P.P.G. Chap.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., and many others.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened, and, the minutes having been confirmed, a letter was read from His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. thanking the province for the vote of congratulation passed on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York.

The roll of lodges was called, the Weyside Lodge being the only absentee.

In moving the adoption of the report of the Finance and Audit Committee, Bro. Dr. Strong referred to the enquiry instituted into the method of keeping the provincial accounts. Everything was now in proper order, and the Committee specially appointed for the purpose had concluded its labours. The report, which was unanimously adopted, recommended the following grants: 10 guineas to each of the following Institutions: Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Widows' Fund, and Male Fund, and five guineas to the Croydon Hospital.

The report of the Charity Committee was then considered. The DEP. PROV. G.M., in proposing its acceptance, urged upon the brethren the necessity of recognising the importance of the work done. The organisation had been in existence two years and four candidates had been elected. He hoped they would cordially support the case of the daughter of Bro. Manley for the Girls' School.

Bro. J. D. LANGTON, P.P.G.W., Secretary to the Committee, endorsed the remarks of the Dep. Prov. G.M., and said they possessed a fund, which was increasing, to assist deserving cases waiting for election to one or other of the Institutions.

On the proposition of Bro. Dr. STRONG, Bro. Gibbs was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following officers:

- Bro. Frederick Flood, 1149 Prov. S.G.W.
- " Frank W. Leaver, 2096 Prov. J.G.W.
- " Rev. Herbert Wilson, 370 } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " Rev. Thomas Bentham, 1610 }
- " Dr. C. C. Gibbs, 1872 Prov. G. Treas.
- " P. H. Hall, 2095 Prov. G. Reg.
- " Chas. Greenwood, 410 Prov. G. Sec.

- Bro. Chas. Cheel, 777 } Prov. S.G. Deacons.
- " H. J. Levett, 452 }
- " T. T. Phillips, 1920 } Prov. J.G. Deacons.
- " J. R. Mosse, 463 }
- " E. G. Feild, 1362 } Prov. G.S. of W.
- " A. J. Harris, 1556 } Prov. G.D.C.
- " Fredk. Jacob, 1851 } Prov. Dep. G.D.C.
- " H. D. Aslett, 1892 } Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " Edward Miles, 2234 } Prov. G.S.B.
- " Daniel Hughes, 2222 }
- " Samuel Hewett, 2146 } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " Edward Branscombe, 1929 } Prov. G. Org.
- " W. A. Latham, 410 } Prov. A.G. Sec.
- " J. W. Chapman, 1981 } Prov. G. Purst.
- " W. S. Jackson, 1564 } Prov. A.G. Purst.
- " Dr. Scanes Spicer, 410 }
- " Dr. Joseph Pollard, 1826 }
- " W. H. Ransom, 1892 } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " E. T. Madeley, 2120 }
- " E. H. Lewis, 2444 }
- " Chas. O. Burgess, 2473 }
- " Robert Potter } Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. J. D. Langton, P.P.G.W., was re-appointed Secretary to the Charity Committee.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said that since they last met at Croydon they had added five lodges and another was about to be consecrated, which would bring the total up to 40. If they took into consideration the number of lodges and the extremely small number of Provincial appointments, they would see what a difficult task it was to give worthy recognition of the services of all the brethren. It was absolutely impossible for each lodge to receive a collar every year, and it must come to that in Surrey, as it did in other provinces, that a simple appointment to the Purple was a recognition of a brother's merits, and could not be gauged by the actual grade. He hoped in future that brethren would not look so much to the figure on their aprons, but to the fact that they were Provincial Grand Officers. There was one point he wished to mention. It was a warning to some brethren, and should always be borne in mind, that Freemasonry was not a benefit society, but a Charitable society. Grand Lodge had very wisely named the sum of five guineas as the lowest for initiations, so that no candidate should be initiated who was not in a position to exercise that first and greatest characteristic of every Mason—Charity. When lodges went out of their way to make it easy for brethren to pay the fee, they were going against the first principles of Masonry, and were defeating the object of the rule of Grand Lodge. He had heard of cases—he would not say in that province—where women had said they were provided for, because their husbands were Masons. Their aim should be to assist others, and not to want to obtain assistance.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then formally closed, and about 150 brethren subsequently dined together in the smaller hall, where the customary toasts were afterwards acknowledged.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," having been honoured,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Grand Officers," and welcomed the Provincial Grand Master of Hants, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., whom he hoped would be induced to repeat his visit. Sussex was also represented by Bro. Freeman, P.G.D., the Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, having returned thanks, said that the Provinces of Surrey and Hants were so closely allied and connected, that they should pay frequent visits, if possible, to each other. He knew the late Provincial Grand Master of Surrey for some years, and was glad to continue the friendship with his successor, who was an energetic Mason, ever ready to perform any Masonic duty. He was glad to hear the great strides Freemasonry was making in Surrey, and it was of the greatest importance that they should not forget those grand principles upon which Masonry was founded, and that every Mason had a responsibility attached to himself to make himself worthy of the Craft. Let each brother not think lightly of the Order, but let him feel that in his own individual capacity he had a duty to perform, and let the outer world know that he was a worthy scion of the Craft. They should never act in a manner to give some truth to the aspersions of the outer world, but act so that the finger of scorn was never pointed at them. The words of their Prov. Grand Master were well worthy of their attention, and he hoped they would be acted up to in the future. He thanked them heartily for the kind way in which he had been received, and should not forget the words of Colonel Money, when he had an opportunity of repeating his visit on some future occasion.

Bro. Alderman S. L. RYMER (Mayor of Croydon), proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master," and said he esteemed it a great honour to have been invited to take part in the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey on that occasion, and he had been extremely impressed with the way in which the work was conducted. He was sure it would be their desire to join with him right heartily in drinking to the Prov. Grand Master's very good health. Surrey was to be congratulated on having such a Prov. Grand Master. His name as a distinguished officer was a household word, for they knew how he served his sovereign and country in India in the grand profession of which he was so distinguished a member, and, in regard to the Craft in India, he had worked most admirably and with great effect. Returning to this country after his labours, Col. Money might very well have rested upon his well-earned laurels, but he was ready to go heart and soul into the grand work of Freemasonry. Under these circumstances, he was sure it would be the pleasure of the brethren present to drink Col. Money's very good health, and wish him long life to fulfil the duties he now so ably performed.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in reply, said he felt at a loss to properly return thanks. All his life long, whatever he had tried to do, he had tried to do with all his might, and as he had tried in the past so he hoped to try in the future. He wished to take that opportunity of thanking the province for the extremely noble and energetic way in which they supported him at the last Festival for the Benevolent Institution. The Province of Surrey did credit to itself and to its Provincial Grand Master. He thanked them all most heartily, and was certain that as long as Masonry flourished, Surrey would always be one of the foremost in the support of the three Institutions for which they existed as Masons. As time was passing, he would only say he thanked them all from the bottom of his heart, and go on to a more pleasing duty, that of proposing another toast—"The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers." It was difficult to express in a few words what he felt as to the value of Bro. West's services, for a

Prov. Grand Master's duty was rendered comparatively easy when he had such a deputy. He must also thank the Past Prov. Grand Officers for their willing assistance whenever they had been called upon, and he was sure those who had taken their place would carry out the traditions of Surrey to the utmost of their power.

Bro. F. WEST, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. Master, in response, said they all knew the M.W.G.M. set an example, and the Grand Officers felt bound to follow, if possible, that high standard of Masonry, and in the Province of Surrey they had a Provincial Grand Master who set an equally high standard and who required his officers to act up to it. Whether they all attained that was not for him to say, but he believed all the officers tried to do so. He was pleased to find the Prov. Grand Master's chairmanship at the recent festival successful, and if Col. Money gave them a chance on a future occasion when there was more time to work they would rally round him. They could not have a better Prov. Grand Master than their present ruler, to whom they promised their hearty co-operation in everything connected with Masonry.

The Prov. Grand Master was then obliged to leave, and the chair was taken by the D.P.G.M., who at once rose to propose "The Visitors," and asked the brethren to give them a hearty welcome.

Bros. Alderman RYMER (Mayor of Croydon), and V. FREEMAN, P.G.D., having responded, "The Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary" was cordially given.

Bro. Dr. GIBBS, Prov. G. Treas., having thanked the brethren for his re-election, was followed by

Bro. C. GREENWOOD, Prov. G. Sec., who remarked that during the 14 years he had been a Provincial Grand Officer, the province had grown by leaps and bounds. A warrant had recently been granted for the Noel Money Lodge, and that would bring the total of lodges up to 40. The number of brethren in the province was increasing, and also the duties of the Provincial Grand Secretary in the same ratio. The lodges had welcomed him in the past, and it would not be his fault if they did not continue to do so in the future.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., replied for "The Masonic Charities," and referring to the last Festival on behalf of that Institution, said it was unfortunate he was not able to secure the services of Colonel Money at an earlier date, but from the moment he accepted the position of Chairman, he not only acted as one Steward, but went from lodge to lodge to secure Stewards. Col. Money was nobly supported by the province, and he (Bro. Terry) wished to express his thanks for the enormous sum raised. Lord Byron had said that "annuitants never die," and, in support of this statement, Bro. Terry narrated one case of a brother who qualified for an annuity by rejoining a lodge after 80 years of age, and lived many years to enjoy the annual grant; his widow was afterwards the recipient of an annuity, and finally his son came upon the Institution. In conclusion, Bro. Terry thanked Bro. J. D. Langton for his invaluable assistance, and the brethren for their generosity and hospitality.

Bro. J. D. LANGTON, P.P.G.W., responded to the toast, as the Secretary of the Provincial Charity Committee, and referred to the good work done during its three years' existence.

