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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

If we may judge by the number of the brethren who recorded their votes for the three candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer during the ensuing 12 months, the attendance at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday was far less considerable than it was at the corresponding Communication in 1894. This may have been due to the influenza or more probably to a number of causes, but though the attendance was far smaller, the excitement was almost as great as it was at the contest in which the present Grand Treasurer, Bro. Sir J. DIMSDALE, secured the prize; and when it became known that Bro. STILES had defeated his more formidable opponent—Bro. Alderman VAUGHAN MORGAN—by a substantial majority of votes, it is needless to say, the rejoicing among his supporters was most enthusiastic. But as will have been seen from the paper of agenda which we published last week, there was a very considerable programme of important business to be transacted after the voting for the Grand Treasurership was over, not the least important matter being the recommendation contained in the Report of the Board of General Purposes, to the effect that the Colonial Board should be abolished, and an entirely new General Board constituted, which shall be invested with all the powers heretofore delegated to the Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board separately. The recommendation was adopted, and referred for further consideration to the former, which will prepare and submit to Grand Lodge at its next Quarterly Communication in June such re-arrangements as may be necessary for the transaction of business, and such a re-organisation of the General Board as may be thought desirable. As regards the several Appeals which were addressed to Grand Lodge against certain decisions of the local or general authorities, it must suffice for the present if we state, as regards Appeal No. 2—that Bro. W. MAKEPIECE, W.M. Zealand-in-the-East Lodge, No. 508, Singapore—the decision of the D.D.G.M. and Dist. Board of General Purposes of the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago, in which the decision of Bro. Makepiece, as W.M., was reversed, was upheld, and that under the law as now expounded, a brother's resignation of his membership of a lodge is not to be regarded as final until it has been communicated to the lodge. Consequently, if a brother forwards a letter in which he resigns his membership to the Secretary of his lodge, and follows it up with a second letter in which he withdraws such resignation, then, in the event of the earlier letter not having been communicated to the lodge, his tender of resignation is void and of none effect and he remains a member of the lodge. The only misfortune about this decision is that, if our memory serve us, it is in direct conflict with one which Grand Lodge adopted, on the advice of the Grand Registrar, only a few years ago. Then it was ruled that once a brother sent in his resignation he ceased to be a member of a lodge, and that, no matter what he might propose to do subsequently in the way of withdrawing such resignation, or whether the letter had been communicated to the lodge or not, his resignation stood, and his re-instatement as a member was possible only after the usual proposal in one open lodge and ballot at the next. Under the new exposition of the law, a brother may withdraw his resignation if there has not been time to submit to his lodge, the letter in which he notified it. As regards the appeal of Bro. W. F. LAMONBY against the action of the President of the Colonial Board in ordering him to withdraw from a certain meeting of the said Board, it will be seen from our report that it was withdrawn by permission of Grand Lodge. It is just possible we may have occasion to refer to portions of the business transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday in some future article.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Grand Lodge was summoned for two o'clock, p.m., for the greater convenience of the large number of brethren, who it was known would attend for the purpose of voting in the election of Grand Treasurer for the coming year. At the afternoon portion of the meeting Bro. Rear Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, District Grand Master for Malta, presided, but after seven o'clock in the evening the chair was taken by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight. Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, Prov. G.M. for Guernsey, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., as Past Grand Master. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M. for Bombay, was also present. Bro. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., P.G.W., acted as S.G.W., and Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as J.G.W.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form,

Bro. Rear-Admiral MARKHAM said: Brethren,—Before calling upon the Grand Secretary to read the minutes of the last general meeting of Grand Lodge, I think it is only right for me to refer to the great loss that Masonry has sustained within the last few days by the death of one who I think on the last occasion of the meeting of Grand Lodge occupied the chair I have now the honour of filling. I allude, I need scarcely tell you, to our dear Bro. Col. Money, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. As you all know, he was a very active, good, and enthusiastic Mason, and his loss will be very greatly felt not only in his province but among the Craft generally. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. LETCHWORTH, G.S., then read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of December 5th, 1894, which were put and confirmed.

Bro. SWINFEN EADY, O.C., P.G. Stwd.: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair and Brethren,—It is now my pleasing duty and also my very great privilege to have the honour of proposing for election as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Applause.) As you all know, I think, this is the 21st time Masonry in England has approached his Royal Highness and asked him to accept the highest honour they are able to confer upon any member of the Craft, and in accepting which he confers upon them the highest honour and distinction he is able to bestow on them as members of the Craft. May that connection between his Royal Highness and the Craft, formed most auspiciously many years since, continue for a long time, and remain with us as long as his Royal Highness is alive. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) His Royal Highness has conferred great and numerous benefits on the Craft; he has ever taken the greatest interest in the Masonic Charities: the Boys' and Girls' Schools owe many benefits to his constant attention, and the Benevolent Institution is also indebted to his endeavours. (Hear, hear.) Many of us remember that great ceremony a few years ago, when over £50,000 was subscribed for the benefit of the Girls' School. We know the new Hall and Wing for the Institution which have since been built, and that much of the assistance—the pecuniary benevolence poured forth on that occasion by the Masons of England in support of the Girls' School, was owing to the interest his Royal Highness has taken in the Girls' Institution, and the earnest way in which he has exerted himself on its behalf. And when the Hall and Wing were opened, we know her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and her daughters honoured the ceremony in company with his Royal Highness. (Hear, hear, and renewed applause.) In the cause of the Boys' School and the Aged Institution, we know his Royal Highness has also shown the liveliest interest. (Hear, hear.) I think if the Masons of England were asked for what purpose Masonry exists, and to give some reason for the existence of Masons, it would be enough for them to refer and point to the great Charitable Institutions which Masons support. This, it seems to me, and this alone, would form sufficient ground of justification. (Hear, hear.) In the cause of the Charities of the Order and in all other matters concerning the Craft, his Royal Highness has always exhibited the keenest interest. And not only is this the case with respect to the Freemasons of England; it is also the case with regard to foreign countries that he has visited, for he has left there evidence of the extensive interest he has in the Craft. (Renewed applause.) I believe that during the years that he has presided over us, the number of lodges on the English roll has been about doubled. In those 21 years about 1200 lodges have been added to the list of those which existed when he first occupied the chair. This, I believe, is largely due to his Royal Highness being our Grand Master. His Royal Highness has not only evinced an interest in the Craft, but he has also shown an interest in others of his own Royal Family, and everyone brought into contact with his Royal Highness is interested in honouring the Craft. Two brothers of his Royal Highness joined the Craft, and one has now become one of its greatest supporters—his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. Other members of his family have done the same, and I am sure it is without presumption I may express the hope that when the fulness of time has come, and when his Royal Highness will be no longer with us, we may have the estimable honour, pleasure, and privilege of having his son, that we may have the pride of handing down the traditions, a link in which was unfortunately broken by the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, and that many of us who are present to-night may see on some future occasion the son prepared to follow in his father's footsteps. (Loud and long continued cheering.) When saying this, I know I am only expressing a wish dearest to every Mason's heart. I must add one word more. His Royal Highness has not only found a place in the heart of every member of the Craft but in the heart of every subject of the realm. I am confident I express the wish of every one when I say that I ask that his Royal Highness may be elected by acclamation our Grand Master. (Applause.)

Bro. E. ST. CLAIR, P.G. Stwd.—Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, in rising with pleasure to second the proposition that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be our Grand Master for the ensuing year, I may say it is a most pleasing coincidence that at the very time when his Royal Highness is enjoying a well-earned rest in France it should be the privilege of a Frenchman to have the honour to-night of seconding the motion for his election. In doing so, I will not add many words to what has been so well said on this occasion and on many previous occasions; but I venture to express a hope that for many years to come his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales may be spared to preside over us, and by so doing, if possible, to add to our success. Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, I have much pleasure in seconding the proposition that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be our Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Bro. Rear Admiral MARKHAM: Brethren, I think after the manner in which the speeches of the proposer and seconder of the resolution have been received, it is not at all necessary for me to put it to Grand Lodge. I shall therefore now declare his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales duly elected our Grand Master, and I congratulate the Craft on having secured his Royal Highness's services for another year. (Applause.)

Bro. Sir ALBERT WOOD, C.M.G. (Garter), &c., G.D.C., then proclaimed his Royal Highness duly elected M.W.G.M.

Bro. WILLIAM H. ARBER, P.M. 206: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, in the absence of the Right Hon. Sir William Marriott, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, I have the honour to propose for the office of Grand Treasurer Bro. Charles William Hudson, Past Grand

Warden of Sussex. Bro. Hudson is well known as a Mason of over 27 years' standing; he is a Past Master and the Treasurer of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, a founder and Past Master of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, a founder and Past Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, P.Z. and Treasurer of the Royal Pavilion Chapter, No. 315, a founder and P.Z. of the Chaucer Chapter, No. 1549, a founder and P.Z. of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, an ardent supporter of the Masonic Charities and Institutions, a Vice-President of the Boys' School, a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and has served many Stewardships; he is well known throughout London and the provinces Masonically and socially, and is in every way qualified and fitted to fill the distinguished office which he seeks to fill. I therefore, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, beg to propose Bro. Charles William Hudson, Past Grand Warden of Sussex, to fill the high office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. ROBERT PHILIP UFFON, W.M. 1328: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair.—It is with a great deal of pleasure that I rise to second Bro. Hudson's nomination for Grand Treasurer, feeling sure that he will be a worthy brother to fill that distinguished office. I beg to second the proposition.

Bro. D'ARCY POWER: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair and Brethren,—I beg to offer for your suffrages Bro. Walter Vaughan Morgan, a man of the strictest integrity, an Alderman of the City of London, a man of great business capacity, the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital; he has very great financial experience, for he was the Treasurer of many of the most important Charities in the City of London; he is a Mason who is a veteran and an enthusiast in Masonry. He is serving now for the third time the Mastership of the lodge in which he was initiated some 30 years ago. He has held the high office of Treasurer for many years; he has been for many years a Vice-President of the Masonic Charities, and I cannot think you could have a better Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year than Bro. Walter Vaughan Morgan whom I now propose.

Bro. T. POULTNEY GRIFFIN, W.M. 1: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair.—I have the very greatest pleasure in seconding the proposition of Bro. Walter Vaughan Morgan for the high office of Grand Treasurer of England.

Bro. H. J. LARDNER: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair,—I have the honour and pleasure of proposing Bro. William Mason Stiles for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Treating all the other brethren with the greatest respect, I yet desire to say I consider Bro. W. M. Stiles is the brother fitted for the office of Grand Treasurer not only for his great services to Masonry in general, but for his great services to the Masonic Charities, and for the large amount of money he has subscribed personally himself. Bro. Stiles is a Mason of many years' standing; he was initiated in the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, in October, 1874, and is now a Past Master of that lodge; he was a founder and the first Senior Warden of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, passed the chair twice, and is now Treasurer; he was a founder of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, and is now a Past Master and the Treasurer; he was a founder of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, and is now a Past Master of that lodge; he was a founder and first Treasurer of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, and is still Treasurer; he is the present W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, in the Province of Middlesex. He was exalted in the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in May, 1876, and is now Past Principal; he was a founder of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, and is now a Past Principal; he was a founder and the first M.E.Z. of the Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048, and is now a Past Principal. He is a Past Provincial Grand Principal Sojourner of Middlesex and Grand Treasurer in Grand Chapter. He is Preceptor of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, and has served in that capacity for 14 years. He has served 14 Stewardships for the Charities, and is a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions. On these grounds you will see that he has done good suit and service to the Order, and more particularly, I may say, in serving those Stewardships. A year never goes by without his being a representative at one or more of the Charities. I think that on an occasion like this you cannot better reward a brother who has so distinguished himself than by electing him to the high office of Grand Treasurer; it will be but a just reward to any brother who has served the Order so well and generally. I beg to propose Brother William Mason Stiles.

Bro. E. M. MONEY. I second the proposition most heartily and with much pleasure. All the time Bro. Stiles has been a Mason he has supported the Charities most liberally; he has made it the business of his life, and he has shown himself worthy of the Craft.

The ballot for the election of Grand Treasurer was then declared open. It remained open till a quarter-past seven, when the scrutineers who had been obligated to make a true and faithful return by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, acting as Grand Master, retired with the ballot boxes. The other business then commenced.

On the motion of Bro. HENRY GARROD, P.G.P., seconded by Bro. RICHARD CLOWES, P.G. Std. Br., the following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed:

A brother of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, London...	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, West Hartlepool	50	0	0
A brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Gorseston	50	0	0
A brother of the Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, London	60	0	0

On the motion of Bro. RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND, President, seconded by Bro. Dr. ERNEST POOCK, Vice President, the report of the Board of General Purposes, which appeared in our last issue, was taken as read, and was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, in moving the adoption of the report, said the first paragraph of the report was so plain in its terms that he did not think that he should be doing the brethren justice if he were to detain them by going at any length into the particulars of the recommendations which the Board of General Purposes made. Through the kindness of Bro. Penn, he had had some information with respect to those Boards which might very likely not be known to the brethren present. At the Union of the Grand Lodge there were four Boards—the Board of General Purposes, the Board of Finance, the Board of Works, and the Board of Schools. The latter two ceased to exist before 1819. The Board of Finance remained as a separate Board until 1823, when the Board of General Purposes recommended, in much the same terms as were used in the present Report, that there should be but one Board; they recommended also that four more members should then be added to the Board. The principle that there should be but one Board responsible to Grand Lodge was adopted

then by Grand Lodge, and it remained so until 1856, when Grand Lodge departed from the principle because there happened at that time to be an unusually heavy amount of correspondence with the brethren in Canada, and at that time a separate Board for the Colonies was constituted. Now it was thought that, for the benefit of the Craft at home, and for the Craft abroad and in the Colonies, it would be better there should be one Board responsible to Grand Lodge, and responsible at all events to brethren wherever situated. Therefore it was with that view he now moved that the Board of General Purposes be requested to submit to Grand Lodge proposals for the purpose of bringing the jurisdiction of the Colonial Board under that of the General Board, and unifying the affairs of the general Craft, as was the case before the year 1856.