The D.P.G.M. then alluded, in grateful terms, to the services of those brethren who were responsible for the success of the gathering, and especially Bro. Woodward, whose name was a household word in Croydon, and who had been a Secretary and an Instructor in Masonry for many years.

Bro. MOSS, W.M. East Surrey Lodge of Concord, having acknowledged the kind remarks, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

Bro. A. BRISCOE, P.P.G. Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Bros. E. Branscombe, Prov. G. Org.; J. A. Brown, G. Pownall, Dan Price, and Wingrove Ives.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:
The minutes of last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th April, to the 17th July, 1894, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter £95 1 10	By Disbursements during the Quarter	£355 18 8
" Unappropriated	" Balance	842 17 5
" Account 200 11 8	" Unappropriated	
" Subsequent Receipts... 534 18 9	" Account	231 16 2
		£1430 12 3
		£1430 12 3

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

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

1st. From Comps. Isaac Mann Shields, as Z.; Hormusji Limjibhai Batliwalla, as H.; Kanoba Ranchodas Kirtikar, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Cyrus Lodge, No. 1359, Bombay, to be called the Cyrus Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay.

2nd. From Comps. Wm. Humphreys Hodge, as Z.; George Waterman, as H.; J. Shepherd Old, as J.; and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the Star of Agra Lodge, No. 1936, Agra, to be called the Jumna Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Agra, Bengal.

3rd. From Comps. Ephraim Robert Dale, as Z.; Robert Lees, as H.; Wm. Thomas Godfrey Fitzgerald, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Alexandra Lodge No. 1065, Jubbulpore, to be called the Clarence Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Jubbulpore, Bombay.

4th. From Comps. Clemens M. de Wet, as Z.; Joseph Da Silva, as H.; Solomon Hershfield, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Gold Fields Lodge, No. 2487, Johannesburg, to be called The Gold Fields Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Johannesburg, South African Republic.

5th. From Comps. Arthur Edward Harris, as Z.; George Gregory, as H.; Joseph Henry J. Frye, as J.; and 19 others for a chapter to be attached to the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, London, to be called the Jordan Chapter, and to meet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the City of London.

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

The Committee have also received a memorial from the Kandy Newera Chapter, No. 454, Kandy, Ceylon, asking for permission to hold the meetings of the chapter at Kandy and Colombo, alternately—at Kandy on the 3rd Saturday in February and August, and at Colombo on the 3rd Saturday in May and November to suit the members who reside in various parts of the island.

The Committee recommend that the request, under the circumstance, be granted.

The Committee have to report that the charter of the Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 1006, St. Day, Cornwall, has been returned by request of the Provincial Grand Scribe E., Cornwall. The last exaltation in the chapter was in 1884.

The Committee recommend that the fact of the return of the Charter of Chapter, No. 1006, be reported to Grand Chapter.

The Eclectic Chapter, No. 1201, London, having exalted a candidate before the expiration of 12 months from the date of raising, previously to the alteration of the law, the Committee ordered that the chapter be censured, and the candidate re-obligated.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
18th July, 1894.

THE "ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE."

The "Red Book," published annually, is unusually early this time, for the particulars are "corrected to 30th June, 1894," and being thus issued in the third week in July proves that the esteemed Secretary-General has "eaten no idle bread" during the month. The list of members of this beautiful and philosophical Rite is made up to the date specified. The alphabetical Roll, with the rank of each member and the chapter to which he belongs, where necessary, occupies nearly eight pages. Prior to this register, full particulars of each chapter, now numbering 113, are given, such as the name, days of meeting, the M.W.S. and Recorder, and all the members with their highest Degrees noted, running to some 71 pp., preceded by the Roll of Chapters in numerical order, one being without number (the "Baldwyn" Bristol). The last number utilised is 132. There are, however, 22 "chapters not working," two being without numbers, so that the nett total in activity amounts to 113 aforesaid; a small number to have been erased from 1846 to 1894.

The advance of this Rite has been almost phenomenal. When I was "perfected," some 30 years ago, there were only a score of chapters working in England and abroad, under the Supreme Council, and the Degrees were but little known. Now its influence is widespread, and no other Masonic organisation additional to the Craft has done so much, so long, and so well to advance the best interests of the Fraternity.

The rules remain much as before, but as the roll of members varies annually, each chapter should at once be provided with a copy of this most welcome and useful guide. In fact, if each member were wise, the edition would be exhausted this month, and another called for, the handsome little volume being an authoritative guide to the Rite.

Chapters would do well to provide a By-Law that candidates should be presented with copies of the "Red Book," with their By-Laws, for I am persuaded were such adopted it would do much to increase the interest in the Rite, and promote efficiency, so essential to the true prosperity of the Society, which aims at a truly Masonic education for all its neophytes rather than a mere advance in numbers.

The roll of members of the Supreme Council remains the same as in 1893, but one of the officials comes on the list for the first time, in the person of Bro. W. de Manby Sergison, 30^o, as the Deputy Organist. The Inspectors General are also the same as in the previous year. Six new members of the 32^o, four of the 31^o, with the same number of supernumeraries, and several of the 30^o, are duly noted. All the members of the "Supreme Council" and the Inspectors General (England) as well as very many others of the members are present or Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and also of other Masonic bodies.

Within the last 30 years, during which period my experience extends, some £4650 have been donated by the Supreme Council to our Central Masonic Charities, and other beneficent objects, mostly of a directly Masonic character, save such as the French, Irish, Indian, and other Relief or Famine Funds.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF DORSETSHIRE.

The V.E. Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Sir R. N. Howard, held his Provincial Priory at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., all the preceptories being well represented. The usual routine business was transacted, and the PROVINCIAL PRIOR, previous to addressing the sir knights on the state of the Order generally and of the Dorset preceptories particularly, very feelingly alluded to the loss locally sustained by the death of the late Sir Knight Pelly Hooper, who for some years was Prov. Sub-Prior. He then gave a capital address, and proceeded to nominate the officers for the ensuing year:

Sir Knight	Dr. Allan McLean	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
"	Col. Skene	...	...	Prov. Prelate.
"	Zillwood Milledge, J.P.	...	...	Prov. Chancellor.
"	Russell Patey	...	...	Prov. Constable.
"	Dr. C. F. Watts Parkinson	...	...	Prov. Marshal.
"	H. Izard George (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. Registrar.
"	Rev. W. M. Heath, M.A. (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. Treasurer.]
"	H. J. Groves	...	...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
"	F. W. Hetty	...	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
"	T. A. Shenen	...	...	Prov. Almoner.
"	Rev. F. Monday	...	...	Prov. Capt. of Gd.
"	Dr. B. Browning	...	...	Prov. Herald.
"	Sidney S. Milledge	...	...	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
"	The Earl of Portarlington	...	...	Prov. 2nd Std. Br.
Frater	A. Harris	...	...	Prov. Equerry.

The Prov. Treasurer's accounts were very satisfactory, there being a good balance in hand.

The report of the Committee appointed to make a schedule of the properties and fittings was received and adopted, and thanks given to those who had done the work so satisfactorily.

Frater Simmonds, who had held the office of Prov. Equerry for so many years, was voted an honorarium of £3 on relinquishing his duties.

The Provincial Prior, who had provided carriages for the sir knights, entertained the whole of them at his charming residence to a sumptuous banquet.

The aquatic sports and yacht racing which was going on in the bay, and the arrival of the men-of-war assembling for the naval manœuvres, afforded much pleasure to the sir knights, who had excellent views of the lovely cliffs and bay from the balcony of Greenhill House. The Provincial Prior sets an excellent example to the heads of the other Masonic bodies in holding his meetings in the summer, and also in the princely hospitality always shown to the members of this Degree.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Viator Lodge (No. 2308).—It goes without saying that Bro. Jas. Stephens, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Bucks, is a well-known and popular member of the Craft, and if this admission required any corroboration, it was afforded by the enthusiastic reception which he had on being installed W.M. of this lodge on Saturday, the 21st instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. A. Banks, W.M.; T. H. Hobbs, I.P.M.; Jas. Stephens, S.W.; W. Chapple, P.M., J.W.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; W. Saunders, S.D.; R. Manley, J.D.; C. H. Nickerson, D.C.; E. W. Hobbs, I.G.; L. Field, Org.; H. H. Pinkney and C. Crowther, Stwds.; J. Robertson, G. W. T. Saville, J. L. Lowe, J. E. Glover, R. B. A. Lodge, J. H. Dean, T. Slack, J. L. Moore, C. Tillson, A. C. Stephens, C. A. Etches, F. J. Harding, W. B. Edgar, F. Ede, E. Hawkins, T. Manley, H. Howett, and J. Jackman. Visitors: Bros. H. Jowett, P.M. 591, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Ellard, P.M. 360, P.P.S.G.W.; A. B. Bennett, P.P.S.G.D. East Lancs.; T. Baillie, 174; C. H. Rolfe; W. J. Mason, 1328, P.G.D. Surrey; W. S. Andrews, 177 and 2421; J. F. Griffiths, 1399; S. A. Rothschild, 1017; A. E. Hulbert, P.M. 173; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; B. Bramble, 2182; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; E. Storr, P.M. 167; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; A. H. Scurrah, P.M.; T. N. Morris, 177; C. A. P. Osborne, 125; Davie, P.M. 173; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Saville was raised. The W.M. elect, Bro. Jas. Stephens, P.M., was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. Thomas Hobbs, P.M., in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M. for the ensuing year: Bro. W. Chapple, P.M., S.W.; W. Saunders, J.W.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris Sec.; R. Manley, S.D.; E. W. Hobbs, J.D.; C. H. Nickerson, I.G.; H. H. Pinkney, D.C.; R. B. A. Lodge, and A. C. Stephens, Stwds.; Crowther, A.D.C.; L. Field, Org.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. Thomas Hobbs, P.M., and were listened to with great attention. The W.M. then initiated Mr. John Jackman, and his working of the ritual was, if anything, more than excellent, and it was appreciated by the members and visitors. The next duty of the newly-installed Master was to present Bro. Alfred Banks, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which he did in a few appropriate words, remarking that his virtues were sterling and he was highly esteemed. Bro. Banks made a suitable reply, observing that he was honoured by the presentation of the jewel, which would be handed down to his sons as an heirloom. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, which fully maintained the reputation of Bro. A. Clemow and his manager, Bro. Evans. At the close of the repast, and as a preface to the toasts,

The W.M. stated that his speeches would be brief, and he hoped that those who had to follow him would adopt the same course.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said: God bless her, and may the Craft flourish.

At this point Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., arrived, and was received with great enthusiasm.

At the request of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., gave, in eloquent terms, "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.

Bro. Everett, on rising to respond, had a splendid reception. He apologised for being so late, but he had been in the open all day and could not get there before. He came that night out of the regard and affection he had for Bro. Stephens, who was a splendid fellow, and a good friend, and he was glad to see him W.M. of their happy lodge in which he had so many dear friends. He (Bro. Everett) would obey orders, and be brief. He was honoured by being asked to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers, who were only too glad to assist the Craft in every way.

Bro. A. Banks, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said the brethren had heard the character which Bro. Everett had given Bro. Stephens, and with which they heartily agreed. He was well-known as a splendid worker, and would make a better W.M. than he (Bro. Banks) had been, but he could not bring more zeal than he had given, and he had tried to do his best.

Bro. Jas. Stephens responded. He said he was much gratified at his reception and for the many kind things said of him. He could not make a speech, and it was hard to talk of one's self, but if when he vacated his office he received the good wishes which he had always had there, he would be amply rewarded for the little he might do for the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Initiate." He said that they were all creatures of circumstances and must all help each other, especially if they were Freemasons. He thought that the initiate, Bro. Jackman, would never regret joining the Order. He, on behalf of the lodge, extended to him a hearty greeting, and he hoped to see him some day occupying the position which he then so unworthily held.

In replying, Bro. Jackman stated that it had been the great aim of his life to be a Mason, and he wished to do something useful for the Craft. He thanked his proposer and seconder for the honour they had paid him by introducing him to the lodge, and he should never forget the beautiful ceremony that he had gone through that night.

Bro. Price, P.M., gave "The Masonic Charities." It was, he said, the toast of the whole Masonic body. In fervent terms he referred to the great good the several Institutions had done, laying great stress on that for the Old People. Then, as to the Boys, they were taken at an early age, and properly prepared for the world. The lodge he was glad to say had given liberally to all the Charities. They were honoured with the presence of Bro. McLeod (whose name he coupled with the toast), and he could tell them more of the Charities than he (Bro. Price) could. He (Bro. McLeod) had done wonders for the Boys, and it was very fortunate that that Institution had such a hard-working and energetic Secretary. Bro. Stephens, the W.M. would go up as a Steward for the Boys' at the next Festival, and he earnestly hoped that the members would honour him, and maintain the great reputation

of the lodge by sending through him a very substantial amount.

The toast was received with acclamation, and Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., in an eloquent and touching speech, gave full and elaborate details of the several Charities. He thanked the members for what they had done for the Charities in the past, and although he was glad that Bro. Stephens would be a Steward, might he venture to suggest that Mrs. Stephens, his very active partner, who had done great things for the Charities, should be the Steward for the lodge in the place of the W.M. He felt sure that she would obtain a much larger amount than Bro. Stephens could. She was a charming lady, an ardent worker in the cause of Charity, and no one would ever think of refusing to give her a subscription.

Bro. Stephens then said that if the members approved he would gladly fall in with the kind suggestion of Bro. McLeod that his wife should be the Steward in his stead for the Boys.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they were always welcome, and the members were pleased to do their best for their guests. He hoped that they would agree with him that the ceremony of installation that night had been admirably performed, and that they were pleased with what they had seen and with the reception they had met with. He made special reference to Bro. Ellard, who had helped him very much in his capacity as Charity Secretary of the Province of Bucks, which he (Bro. Stephens) appreciated. He read out the names of the 22 visitors, with a kind word for each, and he gave them all the right hand of fellowship.

Bro. Ellard responded. He said that that was his first visit, and it was a pleasure to be there and to acknowledge the kind remarks of the W.M. He had attended many lodges, but had never seen better work than that of that night, and he thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their hospitality and cordial reception of the visitors.

Bro. Davie, P.M., also replied, remarking that he was glad to be there once again; he had known their W.M. for 25 years, and had always admired the energy he threw into everything he undertook, and more especially in Masonry. He (Bro. Stephens) had been installed W.M. on many occasions and the lodge was to be congratulated on having such a ruler honoured with a splendid wife who was just as enthusiastic in Masonry as her husband.

Bros. W. S. Andrews and J. J. Thomas also responded, both bearing testimony to the excellent working and the geniality of the W.M. and expressing a hope that he would have plenty of work during his term of office.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary." He said it was a comfort to him to know that they were favoured in having so good a Treasurer in Bro. Ferguson, who was only too happy to do anything for the lodge and that night he had been invested Treasurer for the sixth time. Referring to Bro. Thomas Hobbs he observed that he was proud to have been installed by his very good friend who had performed the ceremony in a very able manner, and in conclusion he paid a tribute to the excellent services rendered by their energetic Secretary, Bro. T. Morris, who carried out his duties in such a nice way. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Ferguson, Price, and T. Morris.

Bro. Ferguson, P.M., responded. He said that he was honoured by being appointed Treasurer for the sixth time. The lodge was in a flourishing condition and its prestige would not suffer in the hands of Bro. Stephens.

Bro. Price also replied, remarking that he was proud he was the first W.M. of the lodge which had turned out a success and that was due in a great measure to Bro. Thos. Hobbs, the Installing Master that evening, who had done great things for the lodge.

Bro. T. Morris, Sec., also responded in a happy speech. He said he was glad that the lodge was making good progress, and it was to him a labour of love to do anything to promote its interests.

Bro. Thos. Hobbs, P.M., also replied. He said it was a pleasure to him to have installed Br. Stephens, and if it had given satisfaction he was gratified.

The next toast was "The Officers," the W.M. remarking that he was proud of them, and they were all qualified to go into the chair at once, to which suitable responses were made.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a highly satisfactory and happy meeting.

The W.M. had provided a musical entertainment of an exceptionally superior quality, in which the following took part: Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Lily Stephens (aged 11), Bro. and Mrs. R. B. A. Lodge, Bros. F. J. Harding, C. H. Nickerson, T. Manley, E. W. Hobbs, and Rothschild (prestidigitateur), but special mention should be made of Miss E. Winn, Miss E. Foxcroft, Miss Lily Stephens, and Bro. Rothschild. Bro. L. Field, Org., was musical director, and his efforts gave every satisfaction.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN CHESHIRE.

The Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire held its June meeting at the North-Western Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. A large gathering of the Committee was brought about by the fact of an intended presentation to Bro. Salmon, the Chairman of the Committee.

The Chairman, Bro. Salmon, was supported by Bros. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., J. Clayton, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Spencer Stanhope, and a numerous and influential body of Masons of the province.

The proceedings of the Committee commenced with the calling over the roll of members and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 28th March last. This having been done,

Bro. the Hon. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON, on behalf of the Committee of Benevolence, presented to Bro. Salmon, who had been appointed by the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to the office of A.G.D.C. England, a beautiful illuminated address (signed by the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Egerton, and the members constituting the Charity Council of the province), and with the regalia pertaining to the distinguished office to which Bro. Salmon had been appointed. In making the presentation, Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, after

referring to the objects for which that Committee of Benevolence had been constituted, viz., Masonic Charity, enlarged upon the valuable services which for a long series of years had been given by Bro. Salmon to the cause of Charity, and to the great esteem in which he was held by the brethren in the province, and especially by the Committee of Benevolence over whom he ably presided, and who had determined to honour the appointment which had been conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M., by presenting him with the beautiful illuminated address he held in his hands, and the regalia of A.G.D.C. of Grand Lodge. He trusted Bro. Salmon would live for years to preside over that Committee and stimulate the cause of Charity, and that he would look back with pleasure on the event of that day.

Bro. NEWHOUSE, P.G. Sec., then read the address, and Bro. SALMON suitably responded.

The Committee then proceeded to the other business on the agenda paper, and

Bro. BROADSMITH, P.P.G.R., moved the following resolution: "That it is desirable that the administration of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution and the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution should be vested in the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire, but so as in no wise to interfere with the rights or privileges of any Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Governors for life or otherwise of either Institution."

In introducing the matter to the brethren, Bro. BROADSMITH paid a well deserved tribute to the zeal and ability with which the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution had been carried on and managed under the fostering care of our late Bro. Platt, and of Bro. F. K. Stevenson, the Hon. Sec. of the Institution, and emphatically declared the valuable service the Institution had rendered to Masonic Charity in the province. He, however, considered that the administration of that should be placed in with the other Masonic Charities in Cheshire so as to secure to it greater support and more efficient advocacy than it at present had and was afraid if something were not done in that direction the energies of the Committee of Benevolence, and of the Charity Representatives of the lodges who were members of that Committee would be devoted to the objects which came within the purview of that Committee to the injury of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution. He said that, by common consent, each lodge had placed its Charity affairs in the hands of its Charity representative, upon whose zeal and advocacy much depended, and that if such representative had no voice in the affairs of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution and no vote, it was obvious that he would take little or no interest in it.

Bro. Broadsmith's speech in support of the resolution was both long and able, and he apparently convinced the majority of the brethren that his ideas were right. An amendment was, however, moved that the matter should be deferred—only three voted for the amendment. The motion was carried by a large majority.