Bro. ERNEST POOCK, M.D., in seconding the motion, said it did seem to him unnecessary that there should be two Boards, one dealing with matters in England, and another dealing with the same matters in the Colonies, because they were separated by a few hundred miles.

The motion was carried.

Bro. J. S. AUCLAND asked merely for information whether the nominations for the Colonial Board, which had to take place, would take place this year as usual. If so, the arrangement proposed by the Board, which he quite agreed with, would not come into actual operation till 18 months hence. Members elected had to serve for 12 months unless a proviso to the contrary was put in.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND said there would be no change for that time; they did not wish to do the thing in a hurry.

The Auditors' report was adopted.

The following Report of a special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 13th February, 1895, was then laid before Grand Lodge, at which, in lieu of the proposed alteration in the Laws of the Institution submitted to Grand Lodge on the 5th December last, the following were then agreed to, and were submitted for approval:

Clause 25, erase the first word "every" and substitute "A." And in first line, after the word "President" insert "being an individual donor."

In the same Clause, second section, make a similar alteration.

After Clause 45, insert as Clause 45A: "Any Vacancy occurring on the House Committee or the Finance Committee shall be filled up at the next following meeting of the Committee of Management, notice of such vacancy being given in the summons convening the meeting."

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer of the Benevolent Institution, moved that the resolution above set out be approved.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G.D., seconded.

Bro. PHILBRICK, G. Reg., pointed out that they were at present absolutely inconsistent with the former propositions, and that the motion should rather be not submitted for approval, but submitted in lieu of, or in substitution for, the alterations proposed at last Grand Lodge.

In the suggested form the motion was carried, moved by Bro. FARNFIELD and seconded by Bro. W. F. SMITHSON.

The appeals were then taken.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G.R., brought up the appeal by Bro. B. O. Reynolds, of Lodge Pitt Macdonald, No. 1198, Madras—

Against the decision of the Board of General Purposes, in Madras, convicting him of un-Masonic conduct, and against the District Grand Master of Madras for having revoked a provisional warrant for a new lodge in which he was nominated first Worshipful Master.

He said the circumstances were a little peculiar. Bro. Reynolds was, at a meeting of brethren in January, 1894, selected as the W.M. of a proposed lodge by the founders, and the petition was duly sent in to the District Grand Master, who, in the exercise of the power vested in him, intimated his intention of complying with the petitioners' request, and then issued a provisional warrant until the Grand Master's warrant could be obtained. A date was fixed for the provisional consecration. At a meeting of the P. H. Macdonald Lodge, in February, Bro. Reynolds, who was I.G., found himself in collision with the W.M., and he asked to be allowed to resign, and he withdrew from the lodge. It went on the minutes, and came to the knowledge of the authorities, and the District Grand Master postponed the opening of the new lodge. He afterwards intimated his intention of issuing a new provisional warrant omitting the name of Bro. Reynolds. Bro. Reynolds resigned. The matter went before the District Board of General Purposes in the minutes as a piece of advice. The Board held that his conduct was un-Masonic, and Bro. Reynolds complained that he had been tried and condemned unheard. But the minutes were only given as a piece of advice, there was no complaint or charge made. The District Grand Master had acted on the advice of the Board, and he acted as he had authority to act in revoking the provisional warrant. He (Bro. Philbrick) proposed that the appeal be dismissed.

Bro. L. T. WILKINSON, Dep. G. Reg., seconded, and the appeal was dismissed.

Bro. PHILBRICK next brought forward an appeal by Bro. W. Makepiece, W.M. Zetland in the East Lodge, No. 508, Singapore—

Against the decision of the Deputy District Grand Master and District Board of General Purposes, reversing his decision as W.M. that a brother's resignation of membership in a letter to the Secretary was final, notwithstanding it was withdrawn immediately and before communication to the lodge.

He said the appeal involved a point on which there had been some little misunderstanding which he trusted might now be solved. On March 13th, 1894, Bro. Morris, a member of Lodge Zetland in the East wrote to the Secretary of the lodge resigning his membership. On March 14th, he wrote again—"Dear sir and brother,—yesterday, when in a passion, I wrote to tender my resignation of Lodge Zetland in the East, but, upon second thoughts, I beg leave to withdraw that resignation sent to you by me.—Yours fraternally." The lodge did not meet until some days after, and the letter of resignation and the letter of recall were communicated to the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Walter Makepiece ruled that the first letter was final, and that the brother could not withdraw it, and that he was no longer a member of the lodge. The brother who had written the letter appealed to the District Board of General Purposes, who allowed his appeal, and now the W.M. appealed to Grand Lodge. Now, one thing was quite clear, the membership of a lodge depended upon the will of the member. If a member resigned, it was a time-honoured custom, which, however, expressed no legal obligation, to move that the resignation be accepted—generally with an expression of regret—but whether the resolution was carried or not, in point of law, the Society being voluntary and Masonry being Free, the resignation stood, and the lodge could not go against the brother's will. Now came the question. On the 13th the brother resigned, on the 14th he withdrew his resignation. The lodge met some days later. Whom did he resign to? Not to the Secretary; the Secretary was only an individual member of the

lodge. Individually, the letter was to the Secretary, and it was nothing; it had not been communicated to the lodge of which the Secretary was the channel of communication, and until that letter was communicated to the lodge it was a mere expression of intention, which the member making use of it had a right to withdraw; and it would be very unfortunate, indeed, in this case, when he said he wrote his first letter in a passion, if advantage were taken of it to compel him to withdraw until the letter was communicated to the lodge there was what was called a *locus penitentie*, and he had a right to withdraw. A man who made an offer by letter could always withdraw it before it was accepted, and it seemed to him to be quite right, and this brother or any other brother in a like position until the communication was made to the lodge should have the right to withdraw it. He moved that the decision of the Deputy District Grand Master and the District Board be affirmed.

Bro. T. L. WILKINSON seconded the motion.

Bro. Dr. ERNEST POOCK mentioned a similar case, but there it was resolved that the resignation should not be withdrawn. If this motion was carried and the appeal dismissed there would be a little unpleasantness in one of the lodges to which he belonged. The matter had been pretty well understood for some years that if a letter of resignation had been placed in the Secretary's hand it was a resignation, and Grand Registrar had so laid it down himself.

Bro. S. R. BASKETT supported the Grand Registrar's view, but said there had long been a feeling in the Craft, from words used by the Grand Registrar in a contrary direction. He was glad to hear such a change of view. He had looked over the proceedings of Grand Lodge for some years past on this point, and he found what the Grand Registrar had said was only an *obiter dictum*. That took place in 1889. There was nothing to show that the ruling was that the resignation was irretrievable.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, D.G.D.C., thought the letter of resignation should never have been read to the lodge after the withdrawal had been received by the Secretary.

Bro. RALPH CLUTTON, M.A., P.G.D., said there was not only the intention to resign in this case, but an absolute resignation which was in the hands of the Secretary, and if it was in the hands of the Secretary it was in the hands of the lodge. There could not be a withdrawal.

Bro. HENRY GARROD, P.G.P., observed that a similar case occurred in a lodge of which he was Secretary, and he saw the late Colonel Shadwell Clarke about it, and his reply was very decidedly that the resignation could not be withdrawn.

Bro. GOBLE said the same sort of case had arisen several times in the colonies, and he had Colonel Shadwell Clarke's opinion on them. After a brother had sent in his resignation he could not be called upon for fees.

Bro. PHILBRICK was not sorry this subject had arisen. Of course a brother was not liable for his dues after he had resigned—Colonel Shadwell Clarke's view was right—as soon as letter of resignation was read to a lodge there was a resignation, but until read to the lodge it was revocable. (Cries of yes, yes, and no, no.)

Bro. T. W. WHITMARSH reminded the Grand Registrar that he stated in Grand Lodge some few years ago that as soon as the letter was posted the resignation was confirmed.

The appeal was dismissed.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH said he would now communicate the report of the scrutineers of the ballot. He would take the names in alphabetical order as they appeared on the ballot papers:

Charles William Hudson	...	...	...	...	440
Walter Vaughan Morgan	...	...	...	...	787
William Mason Stiles	...	...	...	...	932

(Loud cheers).

Bro. PHILBRICK then stated two appeals from Lodge 407, Malta—

(1) Against the decision of the District Board of General Purposes (Malta) inflicting a fine of 20s. on the lodge for direct disobedience of the express orders of the Deputy District Grand Master to erase and not read in open lodge a part of their minutes improperly recorded.

(2) Against the decision of the same Deputy District Grand Master in not further entertaining and investigating certain charges brought by the lodge against the acting Deputy District Grand Master for having irregularly and unconstitutionally attempted to interfere with the working of the lodge.

After stating all the circumstances of the case, which he said were brought out in a very voluminous set of documents, he considered that the fine was properly inflicted, that it was a very light one, and he recommended that the appeal be dismissed. The lodge had better not consider these matters longer, but had better go on with their Masonic business.

Bro. T. L. WILKINSON seconded the motion, and the appeal was dismissed.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M. of Lodge, 962, &c., and Member of the Colonial Board, appealed against the action of the President of the said Board in requesting him to withdraw from the meeting of the 18th January, 1895.

Bro. LAMONBY said, let him at the outset assure the brethren against whom the appeal was directed, and Grand Lodge that it was not a personal matter between themselves. He was contending for a principle—the true reading of the Book of Constitutions. To commence with, he was a member of the Colonial Board, and on the 16th of January he received a summons endorsed "Important," to attend a special meeting of the Colonial Board. At the time he knew nothing whatever what the business was to be. He attended the meeting at considerable inconvenience, as that day was his busiest day of the week. After the minutes had been read the Grand Secretary read a communication in the form of an appeal from the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, in Sydney. This was another phase of the interminable Cambrian Lodge controversy. The letter asked Grand Lodge to furnish the Cambrian Lodge with funds to prosecute their legal action against the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. He would say at once he did not approve of it. Grand Registrar read a draft reply, of which he did not remember the exact words, but in the course of the letter the Cambrian Lodge's right to claim to be a constituent member of the Grand Lodge of England was very distinctly questioned. Another draft letter addressed to the Grand Secretary of New South Wales was read, in which the status of the Cambrian Lodge was questioned. He thereupon put a query to the Grand Registrar as to expressions in those letters coinciding with the resolution of Grand Lodge, in July, 1893, confirming the Cambrian Lodge in all their privileges. Grand Registrar then questioned his right to be there, because he happened to be at the time a member of the Cambrian Lodge. He had since resigned. He distinctly objected, and asked the grounds for excluding him. Grand Registrar quoted Article 277—"In case of any charge or

complaint affecting a member of the Board or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the Board consider its decision." He would admit for all purposes that, although this Article was under the head of "Board of General Purposes," it also applied to the Colonial Board. But the words used were "charge or complaint," and most emphatically there was neither charge nor complaint at that time before the Colonial Board against Cambrian Lodge. Such being the fact, he considered he had a perfect right to be present. He was sorry at this stage of the appeal to mention what to himself was a personal matter. One member of the Board had the audacity to insinuate that if he (Bro. Lamonby) were to be permitted to be present, he might convey to the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge what had been done at that meeting. Well, those who were members of the Board of General Purposes and of the Colonial Board knew very well members were put under an obligation immediately their year of office began. He meant to say that was a most scandalous insinuation or imputation to make against a member of the Board that he would violate his obligation, and what accentuated that was the fact that there was not one word of disapproval of the Colonial Board or any one of its members. He felt very strongly upon that. He did not know whether the brother was then present, but he had been present that evening; it was Bro. Cumberland. He (Bro. Lamonby) considered his obligation was as valuable to him as was Bro. Cumberland's to Bro. Cumberland. Well, he declined to withdraw, but ultimately the Grand Registrar moved—perhaps it was earlier than that—that the Board resolve itself into a Committee to consider the subject then before the Board except himself (Bro. Lamonby). Then, of course, he withdrew under protest, and hence the appeal. He had been refused copies of the three documents he referred to, and consequently could not place them before Grand Lodge; but, on the other hand, permission was given him to see the papers in the Grand Secretary's office. He complained of a distinct attempt in this conduct to interfere with the liberty of the subject. It was said he was biased in favour of the Cambrian Lodge; he admitted it, because he could claim to know more of the original facts of the subject than any of the Board, from the fact that he was resident in Australia at the time this occurred, and when similar transactions occurred in another colony. That was disposed of in a week; this had been going on for six years. He should hope that Grand Lodge would with no uncertain voice express its opinion that the articles of the Constitutions must not be diverted from their original purpose to exclude and to stifle discussion; but whether the appeal was allowed or rejected was a secondary matter to him. He was only glad to have the opportunity to bring before Grand Lodge another of the phases of this Cambrian Lodge case.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH: What are the words of the appeal?