A further resolution was then moved by Bro. Broadsmith, empowering the Charity Council to take the necessary steps for bringing the resolution before the Court of Governors of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution and the Executive Committee of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, and report thereon.

This was also carried.

We understand that it is intended to have Bro. Broadsmith's speech in support of his resolution printed as an addendum to the annual report of the Committee of Benevolence, so that each lodge in the province will be able to come to a conclusion as to the merits of the motion.

The Committee then proceeded with the business relating to the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a report was read relating to the proceedings at the anniversary festival at Southport, which had resulted in an addition of £520 to the funds of the Institution.

The report was adopted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

BRO. HILLIER'S PICNIC.

Masons gathered in great numbers on Friday, 20th inst., at Wembley Park, in response to invitations to the usual picnic given by Bro. Hillier, Worshipful Master of the Highgate Lodge and Hammersmith Lodge, who by his energy and capacity has raised himself to the command of the West London district of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited. Among those present were Bros. J. Howarth, P.M. 1776, P.G.S. Hunts, Z. 1776; W. J. Mason, 1328, P.G.D. Sussex; A. Williams, P.M. P.Z.; S. J. Ortner, 167; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; J. French, 1642; Dr. Kemp; J. Cruttenden, 779; Hiscock, 1562; H. Sibold, 1743; W. W. Williams, 753; S. Parkhouse, P.M. 142; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M. 1642; E. P. Connell, 1512; W. C. Tebbitt, 2045; Dr. Mills; Dr. Whitlock, P.M. 1280; Bond, 868; L. Beale, 1767; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; R. Hendry, 1767; G. Chapman, 1805; F. Chandler, 1606, P.P.G.P. Middx.; Dr. Willis, 21; Penny, 1805; J. Mantell; and Earl Dalhousie. The day's proceedings were enlivened by athletic sports and a cricket match, whilst the City of London Band, under Bro. H. Sibold, played a charming selection of music both in the morning and afternoon. Shortly after mid-day an excellent lunch was served in one of the pavilions, and towards evening the guests, numbering 350, sat down to a substantial tea. A number of handsome prizes were distributed to the winners of the athletic events by Mrs. Hillier; and the festivities wound up at a late hour with an impromptu dance in which old and young alike joined.

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SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1894.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st prox., at 6 p.m. The agenda which will then be brought under the notice of the companions will be found in another part of our columns.

We learn by telegraph that at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on Wednesday, Bro. W. R. White, Q.C., Pembroke, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.P., Beamsville, Deputy Grand Master. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, P.G. Master, Canada, was elected Grand Z. Bro. Gibson is the retiring Grand Master, and unless the cable has blundered, we can only regard his acceptance of the office of Deputy Grand Master as an act of self-abnegation, which does credit alike to his Masonic zeal and modesty of character.

The nearest approach to an instance of this kind will be found in the annals of the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Dr. J. T. Desaguliers, who was Grand Master in 1719, having served as Deputy Grand Master, firstly, in 1722-3, and for the second time in 1725.

The *Indian Masonic Review* for June is unusually well furnished with reports of the proceedings at sundry of the District Grand Lodges in India as well as at some of the District or Provincial Grand Chapters. To the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, on the 10th March, we have referred in former Notes. The District Grand Lodge of Bombay was held on the 30th of the same month under the presidency of

Bro. H. Wynford Barrow, Deputy District Grand Master in charge, and was honoured with the presence of Bro. J. W. Smith, M.W.G.M. of All Scottish Freemasonry in India and his Grand Lodge Officers. Both the presiding officer and Bro. Smith referred in enthusiastic terms to the complete harmony which had always existed between the two Constitutions. From the reports which were presented and adopted, it would appear that English Freemasonry is in a flourishing condition, and a grant of 2000 rupees was unanimously made to the Bombay Masonic Association. Bro. Barrow subsequently announced that he had requested the permission of the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master, to retire from his office, and expressed his thanks to District Grand Lodge generally, and the officer he had been brought chiefly in contact with, for their uniform kindness and courtesy. Bro. I. M. Shields, whom his Royal Highness had been pleased to appoint Deputy, was installed in office, and new District Grand Officers having been appointed, the proceedings terminated.

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At the communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal on the 21st March, a portrait of Bro. Thomas Jones, Past Deputy District Grand Master, to whom as Preceptor of the Calcutta Emulation Lodge of Improvement for 10 years the Craft in the District was deeply indebted, was presented to District Grand Lodge by Bro. W. H. Fitze, P.G.D., P.D.D.G.M., on behalf of the subscribers, and accepted with unfeigned thanks on behalf of the District Grand Lodge by Bro. Sir H. Thoby Prinsep, Dist. G.M. In this case also, a grant of 2000 rupees was made to the funds of the local Masonic Association. The reports and the District Grand Master's address likewise furnish ample evidence as to the general prosperity of the Craft in Bengal, and the admirable manner in which the duties are carried out by the lodges in the District.

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A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Burmah was held under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, Deputy Dist. Grand Master, on the 12th March. The attendance, however, appears to have been somewhat meagre, owing to the notices of meeting having been issued so long in advance of the appointed day, while the proceedings were merely of local interest. However, the Acting District Grand Master was able to congratulate the lodges on the punctuality with which the returns had been sent in, and that the funds of the District Grand Lodge were in a fair condition.

Correspondence.

A MASONIC INSURANCE SCHEME.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. Lovegrove in your issue of the 14th inst., my scheme of Self Help is intended to be in strict accordance with the teaching of Freemasonry, viz., a column of mutual defence and support. It can be styled Masonic insurance if any brother so pleases, because it makes assurance "doubly sure."

I am aware of the Masonic Insurance Company of some years ago, and I know why it was not a success.

In a case such as the one I am anxious to place before the Craft in general, all the expensive method of getting the business which is adopted by most offices to-day would be done away with. I may say to Bro. Lovegrove and any other brother who may feel interested that I have communicated with, and laid the great part of my scheme before, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the East Lancashire Charity Committee, and they all seem generally favourable to the working of it.

And as I know it is a matter which, if ever worked through, must first receive the sanction of the Board of General Purposes, I am endeavouring to place it upon such footing as to receive strong support when it comes before that distinguished body. Meantime, perhaps Bro. Lovegrove will excuse me saying more than I have already said, and which, in condensed form, I will here repeat.

That I believe I can demonstrate that Freemasons who care to combine can provide, at an extremely low cost of £4 or £5 per annum, a sum payable to their widows or families of £400 at their death. And further, in five years the Institution under notice would be in a position to provide 60 annuities of £25 per annum each, based upon the rate of 3 per cent. interest. Such annuities would be paid out of interest and not capital, and that such annuity fund would be further increased each year so as to add 12 additional annuities to the list.

This cannot be done in a province or district, but must be offered to all Masons five years made and subscribers to a lodge.

I ask, if such a scheme as this can be shown to work, where is the reasonable objection to it? and does it not on the face of it show the great relief to the continued strain upon the three London Institutions now existing?

Probably there is no other organisation among men, with the exception of Freemasonry, which could adopt such a scheme as this and secure for it in the present a measure of success, and in the future continued support.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

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Craft Masonry.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst., Bro. John Last, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Niven, I.P.M., as S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Chap., as J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; E. P. Peterson, P.M., Sec.; Alf. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; S. A. Auty, P.M.; John Morton, S.D.; Jas. B. Fearnley, J.D.; A. E. Harris, I.G.; and Hy. Holmes, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Frank Johnson, W.M. 974; Claude Taylor, S.W. 978; A. A. Harrison, W.M. 1545; and John Haley, I.P.M. 1034.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous regular meeting were duly confirmed, after which Bro. J. R. Markham was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M.; Bro. Wilson, P.M., Chap., explained the Masonic significance of the working tools; the charge being given by Bro. Bailey, P.M., Treas. Bro. Wm. S. Smith, 1018, was proposed as a joining member, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

Refreshment having been served, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and gave them a very hearty welcome.

Bro. Johnson, W.M. 974, responded, and acknowledged with pleasure the cordial manner the toast had been received, and the hospitable way the visitors had been entertained. He referred to his presence, five years ago, at the interesting ceremony of the consecration of the lodge, and he was glad to observe the progress that had been made.

Bros. Harrison, W.M. 1545, and J. Haley, I.P.M. 1034, also responded.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Johnson, W.M. 974.

In responding, Bro. Last, W.M., referred to the pleasure he had experienced in accompanying three of the members of the lodge to the recent successful Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Brighton, which reflected so much credit upon the Chairman, the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who had been so ably supported by all the lodges in his province.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. John Haley, I.P.M. 1034, and was responded to by Bro. John Niven, I.P.M., who, in the course of his remarks, referred to his recent visit, in company with many provincial Masons, to the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, in London, at a special emergency lodge, held in connection with the meeting of the members, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and where it had been his privilege and pleasure to be called upon to respond for "The Visitors."

"Success to the Royal Masonic Institutions," was proposed by Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., Charity member, who made special reference to the recent successful Boys' School Festival at Brighton, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. J. B. Fearnley, J.D., one of the Stewards. Bro. Auty congratulated the Stewards and everyone concerned on having achieved such a splendid result. He understood that the management of the Schools at the present time was all that could be desired, but he ventured to express the opinion—an opinion that was gaining ground in the provinces—that as the State has now undertaken the education of the young the money now spent upon each child in the Masonic Schools would be more usefully and more beneficially employed towards the maintenance and support of the widow and remaining children of a deceased brother, rather than spent upon one child only of such family in the Institution. Bro. Auty concluded by wishing continued prosperity to all the Masonic Institutions.

Bro. Fearnley, J.D., responded. He stated he considered it a great honour for so young a Mason as himself to be called upon to respond to so important a toast. It had been his privilege as a Steward to attend the Brighton Festival, and he would indeed have been sorry to have missed so great a treat. His interest in the Masonic Charities had been ten-fold increased by reason of his recent experience. He was now a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and if the G.A.O.T.U. prospered him, he would not be content until he was also a Life Governor of the other two Institutions.

Bro. Alfred A. Harrison, W.M. 1545, proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and took the opportunity of stating that the members of the Baildon Lodge, No. 1545, had long entertained the views enunciated by Bro. Auty, P.M., in proposing the previous toast, and he would be glad to see some prominent members of the Order advocate the subject in West Yorkshire until the amount now spent about one child should be utilised for the benefit of the family of which such child was a member. He was glad to propose the toast, as he knew the officers of the lodge were zealous in support of the W.M.

Bro. E. P. Peterson, P.M., Sec., responded in an able speech.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very successful meeting, the speeches having been interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Sykes, Wilson, Docksey, and Bowler.

HAVANT.

Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Waterloo-road, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The outgoing Master, Bro. J. M. Godfrey, inducted into the chair Bro. G. Cox, S.W., the ceremony being performed in his usual able and instructive manner, who appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. M. Godfrey, I.P.M.; W. Bates, P.M., S.W.; G. Huggett, J.W.; E. Spriggins, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Smith Parsons, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Morris, S.D.; F. Hales, J.D.; J. T. Slade, P.M., D.C.; H. M. Smith, I.G.; J. Bleach, Org.; F. A. Fawcett and A. Upton, Stewards; and W. Burrows, Tyler.

The following members were also present: Bros. H. R. Trigg, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Francis, P.P.G.W.; L. J. Morey, W. S. Williams, J. Hillyer, and W. W. Blake. The visitors were Bros. G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.R., Prov. A.G. Sec.; C. Holmes, W.M. 342; F. Hazzard, W.M. 903; E. H. Buck, W.M. 2163; T. H. Nancarrow, W.M. 2074; R. G. Pither, W.M. 2068; R. Waterman, W.M. 1834; E. Lay, P.M. 569, P.P.G. Std. Br. Worcester; A. J. Dunn, S.W. 342; C. Martin, S.W. 1428; W. A. Morley, 487; T. F. Wilton, P.P.G. Org.; C. F. Brown, J.W. 487; F. Doyle, 148; H. W. Green, 2068; G. Cook; W. E. Bate, 487; and E. Godwin, S.W. 1776.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where 40 sat down to an excellent repast.

The usual Masonic toasts were heartily received and responded to, being interspersed with some capital singing by Bros. Holmes, Brown, Bate, Lancaster, and Bascombe, Bros. T. F. Wilton being the accompanist. Bro. H. W. Smith Parsons, who was unfortunately prevented from attending the lodge, met with a hearty greeting on entering the room.

Bro. J. Mew Godfrey, in the name of the lodge, then rose, and, in an eulogistic speech, spoke in high terms of the excellent services that had been rendered to the lodge by Bro. Smith Parsons, and presented him with a salver and breakfast cruet, which had been subscribed for by the members of his mother lodge in recognition of his useful work in connection with Freemasonry generally, to which Bro. Smith Parsons responded.

The toast list having been completed, the meeting broke up about 10.30.

PURFLEET.

Tilbury Lodge (No. 2006).—The summer water party of the lodge took place on Saturday, the 14th inst. A lodge meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, when Bros. A. J. Constable, E. W. Standford, and J. H. Pearson were raised to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Walter Buttery, who called upon the I.P.M., Bro. Joseph Bruton, P.P.D.G.D.C., to perform the ceremony of raising, which he carried out in a most impressive manner, according to his wonted custom for the past two years.

At its conclusion the brethren proceeded for a trip down the river in the steamer Danube, round "the Mouse" Lightship. A heavy thunderstorm broke just as the company were embarking, but ultimately the weather cleared, and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed. An excellent cold collation was cleverly served on board by Bro. J. E. Wingrove, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Purfleet, who personally assists as well as directs on such occasions.

The brethren present were Bros. Walter Buttery, W.M.; Joseph Bruton, I.P.M.; P. C. Walker, S.W.; F. Clarke, J.W.; W. L. Dudgeon, Sec.; and A. J. Dudgeon, Treas.; the two latter energetically working for the comfort of the visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Flint, W.M. 33; Hammond, W.M. 2184; H. Long, S.W. 79; and L. A. Richardson, S.W. 157.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hall, on the 14th inst. Among those present were: Comps. W. Fisher, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., M.E.Z.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., as H.; R. Bone, H. elect, J.; F. Robinson, J. elect, S.N.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S., D.G.D.C., P.Z., S.F.; G. S. Daunton, J. Masters, S. W. S. Burridge, and C. H. Köhler, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Alfred Collins, Rifle Brigade Lodge, and he being in attendance, was most impressively exalted by the M.E.Z. Comp. W. Fisher was for the second time inducted as First Principal by the S.E. The M.E.Z. then most ably installed Comps. R. Poore as H., and F. Robinson as J. The following investitures were made: Comps. Capt. Walls, as S.E.; G. S. Daunton, P.S.; J. Masters, 1st A.S.; S. W. S. Burridge, 2nd A.S.; and A. Collins, D.C. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Henry Higgins, P.P.G.D.C., P.Z.; W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E., P.Z., and others. A candidate for exaltation at the next chapter having been duly proposed, the chapter was closed.

The banquet was exceedingly well served. A few toasts followed. The M.E.Z. was congratulated by the various speakers for the able manner in which he had carried out the labours of the day.

Mark Masonry.

THRAPSTON.

Lilford Lodge (No. 471).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Lilford Hall, near Oundle, under dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., for the purpose of advancing Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Lilford to the Degree of M.M. The Lilford Lodge was consecrated some six months since by the Prov Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., and is the latest addition to the Mark Provinces of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland. The founders of the lodge unanimously elected Bro. the Hon. John Powys, son of Lord Lilford, as their first W.M., and Lord Lilford, having granted permission for the lodge to be named after himself, expressed a wish to take the Degree of M.M. as soon as his physical infirmities would allow. Accordingly, this special lodge was held as stated above. The brethren from Thrapston, Northampton, and Bradford, met at the Thorpe Station, where carriages were waiting to convey them to Lilford Hall. On arrival they were received by the ever genial W.M., and in due time were conducted to the library, which had been fitted up as a lodge room for the occasion. The various chairs were filled as follows: Bros. John Powys, W.M.; T. P. Dorman, P.M. 245, as I.P.M.; Geo. Ellard, P.M. 245, P.G. Std., as S.W.; A. E. Parsons, J.W. 434, J.W.; Hy. Hodges, J.W. 245, as M.O.; J. Rogers, S.O.; G. Siddons, J.O.; Rev. F. G. Hodgson, Chap.; W. T. King, Treas.; R. C. Pars, Sec.; R. F. Winch, as R. of M.; J. Smith, J.W. 4 and 406, S.D.; W.

Saunders, 245, as J.D.; J. J. Hart, P.M. 245, G.S., I.G.; T. H. Vials, P.P.G.O., as Org.; and H. Rose, Tyler. There were also present Bros. R. Knight, A. J. W. Hambling, Lord Lilford, and J. Shelmerdine.

The lodge having been opened, and the usual formalities complied with, Bros. Lord Lilford and Jesse Shelmerdine, both of 607, were admitted and advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M. The W.M. performed the whole of the ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner. Probably this is an occurrence unique in the annals of Mark Masonry, where a father was advanced by his son, and that at a special lodge held in his own private residence.

The lodge having been closed the brethren were entertained in a most hospitable manner by Bro. Lord Lilford.

The W.M. submitted in glorious terms the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," which was duly honoured.

Bro. A. E. Parsons, J.W., submitted in eulogistic words "The Health of the Newly-advanced Brethren," to which Bro. Lord Lilford replied, regretting that although he was the oldest living member of the Chicheley Lodge, he had been for so long a time incapacitated from attending its meetings how pleased and impressed he had been with the ceremony of the day, and wishing that God's richest blessings might be bestowed on the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. J. Shelmerdine also responded.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed in eloquent language by Bro. Hambling, and the opportunity taken of offering hearty congratulations to him on his approaching marriage.

Bro. Powys heartily thanked the brethren for their good wishes and said how pleased he had been to receive the brethren "At Home," and hoped it had given as much gratification to them as it had to himself.

The brethren afterwards visited the celebrated aviary, probably the finest private collection in the country, and were accompanied by Bro. Lord Lilford, who gave many very interesting particulars respecting the habits, &c., of many of his specimens, which added considerably to the enjoyment of the visitors.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Butler Wilkins, P.M. 245, P.G.O.; Sir Arthur de Capel Brooke, S.W.; Percy Mitchell, M.O.; and Geo. Butcher, P.M. 245, P.P.S.G.W.

Obituary.

BRO. ALFRED WILLIAMS.