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY: That the Acting President of the Colonial Board acted contrary to the Constitutions in calling on him to withdraw from the meeting.

Bro. W. W. BEACH: Who seconded it?

Bro. S. R. BASKETT: It does not require a seconder.

Bro. Major RICHARDSON: I will second it, but let it be understood that it is only for the purpose that it may be properly brought before Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS said he should be sorry to insinuate that there had been any wilful misstatement on the part of Bro. Lamonby, but he was singularly inaccurate and wrong as to his facts. He never had said Bro. Lamonby must withdraw. The Grand Registrar never ruled that Bro. Lamonby had not a right to be present, nor did he move that the Board should resolve itself into a committee, the Grand Secretary would read the minutes of what took place.

Bro. LETCHWORTH read the minutes.

Bro. Sir G. D. HARRIS said those minutes distinctly showed that he put it to Bro. Lamonby whether he should not withdraw. He put it to Bro. Lamonby in the most kind and courteous language. It was rather out of consideration for Bro. Lamonby than for the Board, as Bro. Lamonby if he stayed would be sitting as judge on his own case; and it was only that he should not be in a false position that he appealed to Bro. Lamonby. For a certain time he thought he had convinced him. Bro. Lamonby was a little excited at the time, as no doubt he felt keenly on the subject. No remark fell from him (Sir George Harris) that he could recollect except this—when Bro. Lamonby was about to leave the board-room, Bro. Lamonby stated it was his intention to withdraw from the Cambrian Lodge forthwith that very day. Whereupon the Board said, "Consult your friends before you take that step." Other brethren besides the Grand Secretary could bear him out in this statement. There was not the least intention of excluding Bro. Lamonby. He (Sir George Harris) suggested that he should withdraw. He should never have thought of calling on any member of that Board to withdraw unless the Board itself had come to a resolution to that effect, and there was not such a resolution come to.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON suggested that after these statements and explanations the appeal should be withdrawn.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, who had been referred to, said that he made the remark that Bro. Lamonby went to the Board to protect the interests of the Cambrian Lodge. Bro. Lamonby himself distinctly said he did. He (Bro. Cumberland) said it was hardly right that Bro. Lamonby should be there and listen to things that might go outside. He (Bro. Cumberland) had done only what he should do again in similar circumstances.

Bro. LAMONBY subsequently withdrew his appeal, saying that he adhered to what he said in the outset, that it was not a personal matter but his and the President, because he hoped they would always remain friends; he was only contending for a principle.

Grand Lodge then having allowed the appeal to be withdrawn, was closed in form.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, London, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, presiding. There were also present: Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy Grand Master, the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, Lord Skelmersdale, Sir Reginald Harrison, Justice Gainsford Bruce, Col. A. B. Cook, Charles Belton, Robert Berridge, Dr. Balfour Cockburn, C. F. Matier, Gordon Miller, C. H. Driver, Frederick Mead, Major Probyn, W. M. Stiles, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Richard Eve, Ernest St. Clair, Dr. Clement Godson, Percy Wallis, Baron de Fenières, R. Loveland Loveland, E. Monteauis, Henry Lovegrove, W. F.

Lamonby, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., H. Vincent, Will. E. Chapman, H. J. Lardner, Robert Main, Major C. W. Carrell, and many other brethren.

Bro. MATIER, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, said he had received a letter, dated February 23rd, from Bro. Lamonby withdrawing his candidature from the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. WILL. E. CHAPMAN, Savage Club Lodge, then moved, and Major CARRELL seconded the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master.

The Earl of EUSTON said he was very happy to put the motion as his Royal Highness took great interest in the affairs of Mark Masonry, as he did in everything he undertook.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Dr. BALFOUR COCKBURN proclaimed the Prince of Wales duly elected Grand Master.

Bro. ROBERT MAIN, Royal Naval and Military College, proposed Bro. Percy Wallis for election as Grand Treasurer, and said that the claims of Bro. Percy Wallis on the brethren's choice were sufficiently brought forward by Dr. Turtle Pigott in December last. The importance of his services to Provincial Mark Masonry and Masonry in general was well known; but there was one point which he thought would appeal to every brother present, and to himself as a provincial brother it particularly appealed—that this was the first time a provincial brother had been proposed for Grand Treasurer. He thought it would be a very good thing that such a rule was adopted, and that the provinces should get their share of elections to this important office. He believed it would be for the good of Mark Masonry in general. He trusted they would see their way to elect Bro. Wallis by an unmistakable majority.

Bro. Major C. W. CARRELL seconded the motion. He did not know whether it would be too late, or whether it would be in order for him to suggest that on this occasion, as on other occasions, the election should be an unanimous one by Grand Lodge.

Bro. H. J. LARDNER proposed Bro. Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, who was well known throughout the Masonic Fraternity, not only in Mark Masonry and Masonry generally, but in the Mark Degree and those other Degrees attached to it. Bro. Walls had been by his individuality the means of supporting failing lodges, and saving other lodges from destruction. He had rendered special services to the Mark Degree. On the last occasion when Grand Lodge met he (Bro. Lardner) told the brethren the services Bro. Walls had rendered to the Degree; but some of the brethren then present might not have been present on that occasion, and he would therefore now state them. Capt. Walls had been a member of the Mark Degree nearly 19 years. He is a Past Master of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181, a founder and Past Master of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211, a founder and Past Master of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238, and an original joining member of the Grand Master's Lodge; a founder and Past Commander of the Prince Leopold Ark Mariner's Lodge; he has served on the General Board of Grand Mark Lodge, on the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, and on the Board of General Purposes for the late Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey. In the Cryptic Degree he is a Past Deputy Grand Master, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Grand Master's Council, and is its Recorder. He is also a Past Master and Secretary of the Metropolitan Council of the Allied Degrees. He is also a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and has served two Stewardships. Of his record in other Degrees it was needless to make mention; his services were well known. He could not be better rewarded, there could not be a better recognition of those services than by his being elected that day to the office of Grand Treasurer; and he (Bro. Lardner) felt sure that the brethren would in a most generous manner sufficiently record the fact that such an honour was due to Bro. Walls; and if they carried him at the top of the poll they would never regret it.

Bro. NELSON PROWER seconded the motion. He could not understand why it had been put that it was desirable they should elect first a brother from London and then a brother from the country. He thought they should vote for the best man. All those who had the honour of knowing Bro. Walls, as many of those present had for many years in the Mark Degree, he was sure would support him, and they would find he would do credit to their selection.

The ballot was then declared open.

In the course of the evening the Scrutineers reported that Bro. Percy Wallis was elected by 111 votes against 68 polled for Bro. Walls.

The following Report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

During the three months ending 5th March, 1895, there have been issued Mark certificates, 322; total numbered registered, 33,687. Warrants for a new lodge, viz.:

No. 479, St. Austin's, Warrington, Lancashire.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 54; total number registered, 4344.

Warrants for new Ark Mariner Lodges, 2, viz.: Porphyry, to be attached to the Ashlar Lodge, No. 474; and Loyalty, to be attached to the Loyalty Lodge, No. 295.

H.R.H. the Grand Master has been pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years—R.W. Bro. the Earl of Yarborough as Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire; and R.W. Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire.

H.R.H. the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint R.W. Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck to be Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland, in succession to the late lamented Earl of Bective.

The Board have to record with the deepest regret the death of R.W. Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. His loss will be severely felt in Masonry generally, more especially in the Province over which he presided for the past three years, with so much zeal and ability.

Several irregularities with regard to the election and installation of the W.M. of the Moore Lodge, No. 146, having come to the knowledge of your Board, they have been obliged to declare both the election and installation to be irregular, and have called attention to the provisions contained in the Book of Constitutions as to the future governance of the lodge. Under the existing circumstances they have likewise deemed it their duty to fine the lodge a sum of Five Guineas, and to admonish and reprimand the Secretary and those brethren who took part in such irregular election and installation.

The Board recommend that the Albert Lodge, No. 270, and the Behar Lodge, No. 335, who have neglected to comply with the requirements of Art. 150, Book of Constitutions, and who have been, in consequence thereof, summoned to appear in Grand Lodge to show cause, and have not replied, should be erased.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have the pleasure to announce that the 27th Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, the 16th of July.

R.W. Bro. the Lord Skelmersdale, S.G.W., has most kindly consented to preside, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of brethren willing to act as Stewards.

Mrs. Margaret Duffield, widow of Bro. John Duffield, late an annuitant, has been placed on the Widows' Fund, under Rule 226, sub-section XIV.

The following cases have been relieved:

Bro. T. S., Lodge No. 151	...	...	£15 0 0
Mrs. E. T. B. (widow of a brother of Lodge No. 43)	...	...	15 0 0
Bro. S. H. B., Lodge No. 8	...	...	5 0 0

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.
FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

On the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, the Albert Lodge, No. 270, and the Behar Lodge, No. 335, were ordered to be erased, a report from the District Grand Master saying that there was no possibility of those lodges meeting again.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, in moving the adoption of the Report, asked the brethren to exclude that portion relating to the Moore Lodge. He had received a telegram that afternoon to the effect that a Committee had been appointed by Lord Lathom to inquire into the matter, and asking that it should be postponed. In deference to Lord Lathom, he thought Grand Lodge should accede to the request, and the subject would come forward at the June meeting.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in seconding the motion, said this course could do no harm, and it would be a graceful act to Lord Lathom.

The Earl of EUSTON said he requested the President of the General Board to send him a detailed account of all the matter that came before the General Board, because he thought that Lord Lathom had heard one side of the question, and had not heard the other. Bro. Loveland had sent a full and detailed account of everything that had been before the Board with respect to the irregularities of the Moore Lodge, and he forwarded them on to Lord Lathom. Lord Lathom wrote to him thanking him for doing so, and said he had received the report of Bro. Loveland of what took place. He thought it was respectful to one who had Masonry so much at heart as Lord Lathom had had, and still had, that they should postpone this matter.

The Report was adopted in the form suggested, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD CHAPTER, No. 1766.

The St. Leonard Chapter, No. 1766, was consecrated at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 20th ult., when there was a good attendance of companions to witness the interesting ceremony. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. Frank Richardson, G.D.C., assisted by Comps. Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., P.A.G. Soj., as H.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. D.C., as D.C.; and C. E. Keyser, P.G.S.B., as S.N.

The founders, who were all present with the exception of Comp. Joyce, P.Z., who is indisposed, are: Comps. Wm. Shurmur, P.Z.; H. E. Joyce, P.Z.; S. C. Kaufman; James Stephens, P.Z.; J. Speller, P.Z.; J. Boulton, P.Z.; Wm. Gower, J. H. Clarke, and A. Cunningham.

The visitors were—

Comps. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Prov. G. Supt. Essex; J. R. Roberts, M.E.Z. 119; A. Calver, P.Z. 933; J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex; W. A. Frost, 1706; E. J. Bell, 1524; H. T. Dommett, 2256; J. Greenhill; F. Martin, 217; G. Cannington, 1185; R. Clark; G. Fairchild, 1319; W. D. Church, P.Z. 1471; J. Bugler, 875; J. H. Wilson, 1293; C. Rawle, M.E.Z. 1065; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P. 1st A.G.S. Middx.; W. E. Sutton, 1471; F. Eckstern, 1196; W. Tyler, 862; F. Jameson, 2108; R. Somers, J. 1471; W. A. Scurrah, P.Z. 749; Orton Cooper, 1928; J. M. Klenck, 1339; W. H. Toye, 554; J. J. Woolley, P.Z. 2191; A. Haynes, 1606; W. Scott McDonald, 893; P. Roberts; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.Z. 784; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; E. Whipe, P.Z. 1305; D. H. McGowan, P.Z. 2374; Archdeacon Dunbar; W. W. Lee, H. 1524; and many others.

After the formal opening of the chapter,

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the companions, said that before commencing the necessary work it was only right he should explain why he was in the chair which ought to be filled by the Grand Scribe E. Comp. Letchworth had intended to be present, but the Board of Masters met that day before the Board of Benevolence, when there was some important work to be done. The G.S.E. requested him to say how much he regretted his absence. They had met that day to consecrate a chapter to be attached to the St. Leonard's Lodge, which was started some 15 years ago, and had since increased and multiplied, and now wished to crown the stone by putting the arch to it. As had been previously said, they could not be too careful in having quality and not quantity, as it was very easy to get a companion into a chapter, but a very difficult thing to get him out if he should prove unsuitable. In all cases it was necessary that the proposer should see that the candidate was really a Mason at heart.

Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, G. Supt. Bucks., delivered an admirable oration, and the ceremony was then proceeded with, and the chapter formally consecrated.

Comps. W. Shurmur, P.Z., and S. C. Kaufman were installed into the chairs of M.E.Z. and J., respectively. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. James Stephens, P.Z., S.E.; James Speller, P.Z., S.N.; James Boulton, P.Z., Treas.; W. Gower, P.S.; G. H. Clark, 1st A.S.; A. Cunningham, 2nd A.S.

On the motion of the M.E.Z. a vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members, and on the suggestion of Comp. James Stephens, P.Z., the name of the Grand Scribe E. was also included.

Numerous propositions were received for exaltation, and the chapter was closed.

After a well-served banquet, the usual toasts were honoured, the first given being "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry."