The funeral of Bro. Alfred Williams, whose death we briefly noticed last week, took place at Norwood Cemetery on Wednesday. The attendance of members of the Craft, although numerous, would have been much larger, but for the fact that many of his more intimate Masonic friends were absent on an important function in Guernsey, but it was pleasing to find that his memory was so honoured in the lodge in which he took a special interest—the Macdonald Mark—that it was represented by the following members: Bros. J. P. Tamburini, W.M.; Robt. Berridge, P.M., P.G.W., S.G.D.C.; Jabez Church, P.M., S.G.O.; J. Manwaring, P.M., P.G.I.G.; M. Mildred, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; A. F. Church, P.M., G. Stwd.; W. H. Bale, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Borradaile, M.O.; H. W. Andrews, and A. C. Wood, Org. There were also present, as representing the Society of Engineers, of which the deceased was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. G. A. Goodwin, President; Mr. C. Gaudon, Past President; Mr. J. W. Wilson, Past President; Mr. H. Nursey, Past President; Mr. H. Adams, C.E., Past President; Mr. J. Bernays, C.E., Past President; Mr. Baldwin Lathom, C.E., Past President; Mr. G. Pierce, Engineer to the Richmond Water Company; and Mr. G. A. Pryce Cuxson, Secretary to the Society of Engineers; as well as many old friends and employees of the firm. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths and crosses. At the head was placed a beautiful wreath by Mrs. Williams, widow of the deceased. A wreath was also sent from Bro. John Aird, M.P.; also one from Bro. Mildred, Bro. Mainwaring, and a cross from Bro. W. H. Bale, the most conspicuous being the emblematical triangle covered with flowers, representing the colours of the Mark Degree clothing with a keystone in the centre, on which was the following inscription: "In memoriam. To Bro. Alfred Williams, from the members of the Macdonald Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 104. With very great regret and deep sympathy." This was designed by Bro. W. H. Bale, P.M. and Secretary of the Macdonald Lodge. The employees of the firm also sent a beautiful wreath. Bro. Alfred Williams will be greatly missed by his Masonic brethren, especially at the General Board of the Mark Degree, of which he has been for many years past an active member. We tender to the widow our warmest sympathy in the loss she has sustained.

BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end offices, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington and the tickets are available for use under precisely the same conditions as those issued at that station. The following are the offices at which tickets are issued, viz.: 193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; 269, Strand; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; The Piazza, Covent Garden; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street, East London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 181, Tottenham Court-road; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; 17, Brompton-road; Minorities (opposite Goodman's Yard); The Nags Head, High-street, Borough; and the L.B. and S.C. Company's Office, under the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar-square. The booking offices at Paddington Station will be open for

the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, and the tickets issued (except those for special excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, August 4th, the Company will run in duplicate, the 3.0 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England, the 12.0 noon 3.15 and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, and South Wales. The first portion of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first portions of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Friday, August 3rd, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.55 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 10.10 p.m. on Friday, August 3rd, and at 7.55 a.m. and 1.55 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th, reaching Exeter in 5 1/2 hours, and Plymouth in 7 1/2 hours. Excursions will also be run on Saturday to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, the Channel Islands, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Barnmouth, Aberystwith, Llandudno, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western System. Passengers are also booked every Saturday 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. An excursion train leaves Paddington at 8.10 a.m. every Saturday during July, August and September, for Shrewsbury, Llanidloes, Aberystwith, Barnmouth, Harlech, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Bettws-y-coed, Bangor, Carnarvon, and other stations in North Wales, for 3, 10 or 17 days. On Sunday, August 5th, excursions will run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at 12.15 midnight an excursion for one or four days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. On Monday cheap trains will be run to Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c. Cheap third class excursion tickets are issued daily by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley and other popular riverside resorts.

THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North Western Company announce that the Ticket Offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, July 30th, to Monday, August 6th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following Town Receiving Offices of the Company: Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 15, Queen-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Swanwith-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street, E.C.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street, E.C.; Palmer's, 79, Knight-riders-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; 13, East-cheap, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn, W.C.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; 3, James-street, Covent Garden, W.C.; Spread Eagle Universal Office, Piccadilly Circus, W.; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 406, Oxford-street, W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; The Eclipse, 169B, Fulham-road, S.W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; 34, Albert Gate, Knightsbridge, S.W.; 33, High-street, Kensington, W.; 65, Aldgate, E.; Royal Albert and Victoria Docks Canning Town Goods Station, 41, Barking-road, E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; 117, High-street, Borough, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; "Angel," Islington, 5, Pentonville-road, N.; L.B. and S.C. Office, 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross, W.C. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Offices, 142, Strand, W.C.; 4, Northumberland-avenue; and 18, Westbourne-grove, W.; and at the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's Stores, 105, Victoria-street, Westminster, at the same fares as at Euston Station. The Company also announce that on Thursday, August 2nd, and Friday, August 3rd, special trains will leave Euston at 6.25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland. On Friday, August 3rd, the 2.0 p.m. train from London (Euston) will convey passengers to Carlisle and Scotland only. The 12.0 midnight train from Euston will be run via Blisworth. A train in connection will leave Northampton at 1.34 a.m. on Saturday morning, August 4th, and return from Blisworth at 1.53 a.m., arriving at Northampton 2.3 a.m. On Saturday, August 4th, the 2.0 p.m. train from London (Euston) will convey passengers to Carlisle and Scotland only. A special train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.57 p.m. for Blisworth, Weedon, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford. Special trains will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham, arriving at 6.21 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. respectively. The 7.0 p.m. express from Birmingham to London will travel via Northampton, thus affording an additional service from Birmingham to Northampton, and Northampton to London. On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 6th, the following trains will not be run: the 3.0 p.m. Euston to Bletchley. The 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. trains from Euston will leave at 12.10 noon and 4.10 p.m. respectively. The 4.30 p.m. train from Euston will not run. Passengers for the Birmingham District will travel by the 5.0 p.m., and those for stations between Northampton and Rugby, Northampton and Peterboro', and Northampton and Nottingham, must leave London (Euston) at 3.15 p.m. The 7.0 p.m. Express from Birmingham to London will travel via Northampton, thus affording an additional service from Birmingham to Northampton and Northampton

to London. Many of the residential trains run in the suburbs of London, Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, will not be run on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 6th, particulars of which will be advertised locally. The dining cars between London and Liverpool will not be run on the Bank Holiday, but those between London and Manchester and the Corridor Dining Car Train will run as usual. Cheap excursions will be run by this Company from London to Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Dudley, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Huddersfield, Bradford, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Aberystwith, Borth, Abergavenny, South and Central Wales, Chester, North Wales, Bolton, Blackburn, Southport, Morecambe, Blackpool, Carlisle, the English Lake District, Scotland, and to various other places on the Company's system. Similar trains will be run from many of the districts named to London, including bookings to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Portsmouth, Southampton, &c., and also to Paris and the Continent. Bills and full particulars can be obtained on application at the railway stations and at the Company's offices.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Friday night, August 3rd, cheap five or 11 days' excursions will be run from London to Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c. On Saturday, August 4th, cheap six days' excursions will be run from London to Huntingdon, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tutbury, Stoke, Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, &c. On Saturday night, August 4th, a special excursion for eight days will be run from London to Darlington, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. On Saturday, August 4th, and Monday, August 6th, cheap day excursions will be run to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Tickets will be issued by the excursion on Saturday, available for return by the excursion on Monday, or by any ordinary train on Tuesday. On Sunday night, August 5th, a fast excursion for two days will be run from King's Cross to Manchester. On Monday, August 6th, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. Cheap return tickets will also be issued to Biggleswade on Monday, August 6th. For Alexandra Park Races on Saturday, August 4th, a frequent service of special and ordinary trains will be run between Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate, Broad Street, King's Cross, and the Wood Green Station. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station—King's Cross—tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park Stations; also at the following ticket offices: 90, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico; 139 and 141, Brompton-road, S.W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 169, Edgware-road; "Royal Oak" Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; 328, Strand; 29, Bow-street, Covent Garden; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 204, High Holborn; 16, Fish-street-hill; 75, High-street, Borough; 230, High-street, Borough; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks, Great Northern Company's Offices; at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross and 32 Piccadilly Circus; at W. Whiteley's, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater; at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.; and Civil Service Supply Association, 136, Queen Victoria-street; of Messrs. Hernu, Peron and Co., 98 and 100, Queen Victoria-street; of A. Jakins and Co., 99, Leadenhall-street (Leadenhall House), E.C.; "Red Cap," 6, Camden-road, N.W.; and "Empire," 30, Silver-street, Notting Hill-gate, and at Robertson's, "Castle" Office, 191, Fulham-road, S.W.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

For the convenience of the public the Midland Railway Company have arranged that the booking-offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, August 3rd and 4th. Tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their City and suburban offices, and the offices of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, a full list of which will be found in the Midland time-tables and other announcements. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursions will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley, Keighley, York, Hull, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Carlisle, &c., &c., on Saturday, August 4th, returning the following Thursday; and to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning the following Saturday; and tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the above-named offices. Cheap excursion trains for six days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Keighley, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, August 4th. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast stations for 5, 8, 10, or 15 days, to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within 10 days. On Monday, August 6th, cheap day trips will also be run from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Northampton, Bedford, &c., to London; and from London (St. Pancras) to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Leicester, and Birmingham, and a two days' excursion to Manchester. Cheap daily and week-end excursions are run from St. Pancras and other Midland stations to Southend-on-Sea by the new and shorter route, via the Tottenham and Forest Gate Line.



Bro. F. J. Horniman has been elected on the court of the Horners' Company.

As the Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, the Prince of Wales will to-day (Friday), at head-quarters, present the medals and certificates awarded by the Order for acts of gallantry in saving life on land. There are five recipients.

There was a numerous gathering on Saturday at the garden fête that was given, by permission of Bro. Sir Whittaker Ellis and Lady Ellis, in the grounds of Buccleuch House, Richmond, in support of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows.

The memorial stone of the new established church at Waterside, Ayrshire, was, on Sunday night, rifled of its contents. The glass jar deposited therein with Masonic honours by Bro. Cochrane, M.P., was discovered in a field minus the gold coins and other valuables, but still containing all the documents.

Bro. the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, rector of St. Michael, Bassishaw, has been invited to attend and take part in the annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in November next in the United States. The Brotherhood, it appears, is making steady progress in England under Bro. Barrass's care.

On Saturday last a cricket match was played at East Finchley between the employees of Mr. George Kenning, *The Freemason*, v. City House, when a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The scores were—*Freemason*, 68; City House, 23. For the winners A. Millbourn contributed 47. G. H. Godsawe bowled well for the losers, for whom H. T. Mills was top score, with 8. The two teams were subsequently photographed.

The directors of Perry & Co., Limited, steel pen makers, have resolved to pay on the 1st September, an interim dividend on the ordinary shares for the first six months of this year at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, free of income tax, being at the same rate as for the corresponding period last year. The half-yearly dividend on the preference shares will be paid as usual at the fixed rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND FREEMASONRY.—Bro. Chas. F. Forshaw (Bradford) writing to the *British Medical Journal*, says: "Dr. Cockburn is not the only medical man who is a Provincial Grand Master, for Dr. James Middleton is the Provincial Grand Master of Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirkshires, and so recently as May 3rd last he presided over 200 brethren at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. As I am an honorary member of the Peebles Kilwinning Lodge, No. 24 (founded 1716), in Dr. Middleton's jurisdiction perhaps you will kindly, by inserting this letter, allow my P.G.M. to share with Dr. Cockburn the peculiar honour of being the only two medical men in Great Britain who hold the proud position of Provincial Grand Masters.

There is said to be a strong feeling in Canada that men who have been rushed through Masonry should not be permitted to affiliate with lodges either in the States or in Canada. The Toronto *Freemason* regards Scotland as specially guilty of the offence of "rushing" candidates, and instances two cases which had come under its observation, one of a member made in 175, Greenock, and the other of one made in 176, Dundee, only a few hours before taking ship to cross the Atlantic. It is respectfully and fraternally submitted, says the same writer, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland is doing an immense amount of injury to the Craft all over the world by permitting the wholesale manufacture of Masons. It is a painful fact, capable of demonstration, that the larger number of Masons who seek relief in the United States hail from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and experience has shown, according to my Canadian contemporary, that in New York city men who have been made Masons in the beginning of the month in Scotland, have been before the Board of Relief before its close.—*The Mallet*.

WILL OF THE LATE BRO. EDMUND YATES.—By his will, dated July 12th, 1892, Mr. Edmund Hodgson Yates, of 1, York-street, Covent Garden, and 2, Eaton-gardens, Hove, who died at the Savoy Hotel on the 20th May last, aged 63 years, leaving personal estate of the gross value of £31,719 11s. 2d., appointed as executors his wife, Mrs. Louisa Katherine Yates, of Oaklands, Haywards Heath, Mr. Joseph Charles Parkinson, of 17, Great George-street, Mr. Sydney Squire Bancroft, of 18, Berkeley-square, and Colonel Arthur Griffiths, by the last named of whom probate has been renounced. Mr. Yates desired that immediately after his death his jugular vein should be opened by his medical attendant or some other surgeon, and that a fee of 20 guineas should be paid for the operation. He desired that his body should be cremated. He bequeathed to his faithful friend and Secretary, £100; to his Secretary, Thomas Laker, £50; to his coachman, £50; to his wife's maid, £50; and to Mrs. Yates, £500, his plate, pictures, furniture, and household effects, horses and carriages, and three-fourths of the income of his residuary estate. The remaining one-fourth of the income is to be paid in specified proportions to the testator's four sons. His books are to be sold by auction. It is his wish that the *World* should not be sold. He bequeathed all his interest in that periodical and the properties connected therewith to trustees, who are to carry on the publication for 21 years, and are to receive liberal remuneration in each year when the profit exceeds £4000, and are also to accumulate a reserve fund for the equalisation of dividends.

STARTLING RUMOURS OF WAR are in the air. The statesman watches the course of events with majestic anxiety. A word from him may precipitate matters and hurl the nations into deadly combat. He must keep his nerve—all depends on that. Once let his nerve fail him, and he knows full well some terrible mistake will be made. Some hasty word spoken, and then indeed all will be lost. There are times in our daily life when every man finds himself similarly placed. Everything depends upon nerve. Let him be prepared for such times, and by the use of Holloway's Pills keep his head clear, his blood pure, and his frame invigorated.

We understand that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex will be held at Chelmsford, on Wednesday, the 8th prox.

An art gallery which shall be worthy of the reputation the Newlyn School has gained in the art world is to be presented by Mr. Passmore Edwards, himself a Cornishman, to that now favourite spot of artists.

Lord Llangoatock, who has been appointed by the Prince of Wales to succeed the late Bro. Sir George Elliot, as Prov. G.M. for the Eastern Division of South Wales, is to be installed at a Prov. Grand Lodge, at Cardiff, on September 27th.

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

The English firemen who are now at Lyons are to be given a reception at Paris on Tuesday, 7th prox., by the Municipal Council of Paris. This courtesy is to be offered on the suggestion of the chairmen of the Fire Brigades of the Seine and of the Federation of Fire Brigades of France and Algeria.

An excellent full-page portrait and biography of R.V. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, appears in the *Indian Freemason* for June. The notice contains so much matter of interest not only to Anglo-Indians, but to Masons generally, that we shall take the first opportunity of reprinting it in the *Freemason*.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent will be held by the Most Excellent the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, Dover, on Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m., precisely. A banquet will take place at the Apollonian Hall, Snargate-street, Dover.

RESTORATION OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The works connected with the restoration of the west front of Rochester Cathedral, which have been in progress for some time, having been completed, the formal dedication of that portion of the cathedral was carried out on Wednesday by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of Rochester, Winchester, Lincoln, and Southwark. The entire western front has been almost rebuilt, and at the two angles have been erected two massive towers. On each side of the great west door are sculptured statues of Bishop Gundulf, the builder of the Cathedral and also of the Tower of London, and of John of Canterbury. The statues are the magnificent gift of the Freemasons of Rochester and Chatham. The cathedral was thronged at the dedication service, the sermon at which was preached by the Bishop of Lincoln, a former scholar at the Rochester Cathedral Grammar School. The collection at the close of the service realised a large sum. The archbishop and bishops afterwards held a reception in the grounds attached to the Deanery of Rochester.

Probably the largest gathering of Freemasons that ever assembled in Newcastle was collected on Wednesday to celebrate the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall. This building is being erected at the corner of Pilgrim-street and High-bridge, an excellent site in a very central situation. Newcastle has had long to wait for a Masonic Hall worthy of the Province of Northumberland; and now it is about to be obtained. The building is estimated to cost some £15,000, exclusive of the site. It will contain, besides lodge rooms and offices, a hall suitable for concerts and larger gatherings, and will be an accession to the available accommodation in the city for such purposes. The foundation-stone was laid on Wednesday by Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Grand Master of the Province of Northumberland, with all the Masonic rites and honours. The ceremony, it is estimated, was attended and witnessed by some 1500 Masons belonging to all the lodges of the district. We shall give a full report of the proceedings next week.

Bro. Fredk. Mason and Co.'s preparations for invalids appear to be receiving from the public a considerable amount of appreciative recognition. Many of the leading papers, such as the *Lancet*, recommend them as being pure and carefully manufactured. Bessie Halliday, Diplôme of the National Training School of Cookery, London, writes in *Cookery Notes*: "I am so pleased with several 'Specialities for Invalids,' prepared by Bro. Fredk. Mason, of 52, Acre-lane, Brixton, that I wish to call attention to the excellence of his soups. I never tasted any like them, they are entirely free from that disagreeable flavour of gelatine, which one instantly detects in most tinned soups, and he guarantees that all his preparations are made of fresh meat and the finest ingredients. I believe he supplies all the leading hospitals, and that many eminent medical men prescribe his concentrated beef tea and essences. His 'P. and O. Sauce' is a delicious relish for fish or cold meat. *Apropos* of sauces, I am asked for recipes of these additions.

The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 431, North Shields, selected Richmond for the annual picnic this year, and chartered a saloon carriage for a party of 30 brethren. They arrived at Richmond at noon on the 18th inst., and after luncheon, accompanied by the W.M., Bro. Councillor George Peacock, J.P., and several brethren of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, drove first to Easby Abbey, and after inspecting the ancient ruins the drive was continued to Aske Hall, the seat of the Marquis of Zetland, Prov. G.M. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, by whose kind permission they inspected the hall, chapel, picture gallery, stables, kennels, gardens, park, and stud farm, which afforded immense pleasure to the visitors, who again continued the drive past the Grey Stone on the racecourse and the camp of the 4th Batt. of the Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment. On returning to the town a photograph was taken of the company. The party then adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where they partook of an excellent dinner. During the dinner the band of the Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment, under Bandmaster Gardiner, discoursed a choice programme of music. On the invitation of Bro. Geo. Peacock, W.M., the brethren visited the Lennox Lodge, when they expressed themselves much pleased with the hall, where the ancient warrant and other old relics were greatly admired. The party left by the 8.30 p.m. train very favourably impressed with the beauties of the district and the hearty reception they had received.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall will hold its annual meeting at Falmouth, on Tuesday next.

In connection with the opening of the new British Home for Incurables, at Streatham, by the Princess of Wales on the 3rd inst., a gentleman has forwarded a donation of £1000 to endow a bed "in memory of his brother."

At the recent competitive examination of the students of the London Academy of Music, the gold medal for violin playing, also the gold medal for pianoforte playing, was awarded to Fanny Darling Jacobs, of Portsdown-road, Maida Vale.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt appeared in Sardou's play, "La Tosca," at a matinee at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Birmingham, on Thursday, and, though the prices to the chief parts of the house had been trebled, the building was crowded. At the close of the performance she received a remarkable ovation.

In connection with the South African exhibition, which is to be held at the Crystal Palace next year, we are informed that the Castle and Union Lines have agreed to bring exhibits from South Africa at half the usual rates, and to return them at the close of the exhibition at the same rates.

At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire, held at Rhymney, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Past Grand Master, Bro. Col. Lyne, presided. Amongst the other business carried out it was unanimously decided to vote 30 guineas from the funds of the Province to the Cillynydd disaster. The banquet was held at the Royal Hotel. We shall give a full report in our next.