Comp. J. STEPHENS, P.Z., in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," said it spoke volumes for his Royal Highness, with the many calls upon his time, that he had found sufficient time to devote to Masonry. The Grand Z. had shown great wisdom in selecting his Dep. G.Z. and Grand H. from the N. and S. respectively, thus uniting those different parts in the principal work of Masonry.

"The Grand Officers" was proposed by Comp. KAUFMAN, J., and briefly responded to by Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, G. Supt., Bucks.

Comp. W. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., next gave "The Consecrating Officers," and said they were very much indebted to Comp. Richardson for the almost inimitable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Consecrating Officer, and the way in which he had been assisted by the other

companions was beyond all praise. This was the fourth time it had been his privilege to attend the consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter, when the founders had conferred the great honour of appointing him the M.E.Z. designate. Of course, they knew that first impressions were lasting, and he should never forget the dignified manner in which the Grand Superintendent of Essex consecrated the Warner Chapter and installed him as its First Principal. On the second occasion he was installed in that chair by the present Grand Scribe E., and the third time by his very esteemed and valued friend, the Grand Superintendent of Essex. On the present occasion it had been his great privilege to see the St. Leonard Chapter called into life and existence by Comp. Richardson. He would not paraphrase the three poets, but he must say that the abilities of the two previous Installing Officers were contained in Comp. Richardson, who had made a very lasting impression upon their minds. They had the privilege of knowing that they commenced their chapter with the hearty good wishes of the Grand Chapter and the Consecrating Officers. Their sincere and earnest thanks were due to Comp. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg for the admirable oration in which the principles and tenets of Royal Arch Masonry were brought before them in a thoroughly exemplary manner. He understood this was the 200th time that Comp. Richardson had officiated in consecrations and installations.

Comp. F. RICHARDSON, G.D.C., said the Consecrating Officers were flattered by the way in which their work had been referred to. He might say that this was not his maiden effort, because, two or three times before, under similar circumstances, in the lamented Col. Shadwell Clerke's time, he had endeavoured to do the duties. When he found he had such excellent Grand Officers as Comps. Hay, Brownrigg, and Keyser, he felt he should be able to carry through the work. He was also deeply indebted to Comp. Matthews, who, at a moment's notice, agreed to do the duty of D.C., and put off a previous engagement. The duty of D.C. was of the utmost importance. It was an extremely pleasing task for Grand Officers to take part in the consecration of a lodge or chapter, bringing some new body into existence. Like the birth of a new child, they liked in after years to watch how it prospered. Under the guidance of the M.E.Z., he was satisfied this chapter would prosper and take a very high place upon the roll of chapters. He wished the founders the most hearty success, and if they might judge from the number of names proposed, there was no doubt the wish would be fulfilled. He had to propose "The M.E.Z., H. and J." It was a great honour to be selected by the suffrages of the members to be the first Principal designate, for a companion must be selected for some particular qualifications he possessed. That evening had been no exception to the rule, for as they had heard, this was not the first time Comp. Shurmur had been placed in the position of M.E.Z. Comp. J. Stephens was occupying the post of H. temporarily, and was a very worthy substitute, and was known not only in that district but in the provinces, was doing good work and had passed many chairs. As regards the J., there was no doubt he had been selected very judiciously for that position.

Comp. W. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., in reply, said his colleagues and himself were brimming over with gratitude and thanks, and would earnestly endeavour to prove themselves in some small degree worthy of the compliments paid them. They had had an excellent "kick off" and several names had been proposed for exaltation, and he could say that the Degree would be conferred with that dignity it so thoroughly deserved.

Comp. JAMES STEPHENS, P.Z., acting H., responding, said he had thought long since that he was associated with a sufficient number of lodges and chapters, but when the M.E.Z. asked him to associate his name with that he felt it a honour to be associated with a name so respected, and especially in Essex, as that of Comp. Shurmur. That was the 21st lodge or chapter to which he belonged, and he was proud to be received in a kind and affable manner.

Comp. S. C. KAUFMAN, J., also replied.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and said the genial warmth of a Masonic meeting could not have been better exemplified than on the occasion of that consecration. He could not but think that any brother who was raised to the Sublime Degree, and thoroughly understood the obligations devolving upon him, would find the true cope stone and crown of the Third Degree when he proceeded to and entered upon the mysteries of the Royal Arch. Masonry in its higher development was legitimately attained by the Royal Arch. It was the legitimate ending of Masonry as countenanced and practised under the Grand Lodge of England. A consecration was always certain to be attended with many hopes—hopes which on that occasion the visitors were glad to see would be carried out in the future. The chapter started under auspices they were glad to see, and bade fair to have a career of success.

Comps. GEO. WHITE, P.Z.; ARCHDEACON DUNBAR; G. FAIRCHILD, P.Z.; LEWIS LEVY, and CHURCH, P.Z., also replied.

For "The Officers," Comps. J. SPELLER, S.N., and J. BOULTON, P.Z., Treas., responded, after which the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

Comp. J. F. HASKINS, P.P.G. Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Comps. J. Greenhill, Frost, and E. J. Bell.

LADIES' NIGHT OF LODGE LA TOLERANCE, No. 538.

As foreshadowed on the day of his installation the W.M., Bro. Walter Hooker, who by the way is also marking his year of office by acting as Steward for one of the Charities, arranged on Monday Night, the 25th ult., a dance to the members of the lodge and their friends, at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., which had been generously placed at the disposal of the lodge by the Principal, Bro. E. Humphrey, who is a highly esteemed Past Master of the lodge. The prevailing epidemic, though instrumental in preventing many from carrying out their intention to be present, did not militate adversely to a sufficient extent to hinder the assemblage of a large company, and the beautiful rooms of this well-known home of terpsichorean art were throughout the evening filled to their full capacity, the pretty dresses of the fair danseuses and the colours of the regalia worn by the brethren (for which a special dispensation was granted) combined to secure a very charming effect. A first class band discoursed up to date music throughout the programme of 20 or more dances. The company, on arrival, were received by the W.M., Bro. Walter Hooker, and Mrs. Hooker, whilst the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. W. Elvin, P.M., and the Stewards, Bros. E. Humphrey, P.M.; W. E. Wilby, P.M.; and J. J. Pittman, S.W., each contributed their efforts to the general welfare and enjoyment of the company, indeed, the acknowledged success of the dance was due to that harmonious co-operation and "Esprit de Corps," which is the characteristic of Freemasonry. Much regret was felt at the absence, through illness, of Bro. W. G. Fenn, P.M., P.P.G.D.S., who

was, however, represented by a large body of relatives and friends. Bro. S. Edridge, the I.P.M., was also absent through indisposition.

A *recherche* supper was served in the interval to considerably above 100 guests, by Messrs. Buzzard, and was unanimously pronounced faultless. Speech-making was conspicuous for its brevity, but the toasts of "The Queen," "The Ladies," and "The Visitors," were duly honoured, Bro. PITTMAN, S.W., replying very happily for the ladies.

The dancing saloon then again claimed its devotees, and the gathering broke up about four a.m., under the unanimously expressed hope that this was but the precursor of similar annual assemblies.

Amongst those present not already mentioned were Bro. J. S. Lane Prior and friends; T. Smale, P.M., P.Z. 538, and party; T. A. Tidy, J.D., and party; Harry Lee, J. Cummings, Mrs. Cummings and friends; E. Harris, F. Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson; Miss Smith, Bro. A. Schafer, Bro. A. Benerritz, wife and friend; Messrs. Ernest and Percy Wilby; Bro. Dr. Villeneuve, Bro. Major Thornhill; Mrs. Smith, Miss Champion, Bro. George and Mrs. Ridout; Bro. Wordsley; Mrs. W. E. Wilby, Bro. George Allen, Bro. R. and Mrs. Langton; Bro. Geo. Whitaker, Mrs. and Miss Whitaker; Mrs. J. H. Elvin, Dr. Simpson, Bros. Alfred Pusey Keith, Charles Everist, P.M., Ison, and many others too numerous to mention individually.

Craft Masonry.

Royal Athelstan Lodge (No. 19).—The installation meeting (126th year) of this old lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 14th ult., Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, W.M., in the chair. Bro. Milton Smith was duly installed Worshipful Master and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Henry Whadcoat I.P.M.; Edwin George Young, S.W.; William Ferdinand Stauffer, J.W.; Henry Glenn, P.M., Treas.; Charles B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; George Risdon Carsberg, S.O.; William Stacey, J.D.; Money Marsland, I.G.; Witham M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; William Pound, P.M., Stwd.; W. P. Campbell-Everden, Org.; and G. Gilbert, Tyler. Besides the above, the following brethren were present: Bros. Charles Tyler, P.M.; James Dix, P.M.; Daniel Nicholson, P.M.; F. E. W. Collard, P.M.; George Sneath, P.M.; G. Hardman Hoyle, P.M.; Arthur Wormull, P.M.; Henry Poston, P.M.; A. Digby Green, P.M.; J. P. Hinckel, Martin Pulveman, J. H. Merrett, Geo. Stevens, O. Marsland, M. Miroy, A. C. Bromley, W. E. Whadcoat, and T. E. Williams. The Grand Officers and visitors present included: Bros. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, G. Treas.; Reg. St. A. Roumieu, G. Supt. of Wks.; C. F. Hogard P.G. Std. Br.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, I.P.M. 96; C. E. Birch, P.J.G.W. Herts., P.P.J.G.W. Kent; E. E. Cooper, P.M. 8, P.G.S.; H. M. Bates, P.M. 91, P.G.S.; A. J. Hollington, P.M. 58, W.M. 2396, P.G.S.; W. W. Notting, W.M. 22; J. B. Sorrell, P.M. and Treas. 1260; W. J. Longhurst, W.M. 227; E. W. Carter, P.M. 858; H. J. Tibbatt, I.P.M. 2396; W. H. Whadcoat, B.A., LL.B., 4; W. M. Morgan, 177; J. Vezev Strong, 1538; R. M. H. Griffiths, 1677; E. G. Banks, 1937; E. B. Lumley, 2323; Capt. W. R. Cato, Capt. J. P. Kennedy, and Capt. Harold Woodcock, of 2470; and A. S. Johns, St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 321, New York, U.S.A.

The lodge was opened, and later on, on the arrival of the Grand Officers, they were saluted with Masonic honours. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the audit report was received and adopted. The W.M. then, in a most able manner initiated Messrs. Charles Smith and Charles Edmund Wells. Bro. George William Capel, member of Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, &c., was elected a joining member. The installation of Bro. Milton Smith, W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., father of the lodge. The W.M. then invested his officers, after which, on behalf of the lodge, he presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel together with a handsome illuminated address as a lasting recognition of the devoted attention he had paid to the work of the lodge during his year of office, and of his great liberality and energy in placing the Benevolent Fund of the lodge on a permanent basis. On rising for the second time, the Secretary announced the decease of Bro. Ramsay, much to the regret of the brethren.

The business being ended the brethren adjourned to partake of a very excellent banquet, which being finished grace was sung and the toasts of the evening commenced, which were interspersed by some excellently rendered music under the direction of Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex, assisted by Miss Emily Davies, Miss Minnie Chamberlain, Bro. Butler, and Bro. Daniel Price.

The programme book was an elaborate production, and contained beautifully executed portraits of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said: Our beloved Sovereign could not be a Mason, but had evidenced her interest in Freemasonry by her patronage to its Charities, being Grand Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Chief Patroness of the Girls' Institution, and Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution for the Aged. Of the first-named, she has been Patron for over 40 years.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said: In all ages monarchs have been promoters of Freemasonry, and have exchanged the sceptre for the trowel, but in Great Britain, since the Grand Lodge in York was formed, and King Athelstan nearly 1000 years ago granted a charter to Freemasons, probably no Prince of the Royal blood had taken so much interest and done so much for the Craft as our present Prince of Wales, and his influence in high circles and his high position in the Craft may probably have done much towards the peace and goodwill of nations.

The W.M., in proposing "The Grand Officers," referred to them in the words of Milton as "Adorned with splendour, armed with power," but said the power, importance, and authority they possessed was the result of centuries of intelligent industry and judgment, the faithful and careful discharge of which had built up an Institution unique in its character and influence, with valuable principles handed down from time immemorial pure and unpolled, that it was a hard-worked body, and deserved its honours. He finished with some complimentary remarks respecting the Grand Officers present, saying that the office of Grand Treasurer was always keenly competed for, and was well and honourably filled by Bro. Dimsdale. Bro. Roumieu held a post of responsibility, and worked hard on the Benevolent Board. Bro. Hogard was familiar with them all, and Bro. Bywater was a Grand Officer of Grand Officers, being the one Grand Sword Bearer who was chosen to carry the sword in front of the Prince of Wales at the Jubilee Festival out of the 27 P.G. Sword Bearers appointed on that occasion.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale, Grand Treasurer, in response, said he felt it no small honour to respond to the compliment paid to the Grand Officers of England. He recognised Grand Lodge as the mainspring of the Craft, which, during recent years, had made great strides, which he attributed to the fact that the Order was established on the solid rock—the Volume of the Sacred Law, Masons all striving to do their duty to the Great Architect of the Universe. They had had the chief work of the evening carried out by a Grand Officer, which showed they were able to work.

Bro. Roumieu, having also responded, The I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Milton Smith," who, he said, was initiated in the lodge in 1885, and had that evening had the honour of electing as one of his officers the brother who had introduced him, Bro. Barnes, P.M., their Secretary, to whom all the members were indebted for having introduced a member proved to have become a good Mason, and, as he had shown that night, one well capable of filling the chair with ability and honour. Bro. Milton Smith had worked well in the past, and that day he was reaping the reward he so well deserved.

In response to the toast of his health, the W.M. thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks and the brethren for their warm reception accorded to the toast. He was induced to join Masonry by the good impression he had of the Order conveyed to him from the fact of finding so many of his friends, who were good hearted, just, and genial, were also Masons. Having been initiated into the Order, he found that true of the Craft in general, and his lodge very much in particular. He had done his best in the lodge up to the present, and, if he had given satisfaction, would strive in the future to maintain the respect and satisfaction of the lodge. A peculiar personal coincidence in connection with the lodge was that he was born on the anniversary of the constitution of the lodge. He was married in the centenary year of the lodge, joined on his wife's anniversary, and was elected W.M. in his silver wedding year.

"The Initiates" was proposed by Bro. Dan. Nicholson, P.M., and responded to by the initiates.

The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," "The Installing Master," and "The Past Masters," referred to them as columns of strength to the lodge, and of use to the Craft in general, especially in their support to the Charities. He thought there was no Past Master of the lodge who had not been a Steward at one or all the Charities. The I.P.M. was last year, and is this year, Steward to all the three.

Bros. Whadcoat, I.P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., Installing Master; and Tyler, P.M. in 1855, replied to the toasts.

Bro. Bywater submitted the toast of "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Alderman Vaughan Morgan and A. J. Hollington.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were duly honoured.

The Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable evening.

Honour and Generosity Lodge (No. 165).—The ordinary meeting of this old-established and popular lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Bro. Henry Times, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Alfred Bush, I.P.M.; Alfred P. Crabb, S.W.; L. H. Powell, J.W.; F. Baggallay, S.D.; Frank Rosher, J.D.; W. C. Hulbert, I.G.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Lemon, P.M., A.G.D.C., Treas.; Howard Rosher, Stwd.; Richard Eve, P.M., P.G. Treas.; R. A. Bush, P.M.; Howard Thompson, P.M.; W. Herbert, Godfrey Sykes, F. Richardson, and J. Woodhouse. Among the large number of visitors present were Bros. Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar, D.D. Chap. 2374; Henry Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Reginald Groome, 1929; Frederic Cliffe, 1635; Fred. H. Cheesewright, W.M. 907; Templar Saxe, 2901; Frank Simon, 21; Dr. Tatham, 1616; Dr. Wedgewood, P.M. 2397, and P.Z.; George Cook, P.M. 820; E. L. Palmer, 96; J. H. Ford, 2032; C. H. Rosher, 1777; and A. W. Watson, 1625.

The lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Richardson was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Godfrey Sykes and Herbert were passed to the Degree of F.C. The Secretary then announced the death of Bro. G. A. Vennell, an old and popular Past Master of the lodge, and after sympathetic references by Bros. Eve and W. G. Lemon, a vote of condolence was unanimously passed by the lodge, expressing deep sympathy with his relatives. The W.M. read letters regretting unavoidable absence from the following: Bros. Alderman Sir Walter Wilkin, Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas.; Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; James Fernandez, R. C. Sudlow, William Nicholl, William Beatty Kingson, W. L. Barrett, Charles Belton, and Herbert Standing.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, excellently arranged by Bro. Frank Blackley, the popular manager of the Inns of Court Hotel.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly received and drunk with enthusiasm.

Bros. Richard Eve and W. G. Lemon, replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," expressed their deep regret at the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of Bro. Col. Noel Money, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, who had so often been the guest of Bro. Times at the lodge.

Bro. Bush, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that during his year of office Bro. Henry Times had benefited the lodge exceedingly, and induced many candidates to undergo the ceremony of initiation, and that the prosperity of the lodge was in a large measure owing to his exertions, and the painstaking and thorough way in which he had managed its concerns since he had been installed in the chair of King Solomon in May last.

The W.M. made a short reply, in which he maintained that long speeches from the chair was the one drawback in Masonry, and was the sole cause of a large number of brethren not attending their lodge as regularly as they otherwise would do.

The I.P.M. having replied in suitable terms to the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge,"

"The Health of the Visitors" was next proposed.

Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Dunbar, D.D., responded, and said it was a very great privilege for him to be present as a visitor at so distinguished a lodge as that of Honour and Generosity. It was not his first visit, and he trusted it would not be his last by very many, as he always met charming and delightful brethren, who did their utmost to make all the guests feel that they were thoroughly at home. The working of the lodge had been throughout the best he had ever seen, and the musical programme, which had been arranged for the pleasure of the brethren, had been an artistic treat, and one he would never forget.

Bro. Simon, 21, also replied, and said it was difficult for him to follow Archdeacon Dunbar, who was so erudite and gifted an orator, and that all the wind had been taken out of his sails. He referred to his old and intimate friendship with the W.M., and trusted to receive future invitations to the lodge, which he would avail himself of with the greatest pleasure.

Bro. Wainwright, P.M., responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he would always be delighted to do anything to further the interests of the lodge, of which he was an old member, having had the honour of twice passing through the chair.

An excellent musical programme had been arranged, and was much appreciated by all present. Among the most noticeable and best appreciated items were a pianoforte solo by Mr. Turner Kesteven; Bro. Templar Saxe sang beautifully "Love's Nocturne"; Bro. Reginald Groome, in spite of a severe cold, rendered a couple of songs in excellent style; Bro. H. Parker played a couple of his own compositions on the pianoforte; and Bro. Frederick Cheesewright sang "Bess, of Portsmouth Hard," and "Old Pilot Jim" in his well known breezy style.

It was on the stroke of midnight before the brethren took their leave.

Westbourne Lodge (No. 733).—The installation meeting of this old established and prosperous lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, on Thursday, the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. A. Arrowsmith, W.M.; R. J. Rogers, I.P.M.; W. H. Faircloth, S.W.; W. M. Roberts, J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec.; C. T. Brown, S.D.; F. Wortham, J.D.; G. Weaver, I.G.; J. Hough and R. A. Bench, Stewards; W. Clarke, Org.; T. W. Allen, P.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P.; J. W. Belsham, P.M.; W. Barton, P.M.; L. Ascott, P.M.; J. W. Curtis, P.M.; G. Collins, P.M.; C. J. Biorn, P.M.; W. Drew, P.M.; J. Beckham, T. Gale, H. W. Bagnall, T. Stroud, A. McLean, J. Herbert, J. W. Norris, E. Stevens, G. Walker, G. Goddard, J. Smith, J. Batland, F. Quick, W. H. Short, S. Cook, C. Williams, Rolles, W. Busby, W. B. West, S. Mann, W. Bell, R. Armstrong, Kilvert, and S. Ellis, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Adkins, P.M. 1642; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; W. Middlewick, P.M. 1793; H. L. Crow, P.M. 1076; B. R. Thomas, 511; E. Thomas, 511; J. C. Pratt, 1623; G. P. Wavmouth, 1744; Victor Stevens, 2127; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543; H. Wells, 1507; G. Rogers, P.G.S., P.P.G.D. Middx.; R. C. Blow, 1306; J. C. Conway, P.M. 1891; B. J. Stone, P.M. 65; P. Blatchford, 724; W. E. Lane, 167; A. Erlenden, 1623; J. R. Davis, 1201; J. Bonney, 1637; G. W. Collyer, 1931; W. Unwin, 1614; G. T. Barham, P.M. 256; E. J. Green, 865; B. Dowsett, 101; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the W.M. passed Bros. Thomas and G. Collyer. The W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Henry Faircloth, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. R. J. Rogers, P.M. The following were appointed and invested officers: Bros. W. M. Roberts, S.W.; C. T. Brown, J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec.; F. Wortham, S.D.; G. Weaver, J.D.; J. H. Hough, I.G.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., D.C.; W. Clarke, Org.; A. Bench, J. Smith, and J. W. Morris, Stewards; and S. Ellis, Tyler. The beautiful ritual of installation was well treated by Bro. R. J. Rogers, P.M., and in a manner that must leave a lasting impression on the new W.M. and the brethren who heard him. In eloquent terms, the W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Alfred Arrowsmith, I.P.M., remarking that no one could have worked harder for the lodge, and he hoped he would be with them for many years to wear the jewel and to give them his great assistance. Bro. Arrowsmith suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Jno. Rutland was elected a joining member, and other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, which was admirably served under the able direction of Mr. E. Ratcliffe.

The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but happy terms.

In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Cottebrune, who was well received, stated that he had had the honour to respond to the toast for many years. He was one of the founders of the lodge, and it was 37 years since he was installed W.M. of the Westbourne Lodge, and he hoped to see many others installed in the lodge.

Bro. A. Arrowsmith, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said it was the first time he had had the honour and pleasure of submitting the toast.

He hoped their genial W.M. would have a happy year of office, and that the members would do everything to make it a successful one.

Bro. Faircloth, W.M., who had a very hearty reception, in response, said that in his new position he felt somewhat out of place, but he tendered them his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the welcome they had accorded him and for the kind words of the I.P.M. It was his earnest wish to discharge his duties with satisfaction to himself and to the brethren, and if he followed in the footsteps of the Past Masters, he felt he could not go wrong.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Arrowsmith." Those who had attended the last 12 months could testify to the efficient way he had performed his many duties, which were much appreciated by the members, and his year of office would not be forgotten.

Bro. A. Arrowsmith, I.P.M., said that he had had a very enjoyable year of office, and he hoped the W.M. would have the same. He was proud of the jewel presented to him, and he would deem it an honour to wear it on every possible occasion. Might he refer to the case of Bro. Jas. Long, who had been a great worker in the lodge. He was now 74 years of age, and a candidate for election in the Benevolent Institution for the Old People, and he urged all to support him at the election in May. He also referred to the election of Grand Treasurer, and urged the members to vote for Bro. W. M. Stiles, who was so well-known to them and in the Metropolis. He had been an ardent worker in the Craft for many years, and had rendered great service to the Charities, and was fitted in every way for Grand honours.

In giving "The Installing Master, Bro. Rogers, P.M.," the W.M. observed that everyone present must have been impressed with the splendid working of the installing ceremony, which could not have been done better, and their best thanks were due to him.

Bro. Rogers, on rising to respond, had a great reception. He stated that he was greatly surprised to have such a greeting. It was a distinguished honour to install so good a W.M., who was a schoolfellow of his, and a very dear friend, and he was indebted to Bro. Arrowsmith for allowing him to do the installing ceremony.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors." The lodge was noted for having a large number of guests, but that night they were not so numerous, the prevailing epidemic being the cause of many absentees, and he coupled the names of Bro. Dehane, P.M., a hard working Mason and Preceptor of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, and Bros. Adkins, E. Rogers, Conway, and R. T. West.

Bro. Adkins, in reply, said that he had attended many installation meetings of the lodge, in which he was initiated 19 years ago, and he very much regretted that he had left it, and he hoped the W.M. would have a prosperous and happy year of office.

Bro. Dehane, P.M., was glad he had been called upon to respond to the toast. He felt certain that no one could find fault with the working that evening, of which he was proud, and was the outcome of his teaching in the lodge of instruction, and he hoped all who had not already done so would join and prepare themselves to take office. With such good working, and their lavish hospitality he always enjoyed himself there.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., said that once again it was his pleasure to acknowledge the toast. It had been his good fortune to see nearly all the Past Masters of the lodge present that evening installed, and he made a point of attending because the working was always excellent, and the visitors made most welcome.

Bro. Conway, P.M., also responded, paying a tribute to the great services rendered by Bro. Dehane in the lodge of instruction, and remarked that when the Worshipful Master's term of office expired there was no doubt that all the members would say "well done."

Bro. Victor Stephens also replied in eloquent terms, observing that many actors were good on the boards, but when it came to being a W.M. they had a difficult task to perform.

Bros. Stone and R. T. West also responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters." There were a good number present, and their attendance showed the great support they gave to the lodge, and very few lodges could boast of a better body.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Bro. Drew, P.M., responded. He was initiated 18 years ago, and had always watched with great interest the progress of the lodge. The ceremonies were ably worked that night, and the Installing Master, the I.P.M., and the W.M. were to be congratulated on what they had done. The W.M. had for his officers the best that anyone could desire, and the Past Masters were delighted with the way the lodge was being managed, and he hoped it might ever be so.

Bro. Belsham, P.M., also replied, endorsing the remarks of the previous speaker, and stated that he had been recently installed W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, which, he thought was a great honour.

In giving "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," the W.M. stated that their Secretary was one of the best, and a W.M. without the services of an efficient Secretary was at a great disadvantage, and in making special reference to Bro. John Welford, P.M., Treas., he said that he hoped before long to greet him as one of the Sheriffs of the City of London, where he was so well known. He was also Master of one of the important City Companies, and was a very good fellow, and he joined his name and that of Bro. Walker, P.M., Sec., with the toast.

Bro. John Welford, P.M., Treas., responded. He appreciated the kind remarks of the W.M., and said he was always happy and willing to do anything to promote the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Walker, P.M., Sec., also replied in brief but eloquent terms.

Bros. W. M. Roberts, S.W., and T. C. Brown, J.W., also responded.

The Tyler's toast ended a very pleasant evening, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the gathering.