The *Sheffield Telegraph* says: "There are now seven Masonic lodges in Sheffield, and one at Dore, so that the Craft must be considered as extending locally. It is highly probable, we learn, that Provincial Grand Lodge will come here next October under the banner of the Wentworth lodge. Earl Fitzwilliam, who is a Freemason, has acceded to a request that the Fitzwilliam arms, crest, and motto may be used on the lodge circular and no more appropriate embellishment could be devised. The local brethren have observed with pleasure that Lord Milton, in continuing the traditions of his family in interesting himself in the affairs of Sheffield, where the Fitzwilliams have always been deservedly popular with every class of the community. The visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge, if it is definitely fixed for this city, will afford a further opportunity of still further strengthening the ancient Craft in our midst."

MASONIC EXCURSION AND PRESENTATION.—The members of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, have had a most enjoyable meeting. The excursion took place on Thursday, the 19th inst., to Ambleside. The party left in saloon-carriages by special train from the Exchange Station at 8.33, arriving at Windermere about 11 o'clock; they drove in waggons to Ambleside, where they had lunch. The W.M., Bro. John Millar, presented, on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Thomas Garratt, I.P.M., a casket containing a set of studs and solitaires, representing the various Degrees of the Order, specially designed and made in fine gold. Bro. Garratt gratefully acknowledged this suitable gift. In the afternoon the party enjoyed a walk amongst the hills and dales of that beautiful district. In the evening they dined together at the White Lion Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Millar, and returned to Liverpool about 11 o'clock, all much gratified with their agreeable outing.

MASONIC SERVICE.—On Sunday last, a procession and service on a larger scale than hitherto was held at Preston in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Charities. The Committee having charge of the arrangements had as President the Mayor of Preston (Bro. Alderman Dr. John Holden); Chairman, Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer; P.G. Chaplain England; Honorary Secretary, Bro. T. R. Jolly, P.P.G. Treas. The Committee included Bros. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.G.W.; the Rev. G. W. Terry, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. J. Pimblett, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. A. B. Beaven, P.M.; and many other Past or Present Provincial Grand Officers or Past Masters. Over 300 brethren assembled at the Public Hall, and, headed by the band of the Preston Rifle Volunteers, marched through the main thoroughfare, which was crowded with people, the weather being very fine, to St. James's Church, where service was held. Besides the reverend brethren already mentioned, Bros. the Rev. C. O. L. Riley, J.W. (Bishop-elect of Perth, Western Australia), and the Rev. J. C. Wood (curate of St. James'), took part in the service, the musical portion of which was efficiently rendered by the choir and Organist. Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer preached. A liberal collection having been taken for the West Lancashire Masonic Charities, the procession was reformed to the Public Hall, where Bro. Spencer briefly expressed his thanks to the brethren for the numerical and financial response to the appeal of the Committee.

When members of the Charity Lodge and their lady friends assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the morning of the 18th inst., for their third annual outing, the prospect was certainly not promising. Rain was falling in torrents. The shower clearing at last, a start was made half an hour late, with a faith that was justified by the result, for only a few brief light showers fell for the rest of the day. In two fours-in-hand one being Mr. H. Membrey's and the other Mr. Charles Watts's (lobe), a breezy run across Roborough Down to Tavistock was enjoyed, and after a capital luncheon at the Newmarket Hotel, the party, numbering nearly 50, drove to Endsleigh. There sylvan charms, artistic gardening (reflecting credit on Mr. Yeol, the head gardener), the model dairy, the fish pond, the daisy dell, the grotto, the Swiss cottage, and much else that goes to make the Duke of Bedford's Devonshire cottage home a delightful memory was greatly enjoyed in beautiful weather. Returning to Tavistock, an elegant tea was served at the Newmarket Hotel, and at eight o'clock a start was made for home. The working bees of the Outing Committee were Bros. C. B. Gale, the W.M. of the lodge; R. Blythe, one of its P.M.s.; James Hoyten, its Hon. Sec. and another of its P.M.s.; and W. Biscombe, the S.D.; and the completeness and success of the arrangements won the gratitude of one and all. The Duke of Bedford's kindness in giving permission for the visit to Endsleigh was heartily acknowledged. Mr. Skinner's catering was highly praised, and it was felt that Mr. Mumford's cornet playing added a real zest to the outing, and that it was a happy thought of Messrs. Hoyten and Hoar to provide for the company buttonhole bouquets.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, August 11, 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, AUGUST 4.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8. Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Eccleston, 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. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatchedam, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, 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-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), 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 6. Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Hall, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zeland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.

CRAFT LODGE.

171, Amity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., 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 7. 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 7. Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, 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, at 8. Mount Edgumbe, 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 Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8. St. George's, New Cross Hall, at 8. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, 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, Ladbroke 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, AUGUST 8.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGE.

1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

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-street, E.C., at 7. Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 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. 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., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.

La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-ridge-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 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, Kitto-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, 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Derby Allerof, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., 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 Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sidney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredgar, The Cheshire Cheese, Cranched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. United 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, AUGUST 10.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grave, Notting-hill, 8. Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Euphrates, Green Man, Mawell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six 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 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and 4th Friday, at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Sion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11.

CRAFT LODGE. 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, August 11, 1894.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of The Freemason.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6.

CRAFT LODGES. Fowey ... 977 Swansea ... 1573 Preston ... 113 Altrincham ... 1045 Calstock ... 2166 Plymouth ... 150 Saltash ... 1071 R.A. CHAPTER. Torquay ... 328 Leeds ... 1211 E. Stouchose ... 1205 North Shields ... 431 Sheffield ... 1239 MARK LODGES. Winborne ... 622 Exeter ... 1254 Keynsham ... 119 Ashbourne ... 850 Liverpool ... 1264 Tenby ... 256 Halifax 1302

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 184 Workington ... 962 Canterbury ... 1449 Bradford ... 302 Levenshulme ... 993 Landport ... 1776 Huddersfield ... 521 Saltash ... 1071 Walton-on-Liverpool ... 823 Mossley ... 1218 Naze ... 1799 Leeds ... 1221

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

CRAFT LODGES. Folkestone ... 558 Bakewell ... 2129 Bristol ... 103 Malton ... 600 Blackwater ... 2475 Durham ... 124 Liverpool ... 673 R.A. CHAPTERS. Sheerness ... 158 Bridlington ... 734 Taunton ... 261 Dudley ... 252 Honiton ... 847 Lincoln ... 297 Keighley ... 205 Linslade ... 948 Birmingham ... 938 Brighton ... 315 Cardiff ... 900 Hull ... 2134 Berwick ... 303 Bradford ... 074 MARK LODGE. South Molton ... 421 Redcar ... 1244 Carlisle ... 60 Liskeard ... 510 Southampton ... 1780 Lewes ... 391 Padstow ... 1785

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Whitehaven ... 119 Halifax ... 448 Stockton ... 940 Batley ... 204 Croydon ... 403 Bootle ... 1473 Maryport ... 371 St. Austell ... 496 Huddersfield ... 1783 Broadstairs ... 420 Cleckheaton ... 603

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

CRAFT LODGES. Derby ... 731 Manchester ... 2156 Jersey ... 244 Llandudno ... 755 Waverley ... 2294 Hull ... 250 Twickenham ... 940 Connaught Quay ... 2423 Newchurch ... 274 Bradford ... 1018 Westham ... 2493 Oldham ... 277 Heaton Moor ... 1149 R.A. CHAPTERS. Lancaster ... 281 Seaton ... 1181 Portsmouth ... 257 Todmorden ... 288 Ramsgate ... 1289 Rochdale ... 298 Stockport ... 323 Scarborough ... 1248 Kearsley ... 350 Sealham Harbour ... 601 Aldershot ... 1531 MARK LODGE. Princetown ... 669 Liverpool ... 1356 Stamford ... 466 Aberdare ... 679 Liverpool ... 1547 Whitefield ... 142 Amble ... 1879

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20 Newbury ... 574 Liverpool ... 1264 Bingley ... 430 Middlesbrough ... 602 Herne Bay ... 2099 Haverfordwest ... 404 Canterbury ... 972 Beckenham ... 2266

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.

CRAFT LODGES. Accrington ... 1145 Bedford ... 2343 Cowes ... 35 Eccles ... 1213 Waddesden ... 2420 Southampton ... 130 Chorlton-cum-Manchester ... 2419 Sheffield ... 130 Hardy ... 1387 R.A. CHAPTERS. Preston ... 333 Thirk. ... 1416 Devonport ... 202 Clitheroe ... 390 Towyn ... 1583 Coventry ... 254 Wincanton ... 437 Watford ... 1697 Shipley Gate ... 506 Wallsend ... 991 Clevedon ... 1750 MARK LODGE. Stoke Damarel ... 1099 Guildford ... 2234 Camborne.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury ... 31 Uxbridge ... 382 Shanklin ... 1854 Gravesend ... 77 Maidstone ... 503 Carshalton ... 1892 Liverpool ... 209 Hydes Cross ... 581 Hazelgrove ... 1957 Batley ... 204 Sudbury ... 1224 Carshalton ... 1973 Leeds ... 280 Sandown ... 1869 Bradford ... 2321

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

CRAFT LODGES. Mirfield ... 1102 R.A. CHAPTERS. Cardiff ... 36 Hull ... 1605 Leeds ... 306 Woodbridge ... 81 Southwold ... 1983 Harrogate ... 1001

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond ... 125 Keighley ... 265 Saltash ... 1071 Bristol ... 187 Leeds ... 306 Bristol - Province Bristol ... 326

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11.

Cheshunt Park ... 869 Leyton ... 1685 Leeds ... 2069 Twickenham ... 1423 Portishead ... 1755

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