The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bros. Goddard, Barry Lindon, Victor Stevens, Mr. Mackenzie, and Madam Coleman, whose sweet and exquisite singing was much appreciated, for which she received a well-deserved encore, and special mention should also be made of Mr. Mackenzie for his efforts.

Southern Star Lodge (No. 1158).—This popular and influential lodge held an emergency meeting on the 26th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. F. Knibb. Amongst those present were Bros. R. E. Clarke (founder), I.P.M.; Bunker, Block, Wright, Treas.; Austin, Sec.; Hands, S.W.; Belchamber, J.W.; Green, I.G.; Richards, J.D.; and a large number of the brethren.

The business comprised the passing to the Degree of Fellow Craft of Bro. Takl, and the ballot being taken, provid unanimous, the initiation into the mysteries of the Craft of Messrs. W. H. Hopton and E. A. Bruce, which was done in a most impressive manner by the W.M.

After the business of the evening, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most enjoyable repast.

Several toasts were ably proposed by the W.M., among them being those of "The New Initiates."

Bro. W. H. Hopton, in a most happy and humorous speech, thanked the lodge heartily for admitting him a member of that honourable institution. It had for a long time been his earnest desire to become a Mason, and he now felt that they had that night made a man of him, and it would be his one great desire through life to merit fully the great honour they had conferred upon him.

Bro. Bruce also responded.

Bros. R. E. Clarke, P.M., and Bunker, P.M., ably replied to the toast of "The Past Masters."

After the toast of "The Officers," the pleasant evening was brought to a conclusion.

St. Dunstan's Lodge (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. J. F. Hunter, W.M.; H. L. Buck, S.W.; W. H. Wellsman, J.W.; W. H. Clemow, P.M., Treas.; Thos. J. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; W. Farrington, P.M., Org.; Thos. Rendell, S.D.; H. N. Sichel, J.D.; T. R. Woolfe, I.G.; W. W. Parkinson, D.C.; F. Kimber Bull, Stwd.; Robinson Innes, I.P.M.; F. Farrington, P.M.; C. Bugg, H. Robartes, O. E. F. Cobb, R. Skelton, A. N. Doland, H. B. Minter, E. Sloper, F. T. U. Goldsmith, W. Von. Hafen, E. Gilbert, E. D. Maddick, G. S. Martin, R. S. Cartwright, and Jno. Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G. Std. Br.; Col. Henry Radcliffe, P.G.S.; H. W. Green, P.M. 108; W. E. Hodgkinson, W.M. 1737; Jno. Hatch, 1538; H. K. G. Bamber, S.D. 650; C. J. Singleton, P.M.; Jno. Bamber, Dr. Passmore, 2168; H. T. Wilkins, and R. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read, and the Auditor's report received, Bro. Robinson Innes, I.P.M., raised Bro. Henry Roberts. Bro. W. Farrington, P.M., then occupied the chair, and Bro. Col. Henry Radcliffe, P.G.S., presented Bro. Walter Henry Wellsman, the W.M. elect, and he was installed in a masterly manner. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. H. L. Buck, S.W.; Thos. Rendell, J.W.; W. H. Clemow, P.M., Treas.; Thos. J. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; W. Farrington, P.M., Org.; H. N. Sichel, S.D.; T. R. Woolfe, J.D.; W. W. Parkinson, I.G.; F. Kimber Bull, D.C.; A. N. Doland and F. T. U. Goldsmith, Stwds.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. A letter was read from Bro. W. Wellsman (the father of the new W.M.), regretting his enforced absence through illness, and his bitter disappointment in not being able to install his son, as it was seldom that a father had the privilege of installing a son as W.M. The newly-installed W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. F. Hunter, I.P.M., who he stated had done his best to carry out his duties to the best advantage. In brief terms Bro. Hunter acknowledged the jewel. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. Farrington, who had undertaken, at a very short notice, the duties of installing Master.

Bro. A. E. Holt was proposed as a joining member, and other business followed, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren withdrew to partake of a superb banquet, which was supplied by Bro. A. Clemow, in his well-known style.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that since her Majesty had been on the throne over 2000 lodges had been consecrated.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and he coupled the name of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., with the toast.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton responded. He very much regretted the absence of his old friend, Bro. Wellsman, the father of their W.M., and hoped he would soon be restored to health. If he might say so, the W.M. appeared to be quite a boy in the Masonic world, and for him to have attained his then exalted position redounded greatly to his credit. As to the Grand Officers, that was a long story, but Bro. Capt. Walls, who was present, was a splendid specimen of what a Grand Officer was, and no one worked harder for Masonry. He (Bro. Sir John Monckton) had been a busy man having in his time had the honour of installing 123 Worshipful Masters, and he was proud of it. In eloquent and earnest terms he advocated the claims of the Charities, or as he preferred to call them, the Benevolent Institutions, and in conclusion he said he was glad to be present to honour the W.M., and again regretted the absence of his dear old friend Bro. W. Wellsman.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that the W.M. was blessed with a father, who was a splendid Mason and a firm friend, and he wished the W.M., with all sincerity, a prosperous and very happy term of office.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and the W.M. on rising to respond was enthusiastically received. He stated that he could not sufficiently thank them for their kind treatment, as he was suffering from considerable disappointment in consequence of his father, who had initiated him four years ago, not being able to be present to install him. He thanked Bro. Sir John Monckton for his kind words, and the reference to his father. He was indeed young—an infant in Masonry—but in occupying that chair he felt he was getting older every hour, in fact putting on Masonic "years" at a very rapid rate. It was a great honour to be their Master, and he hoped that his work, with the assistance of his officers, would give the members every satisfaction.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," remarking that at the installation meeting the lodge had always been honoured with the presence of Grand Officers and many visitors, but illness was the cause of many absentees that evening, and in making special mention of Bros. Capt. Walls, Col. Radcliffe, and Green, he coupled their names with the toast.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, G. Std. Br., responded. He had never in the course of his Masonic career seen so young a W.M. installed. There was no other parish in the City of London which teemed with so many Masons as St. Dunstan's, and the members should be proud of their lodge with its name, which was known throughout the world.

Bro. Col. Radcliffe said that he was deeply interested with the installing ceremony, but he regretted the absence of Bro. W. Wellsman, who was his oldest Masonic friend; he saw him initiated, and he installed him W.M. many years since. He would have been delighted to have seen the father install his son, but his health would not permit him. He felt sure that the W.M. would follow in the footsteps of his worthy father, and he hoped that the lodge would continue to flourish under his able presidency.

Bro. Green, P.M., also replied. He had seen his old friend, the "Father" of the lodge, initiate the W.M., and it would have been unique had he been able to install him, but notwithstanding the shortest notice, the installing Master had done his duty to perfection.

In proposing "The Installing Master," the W.M. said that he and the members owed him a deep debt of gratitude for his kind and efficient services.

In response, Bro. W. Farrington, P.M., stated that he much regretted the reason why he had been called upon, but he claimed their indulgence for any shortcomings in the ceremony.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," remarking that they owed everything to the Past Masters, and he hoped to have their able and ready assistance during his term of office. The I.P.M., Bro. Hunter, had had a successful time with several initiates and joining members. He had been energetic and punctual in attendance at each lodge meeting, and his reign had been a happy one. He joined his name and that of Bro. Robinson Innes with the toast.

Bro. Hunter, I.P.M., responded. He said that his best thanks were due to Bro. Robinson Innes for his great assistance when he was in the chair, and he should never forget the kindness he had received at all times from his officers, and he took that opportunity to record his appreciation of their able co-operation. He honoured the jewel which had been presented to him, and should always look upon it with pride.

Bro. Robinson Innes stated that what he had done for the lodge was his duty. He had been a member for 10 years, and he had endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of the able members who had gone before him.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. stated that the members appreciated the great services rendered by them, and they were the permanent staff of the lodge, and, as to the Secretary, they could barely realise how hard he worked.

Bro. Clemow, P.M., Treas., said that it was gratifying to him to have to respond, it was a pleasure to do anything for the lodge, and it was 10 years that night since he had gone through the chair.

Bro. T. J. Robinson, P.M., Sec., also responded in an able speech. So long as he was honoured by being appointed Secretary, he would only be too pleased to continue his efforts for the lodge.

The W.M. gave "The Officers," observing that no Master was ever favoured with a better body of officers, to which suitable responses were made by Bros. Buck, S.W.; Rendell, J.W.; Sichel, S.D.; Woolfe, J.D.; and W. R. Parkinson, I.G.

The Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant and happy evening, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the gathering.

During the intervals a good musical programme was carried out by Mr. G. S. Martin, Miss Maud Wellsman (who deserves special mention), Miss Martin, Miss Cook, and Miss Eva Wellsman.

The W.M., Bro. W. H. Wellsman, first saw the light twenty-eight-and-a-half years ago; is the second son of Bro. W. Wellsman, P.M., member of the Court of Common Council for Farringdon Without Ward, who for more than 30 years has been a most active and enthusiastic Freemason, well known in the newspaper world as an authority upon the conduct and value of newspapers, and editor for the past 36 years of the Newspaper Press. Bro. W. H. Wellsman was educated at the City of London School and at Hanover; has considerable musical tastes, and has been a student at the Guildhall School of Music. His first introduction to business life was in the firm of C. Mitchell and Co., of which his father is chief; there he became initiated into the varied forms of newspaper undertakings, and at the earliest opportunity decided to become associated with that enterprise. For six years he managed in London Sir H. Gilzean Reid's paper, and has now under his charge in London four important provincial journals, and he is a member of the Institute of Journalists. In 1893 he planned and edited "The Provincial Press in London." His father, Bro. Wellsman, P.M., was one of the founders of the St. Dunstan's Lodge in 1875 and its second W.M. in 1877, and was again elected to that office in 1891, is now the "father" of the lodge, and during its whole existence has been one of, if not its most zealous member in promoting its efficiency and great prosperity. In February, 1891, Bro. Wellsman initiated the St. Dunstan's Lodge present W.M., whose Masonic advancement has been very rapid; after appointment to I.G. in 1891 he became in 1894 J.W. and is now W.M. Bro. W. H. Wellsman, while reaching his present proud office has shown the keenest interest in all Masonic work, at regular as well as at instruction meetings of the Craft, he possesses a sound knowledge of his duties, an impressive style, geniality of manner and readiness of speech which mark him as not one of the least successes in the St. Dunstan's chair.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. C. J. Ball, W.M.; C. Kupferschmidt, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; W. H. Rylands, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; and W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. C. A. Markham, W. G. Poole, A. Hodge, Rev. C. P. Merrick, C. B. Barnes, as I.G., Dr. T. Charters White as S.W., E. H. Buck, Alex. Bruce, J. A. Gattley, C. H. B. Stow, R. J. Hall, J. E. Burkmar, C. C. G. Poole, N. Stephen Ayling, G. J. Taylor, W. F. Stauffer, R. A. Gowan, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., and G. Greiner. Also the following visitors: Bros. T. H. Roberts, W.M. 1538; Rev. P. R. Mahoney, 2502; and A. Benoldi, 1559.

Eight lodges and 82 brethren were added to the Correspondence Circle, as follows: Fassifern Kilwinning Lodge, No. 808 (S.C.), Harrisville, Queensland; Gordon Lodge, No. 804 (S.C.), Johannesburg; Golden Thistle Lodge, No. 774 (S.C.), Johannesburg; John Saunders Royal Arch Chapter, No. 225 (S.C.), Johannesburg; St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 615 (S.C.), Grahamstown, Cape Colony; General Gordon Lodge, No. 2119, Brisbane; Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1315, Toowoomba; St. John's Lodge, No. 828, Grahamstown. Bros. J. H. Bryce, 738, Durban, Natal; J. J. Furze, E. Lansdell, A. Westwater, J. Mathieson, W. Arbuckle, J. Berry, S. Smitson, T. W. Beveridge, J. Kyle, jun., W. B. Kyle, J. Kyle, sen., and H. Kyle, all of 799 (S.C.), H. Day, 334, A. N. S. Goldberg, I. Schulman, M. Zeffert, and C. J. Meinjes, all of 2478, Rev. M. L. Harris, 2313, L. Green and E. G. Masson, both of 774 (S.C.), all of Johannesburg; B. Grimsberg, 2483, Benoni, J. Godefrei, W.M. Unity (D.C.), Winburg, and J. Prenzlau, 1022, Bosies Spruit, all in the South African Republic; B. H. South, E. Bayley, both of 651 (S.C.), B. B. Atwell, A. J. Duffield, and E. W. Wells, all of 828, Grahamstown, Cape Colony; in Queensland, C. Jamieson, 768 (S.C.), Croydon, J. A. Sheppard, 2419, Clifton, H. S. Brown, 775 (S.C.), Crow's Nest, W. Hebdon, 775 (S.C.) Merritt's Creek, F. I. Taylor, 775 (S.C.), and A. Mayes, 1315, Toowoomba, G. V. Davies, 801 (S.C.), A. W. Field, 799, R. B. McIntyre, J. Abraham, R. Lee-Bryce, Dist. G. Sec. (S.C.), and W. W. Pike, 1186, all of Brisbane, A. Morgan, 1372, Warwick, S. R. Jaggard, 803 (S.C.), Sandgate, R. G. Skelton, 808 (S.C.), Fassifern, and W. Miles, Pine Creek, 775 (S.C.); in New South Wales, J. F. Cullen, 48, Tiriverell; in India, V. A. Iyengar, 2356, Dowlashwarem, and F. Stevens, 150, Vizianagram; in the U.S.A., M. T. Lightner, South Dakota, C. W. Ritchie, 13, Tacoma, Washington, S. T. Armstrong, 434, New York, and G. W. Fortmeyer, Dep. G.M. of New Jersey; in Canada, R. A. Klock, 405, Klock, P.O., Ontario; in Ireland, R. W. Colles, 620, Dublin, T. J. Hayes, N.I., Blackrock, and Rev. J. M. Monray, 239, Ballygawley; H. R. Heap, 1369; J. Porter, 755; Capt. G. W. Redway, 2094; Col. G. W. Willock, 1466; E. Micklethwait, 111; Dr. W. Murray, 103; M. H. Smith, 280; G. J. Fowler, 29; J. Hodgkin, 265; J. E. Burkmar, 1901; J. H. J. Frye, 291; G. F. Taylor and H. Townend, 180; T. Bugler, 171; V. Orchard, 791; A. Holmes, 5483; E. N. Adler, 1997; H. C. Willock, 271; C. J. Willock, 859; W. H. Dunn, 311; Dr. E. J. Reynolds, 63; Dr. B. H. J. Gardiner, 1261; F. L. Gardiner, 1017; G. T. Clough, 2077; W. Jones, 2291; and J. C. F. Tower, 1591.

The Secretary read a paper by Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley entitled "Notes on Irish Masonry," leading to a slight discussion between Bros. Rylands and Speth. The Secretary next read a paper by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, entitled "Freemasonry in Brixham, Devon, from 1781 to 1840." The chief feature of the paper was the remarkable persistency of old customs until a very recent date, and the happy manner in which the brethren of this out-of-the-way lodge transgressed the Constitutions in certain points, doubtless in ignorance of the irregularity of their proceedings. Interesting comments on the paper were made by Bros. Rylands, Speth, Hughan, Conder, Bywater, and the W.M. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the writer. On a table in the centre of the lodge were displayed the following interesting exhibits: Three copies of curious aprons, made for and presented to the lodge by Bro. Pocock, of Bermuda; two old aprons lent for exhibition by the same brother; an old engraved apron, probably Irish, presented to the lodge by Bro. Major H. B. Browne; a pierced silver jewel, inscribed 1775 and Lodge No. 10, lent by Bro. J. W. Turner, of Douglas, I.M.; an old silver engraved jewel, suspended from a silver square and compass, lent by Bro. F. W. Vernon, of Kelso; a devotional medal, struck at the time that Pope Urban VIII. restored the Church of the Quatuor Coronati in Rome (1624), bearing on the obverse St. Michael, Archangel, and on the reverse, the four Crowned Martyrs, presented to the lodge by Bro. Dr. S. R. Forbes, Rome.

At the conclusion of the meeting the brethren adjourned for dinner to the Holborn Restaurant.

Savage Club Lodge (No. 2190).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edmund Rosenthal, occupying the chair of K.S., that of Senior Warden being filled by Bro. Carson, and Bro. E. E. Peacock, P.M. 1928, acting as J.W. There were also present Bros. John Northcott, I.P.M.; W. E. Chapman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Bucks, Sec.; T. Catling, P.M.; W. J. Ebbetts, P.M.; H. Wellcome, P.M.; W. S. Penley, S.D.; Dr. Maitland Coffin, acting I.G.; Dr. Bowdler Sharpe, Harold Bourke, Org.; Terrott, C. Townley, Shedden-Wilson, Wilton Jones, Hugh Moss, and others. Bros. Harry Nicholls, J.W.; Eugene Barnett, I.G.; and several other officers and brethren sent apologies for non-attendance through illness.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were balloted for and elected as joining members: Bros. R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., 199; Chas. Stuart, 780; and Henry de Mosenhal, 785. The following candidates for initiation were balloted for and elected: Dr. Samuel Alexander Kenny Strahan, Messrs Lorin A. Lathrop, Edward George Salmon, Harcourt Cecil Beryl, Paul Frenzeyni, and Havelock Fisher. Of these Dr. Strahan, Messrs. Lathrop, Salmon, and Beryl presented themselves, and were regularly initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a most impressive manner.

Some formal business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently dined together at the Savage Club.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:—
GRAND LODGES—Newall, 1134; Ebury, 1348; Acacia, 2321; and Fellowship, 2535.

Ladies' Night of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.
Annual Meeting of the Orders of Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine.
Also several reports of Lodges of Instruction.



SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

The report which will be found in another part of our columns of the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge on Tuesday, is not of a character to stand in need of much comment. The recommendations contained in the Report of the General Board were adopted with the single exception of that relating to the Moore Lodge, No. 146, which, at the instance of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Past Grand Mark Master, and Prov. Grand Mark Master of Leicestershire, has been postponed. It will also be seen that Bro. Percy Wallis has been elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing 12 months by a substantial majority of votes over Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls.

On Monday next, the 11th instant, the vacancy in the office of Grand Superintendent of Leicestershire and Rutland, caused by the lamented death of Comp. William Kelly, F.S.A., will be filled by the installation of Comp. the Earl Ferrers, who has been for more than 20 years Grand Master of the Province, and whom his Royal Highness the Grand Z. has been pleased to select for the appointment. The ceremony will take place at a Special Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter, which will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, at 3 p.m., on the day in question, and will be performed by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J., and Grand Superintendent of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The usual banquet will follow at 5 p.m.

We publish with sincere regret the announcement that Bro. Alderman Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Past G.W. of England, has passed away after a brief illness in the 72nd year of his age. Our deceased brother was one of sundry Aldermen of the City of London on whom the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to confer the office of Junior Grand Warden during their respective Mayoralties, and had the additional honour of entertaining his Royal Highness and a large number of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, at a banquet at the Mansion House a few days before vacating the civic chair. He was subsequently installed as first W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, and at different times and in different ways had rendered very conspicuous services to the Craft. We offer our respectful sympathy to the family of our late distinguished brother.

At the 25th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 30th January last, Bro. John P. Noyes, M.W.G.M., delivered the customary address, in which he communicated to the brethren all such information *de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis* as he considered interesting or important. Among the many subjects he referred to was the present relations, or we should say, perhaps, the absence of relations, between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec. His remarks are worth quoting.

"As to the state of affairs," said Bro. Noyes, "between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England, due to the continuance of the three English lodges in this city, it may be characterised as harmony on sufferance. I have received no communication from the distinguished brother, who, at his own suggestion, was named mediator, as to the progress made. I hesitate to express an opinion at this time, as to the vigour necessary to prosecute mediation in such cases. It is now about six years since it began, and 'no results' has been the annual announcement at each subsequent communication. The position is serene peaceful, but scarcely dignified or consistent with self-respect. An eminent Masonic authority in the United States quite recently wrote: 'Grand Lodge sovereignty cannot be recognised if there is rebellion in its jurisdiction against it, for then the Grand Lodge lacks the chief element of its character, supremacy. That appears to be the established rule on this continent, at least. It is for the Grand Lodge to decide as to action in the important matter.'"

It is a long time since we have seen a question of this kind, which invariably causes so much irritability on both sides, treated with such gentleness and courtesy, and as from the report in the *Canadian Craftsman*, from which we have obtained the above extract, it does not appear that the Grand Lodge of Quebec considered it desirable that any action should be taken; we presume it looks upon relations which are characterised as "harmony on sufferance" as being the reverse of unsatisfactory, and thinks it better "the position" should remain "serenely peaceful" than run the risk of being changed into one which might easily become severely litigious, if not something worse.

As for "the distinguished brother who, at his own suggestion, was named mediator" some six years ago—if we remember rightly, it was Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario)—seeing that his proffered mediation has been productive of such happy results, we trust it may last for a further term of 60 or even 600 years. If the result of his doing nothing for six years has produced "harmony on sufferance" and a "position" which is "serenely peaceful," the longer he continues in the same course the better it will be for the two Grand Lodges. On the more abstruse questions of sovereignty, supremacy, &c., &c., to which the "eminent Masonic authority in the U.S."

appears to have very incautiously referred, we hope the Grand Lodge of Quebec will not allow its dignity to be ruffled by the remarks of a correspondent so maladroit. Dignity attended by an eternity of petty squabbles is by no means as "serenely peaceful" as "harmony on sufferance."

Correspondence.**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your Analysis of the Returns of the various provinces, you ask whether "the brethren of East Lancashire ever give a thought to the sorry figure the province presents at so many of the Anniversary Festivals." I venture, in reply to that question, to say that the brethren of East Lancashire can look back with equanimity upon the support they have hitherto given to the London Institutions, and at the same time look forward with confidence that they will not be found wanting when the proper occasion presents itself in the future.

Your readers may not all be aware of the fact that the province has, during the last year or so, been contemplating, and has now in progress, the arrangements for the first Festival in connection with their local Institution, which will be held in July next, and, as may naturally be supposed, all their energies are devoted to achieving a *grand success*. When this has been accomplished, I have no doubt the London Institutions will receive that attention and support which they so deservedly merit.

In the meantime does it not occur to you that the province by educating children, granting annuities to the aged, and giving relief to the distressed out of their own local funds (which they are doing to somewhere about £1000 per annum, thus keeping such claims away from the London Institutions), are materially assisting the latter, at the same time giving a better chance to the weaker provinces and private lodges of electing their candidates, than they would have if strong provinces like East Lancashire put forth all the resources of their organisations, and availed themselves of the enormous advantages enjoyed by patrons over less favoured donors.—I am, yours fraternally,

E. L.

GRAND TREASURERSHIP OF MARK GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me, through the medium of your columns, to thank most heartily the brethren who so kindly supported my candidature for Grand Mark Treasurer, more especially those who, at the sacrifice of much time and expense, went to London to record their votes, and also the good brethren in London who worked for me. I hope their confidence may not be misplaced.—Yours fraternally,

PERCY WALLIS.

March 6th.

Re ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a member of a lodge which—in the name of the W.M.—has paid more than 200 guineas to each Fund of the R.M.B.I. and therefore under present rules is fully entitled to rank as Patron, allow me to enter a protest against the alteration of Rule 25 in the form suggested by No. 7 item of business for Grand Lodge on March 6th.

The suggested alteration is of a distinctly disfranchising character, as will be apparent from the appended cuttings taken from the rules printed in the 1894 report:

23. A Lodge, Chapter, or other Masonic Society subscribing Fifty Guineas in one sum or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to ten Votes for Annuitants on the particular Fund to which the donation is paid, and the Master or First Principal of such Lodge or Chapter for the time being shall be a Vice-President of the Institution in right of such payment; and for every additional Ten Guineas to such particular Fund shall be entitled to four Votes at each election.

24. A Donation of Fifty Guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each, shall constitute the Donor a Vice-President of the Institution, and a Member of the Committee of Management.

25. Every Vice-President, upon completion of a further Donation of Fifty Guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each, shall become a Vice-Patron of the Institution.

Every Vice-Patron, upon completion of a further Donation of One Hundred Guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum, or in sums of not less than Ten Guineas each, shall become a Patron of the Institution, with twelve Votes for every Ten Guineas thereafter subscribed.

As 247 "Lodges or other Masonic Societies" have, in that report, been openly acknowledged as Vice-Patrons, it is quite clear that the plain meaning of Rule 25 is well understood and admitted by the Committee of Management. Bro. Mead's statement at last Grand Lodge—as reported by you on page 261 of Dec. 15th, 1894—that the 247 lodges had been "silently allowed to become Vice-Patrons" and your statement on first page of last week's issue that the rank was by "courtesy"—scarcely state the fact fairly, seeing that the London Committee and not the 247 lodges direct the printing of the Report.

Moreover, an examination of these 247 lodges shows that 13 Prov. Grand Lodges and 15 private lodges or Masonic societies (less than five of the whole number being located in London) possessing voting power from 180 to 700 each—each lodge having thus, presumably, contributed more than double the amount needed by latter clause of Rule 25—have not, in accordance with that rule either "silently" or by "courtesy" been "allowed to become" Patrons of the Institution. Why? I would ask who has "silently" suppressed these claims—if any such claim or claims have been made?

If any of the 28 lodges or Masonic societies had paid 400 guineas to the other Institutions, would not either the Boys' or the Girls' Committee have, in due business fashion—in good faith and silently—ranked each lodge or Masonic society as a Patron.

If the 247 lodges are not entitled to either rank, why then so hurriedly alter this particular rule before a general revision is presented for the judgment of Grand Lodge?—Yours fraternally,

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COLONIAL BOARD AND THE CAMBRIAN LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, No. 556, E.C.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your issue of December 8th to hand with report of Grand Lodge communication in *re*—this matter. The decision is a surprise to me; surely the members of Grand Lodge could not have foreseen the false position they were placing the Grand Lodge in, by adopting the plausible excuse that the matter was *subjudice*. What difference can it make to Grand Lodge in dealing with its own officials or Sub-Committee for neglecting, and in this case apparently wilfully, to carry out Grand Lodge resolutions, or the articles of Constitution? Is Grand Lodge to play second fiddle to its own officials for neglect? Who are Grand Lodge's superiors in its own sphere? To make Grand Lodge subordinate to anybody, be it judge or official, seems to me utterly absurd, and I think now that members have had time to consider the subject carefully, they should at once rescind the resolution arrived at on the 5th December, and wipe out the absurdity of the subordinates being superior to their creators, a part being greater than the whole.

The whole trouble has been caused through the neglect of Grand Lodge officials in carrying out instructions, and replying to letters, as the various districts in this Colony (New Zealand) have found to their cost.

The reading of Article 219, Book of Constitution, is as plain as a pikestaff, and Grand Lodge itself has on numerous occasions decided that the minority are the proper custodians of the warrant, and are the lodge.

Thanking you in anticipation,—Yours fraternally,
COLONIAL PAST MASTER (E.C.).

Auckland, January 26th.

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THE R.A. IN PROVINCES.

In that extraordinary volume devoted to the History of Freemasonry in Herts (468 pages 4-to!), Bro. G. B. Abbott states that the earliest reference to Royal Arch Masonry in Hertfordshire occurs in my "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," viz. the appointment of Colonel A. D. O'Kelly as Grand Superintendent in 1811. He regards that appointment correctly as a sinecure, as there was no Royal Arch Chapter started in the province until 1830. Bro. Abbott cites still more remarkable instances of provincial authorities having "nothing to do," for between 1797 and 1829 "two brethren were successively appointed Prov. Grand Masters, there being no lodges then in Herts for them to rule over." I find that Bro. T. B. Parkyns, M.P. (afterwards Lord Raneliffe, Prov. G.M., &c.), was the Grand Superintendent for Leicestershire from 1793, though no chapter was formed until 1796 (the present No. 229) at Leicester. The same distinguished Craftsman was also Grand Superintendent for Derbyshire, as announced in the Grand Chapter Proceedings for 1794. In the admirable roll or "Succession of Grand Superintendents from the formation of the Grand Chapter of England to the present time," at pp. 282-5, Grand Lodge Calendar, Derbyshire is not credited with any Provincial Ruler before 1876, but it is quite clear that Lord Raneliffe was Grand Superintendent in 1793, as given in my "Origin" from an official source. Though such was the case, there does not appear to have been even a single Royal Arch Chapter at work in Derbyshire prior to the union of the two Grand Chapters in 1817. Other instances might be mentioned but these must suffice for the time.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

"THE KEYSTONE" for the week ending the 16th February contains an article on "Masonic Legislation," the usual formidable array of "Masonic Editorial Notes," among which are included "A Story of Teemseh," quoted from the *Freemasons' Repository*, and some curious particulars relating to "Masonry Among Savage Tribes."

"MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PUNJAB," at the regular communication at Lahore, on the 27th December, 1894, Rawal Pindi: Printed by the Murree Brewery Press, by Ram Saran, 1895. We have already furnished particulars of this communication, at which Bro. E. Woodall Parker was installed District Grand Mark Master of the Punjab. The report, however, is valuable because it contains in an appendix a mass of important information relating to the Degree in the District, with specimens of the agenda and other papers for the guidance of Masters and Secretaries of lodges.

The "CRAFTSMAN,"—Proprietor and Publisher, Bro. O. J. Harris; printed by Messrs. Daniel Owen and Co., Limited, Cardiff. The February and March numbers will sustain the reputation of this useful Masonic periodical. The former is particularly well furnished with portraits of newly-installed Masters of lodges in Wales and elsewhere, while in the latter is one of Bro. Thos. Matthews, of Cardiff, the W.M. designate of the "Llangattock Lodge, No. 2547, and a full record of his Masonic services. The March number also gives reports of sundry balls recently held under the auspices of various lodges at Cardiff, Newport, and Monmouth. There is also in both numbers an ample supply of Masonic news.

"WORDS AND MUSIC FOR USE IN THE CEREMONIES."—Compiled by W. Bro. W. F. Cheesman, P.M. 398, P.Z. 1604, Secretary Warrant Officers' Lodge, No. 2346, and dedicated to the Founders of that lodge. Bro. Cheesman's selection does great credit to his taste, and will be found very serviceable by those lodges, which introduce music into our lodge ceremonies. It is, moreover, printed in good type, and very neatly, and at the same time, strongly bound.

The "MASONIC GUIDE"—Birmingham, Alabama—is an excellent periodical, and in its issue for December, 1894, contains a series of well-written articles supplemented by reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Alabama and a Masonic Directory. Among the most readable of the contents are a paper entitled "Who is the Man in the Moon?" a disquisition on the "Past Master's Degree," and a well-told story with a suspicion of Masonry in it—"My first two Patents." It is a very creditable compilation.

"INDIAN MASONIC REVIEW."—Madras, printed by Addison and Co., Mount-road. The February number begins with an article on "My Grand Lodge Certificate," while the reports of lodge and other meetings are both numerous and ample. Perhaps the most valuable contributions are "Notes on the Ritual," continued from a previous number; "A Curious Custom," communicated by Bro. W. Leslie; and an article borrowed from the *American Tyler* on "The Landmarks of the Order." By the way, is it not possible that the "Brother McCready" referred to in connection with Lodge No. 24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as having resigned the management of the theatre in that town in Bro. Leslie's "A Curious Custom" was the distinguished actor, William Macready, who retired from the stage in 1851? Perhaps some of our readers may be able to say if our suggestion is correct.

"THE TENNESSEE MASON."—Nashville, Tennessee.—The number for January completes the second volume of our Tennessee contemporary, and affords us the opportunity of congratulating it on the ability with which it appears to be conducted, as well as on the character of its contents. The chief feature of this number is the "Official Report of the Secretary of the Widows' and Orphans' Home." There is also an article headed "The Supreme Ideal of Templarism," which is not only well worth reading on the ground of its own merits, but because it was written by the late Bro. Robert Macoy, who was for many years the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of New York, and must have been one of the latest contributions of that able writer.

"THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, FOR THE YEAR, 1895."—This most compact and ably edited Masonic Calendar has been compiled, as usual, by the indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Arthur Stubbs, of Nottingham). This is the 16th year of publication, and it was never more valuable or more appreciated than at the present time. The work is rather larger than the previous edition for 1894, is published with commendable promptitude, dating as it does from March 15th, 1895, to February 28th, 1896, and the compilation has been made on a similar basis to that of its immediate predecessors. Not only are the ordinary particulars supplied as to the Lodges, Chapters, and other Masonic Bodies in the province, but the names of all the members are printed, in order of joining of all these organisations, involving considerable labour in the preparation of such a mass of details. Neither are neighbouring provinces neglected, for these also are duly and carefully attended to, in respect of the Craft, Mark, Arch, and other Degrees. Subscribers in the province to the Masonic Charities are much indebted to Bro. Thomas Salisbury for the excellent Table he has prepared for their information. There are eight columns, in lieu of the ordinary four, exhibiting the Annual, as well as the Life Qualifications, the grand total for the four Branches of our Central Charities being 1216 votes. This is not an extraordinary record for 761 members, and 16 lodges, &c., and suggests that there must be a number of brethren whose sympathies have still to be elicited on behalf of the "distinguishing characteristic" of a Freemason. The expenses of publication are defrayed by the Prov. Grand Lodge, and copies are presented to all Master Masons registered in the province on June 30th, 1894.

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DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms on Friday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. C. H. Woodhouse, W.M.; E. Newsum, I.P.M.; J. H. Pawson, S.W.; R. Bridge, J.W.; H. C. White, Sec.; G. Smith, J.D.; F. Duff, Org.; C. Hopkinson, Stwd.; J. F. Hanson, I.G.; F. Webb, D.C.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; J. Fitzgerald, P.M.; S. Lester, P. Jenner, H. W. Burnett, G. M. Parkinson, Sam Smith, T. W. Turner, A. Reasbeck, S. Venus, W. C. Wright, H. W. Hardy, and J. Mason and C. Richardson, Tylers. Visitors: Bros. F. G. Turner, 57; and G. Eland, J.D., A. L. Peace, I.P.M., J. Constable, Sec., and R. Brew, all of 2259.

The lodge was duly opened, when Bros. W. C. Wright and H. W. Hardy were passed to the Degree of F.C., the W.M. being ably assisted by Bro. Newsum. Ballots were taken for Messrs. Hastie and Tom Bletcher, which the W.M. announced as unanimous, and Mr. J. Taylor was proposed as a candidate. Auditors were appointed for the year closing in April, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshment in the ante-room, when a very pleasant hour was spent in toast and song.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. J. W. Clarke, acting W.M., in the absence through illness of Bro. Trotter; W. Hopkins, S.W.; G. J. Tagg, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br., Sec.; C. Wheatley, J.D.; H. Gale, I.G.; George Ransford, P.M., D.C.; C. Davis, A.D.C.; C. Brooke, Org.; H. Wheatley, P.M., and Hill, Stwds.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Smith, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Gargini, P.M. 3; J. H. Wood, P.M. 145; A. H. Bowers, 2540.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Balls was then raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Austin passed as a F.C., both ceremonies being well performed by the acting W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. H. Trotter, W.M.; P. Cronin, S.D.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed. The I.P.M. presided, and gave the numerous toasts with brevity.

Bro. W. Spearing, P.P.G.S.B., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

During the evening Bros. C. Brooke, Ridgewell, Hopkins, J. C. Jessett, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

NEWCASTLE.

Tristram Lodge (No. 346).—The annual meeting was held recently at the Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, when the lodge was favoured with a visit from the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. J. Straker Wilson was acting W.M., and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present were Bros. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G.M.; R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M.; T. Purvis, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Treas.; T. J. Armstrong, P.P.J.G.W.; T. G. Mabane, P.P.J.G.O.; J. Page, P.P.G.S.B.; F. H. Corder, P.P.G.D.C.; John Heppell, P.P.S.G.O.; W. M. Lyon, P.P.G.M.O.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.M.O.; C. B. Ford, P.G. Sec.; R. Whitfield, P.P.G.R.; W. J. H. Ryder, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D.; T. R. Short, P.G.D.C.; Seymour Bell, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Moffett, P.S.G.O.; W. H. Barlow, P.A.G.D.C.; J. G. Youll, P.P.G.S.; Dr. A. Wilson, P.P.G.M.O.; and T. W. Lovibond, S.W.; and E. Shewbrooks, J.W.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Lovibond, was installed as W.M. by Bros. R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M., and Thomas Purvis, P.G. Treas. The investment of officers followed, and Bro. Canon Tristram congratulated the W.M. in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

Wouldhave Lodge (No. 362).—On Tuesday, the 20th ultimo, the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. E. Moffett, P.S.G.O., W.M., was in the chair, and was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. B. Reed, and the following officers of Prov. Grand Lodge: Bros. T. Purvis, P.G.D. England, P.G.T.; C. B. Ford, P.G. Sec.; W. M. Lyon, P.P.G.M.O.; T. G. Mabane, P.P.J.G.O.; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.M.O.; C. F. Sutcliffe, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Coulson, P.P.J.G.O.; J. H. Wilkes, P.G.R.; T. R. Short, P.G.D.C.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.M.O.; Wm. Brown, P.P.J.G.O.; J. Gibson Youll, P.P.G.S.; John Heppell, P.P.S.G.O.; and Robt. Ferry, P.G.O.

The W.M. elect, Bro. James Sedcole, P.G.S.B., S.W., was presented to Bro. W. E. Moffett, and installed as W.M. by the D.P.G.M. and Bro. Thos. Purvis, P.G. Treas. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. E. Moffett, I.P.M.; George Harland, S.W.; David Walton, J.W.; John Readhead, M.O.; T. B. Grimes, S.O.; J. R. Mabane, I.O.; C. E. Sutcliffe, P.M., Treas.; M. J. Wheatley, P.M., R. of M.; James Page, Sec.; John Cosans, S.D.; W. Armstrong, J.D.; T. Coulson, P.M., D.C.; and T. Potter, Tyler.

Afterwards the brethren dined together in the banquet hall. Bro. James Sedcole, the newly-installed W.M., presided, and Bro. G. Harland, S.W., was in the vice chair.

YATTON.

Agricultural Lodge (No. 1199).—The annual gathering of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Assembly-rooms, on Monday, the 18th ult., when Bro. R. W. Statham was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Lord Dungarvan, P.G.M. The W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. G. W. Knowles, I.P.M.; H. Stroude Smith, S.W.; Atkinson, J.W.; C. L. Fry Edwards, Treas.; T. A. Smith, Sec.; J. H. T. Evans, S.D.; J. W. Pitts, J.D.; W. Reece, D.C.; E. Thatcher, Org.; A. W. Metcalf, I.G.; W. A. Lyddon, Stwd.; and James Ball, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently dined together.

Royal Arch.

OLDHAM.

Tudor Chapter (No. 277).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, on Monday, the 18th ult. The following companions were present: Comps. Charles Watson, M.E.Z.; J. W. Mellor; James Bottomley; J. C. Varley; J. Chadwick, jun.; Jeremiah Green; H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z.; W. Edwards, P.Z. P.P.A.G.D.C.; Col. John Greaves, P.Z.; P.P.G.D.S.; Joseph Braddock, P.Z.; Abraham Clegg, P.Z.; Buckley Carr, P.Z. 993, P.G.D.C.; Thomas Stephenson, S.E. 2341; Hamlet Lees, P.Z.; William Taylor, E. B. Laycock, Frederic Kelly, Thomas Partington, Joseph Wardle, John C. Atkins, Thomas Wood, John Chadwick, sen., Charles A. Green, Joseph Broadbent and William Potts.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous chapter were approved. The M.E.Z., Comp. J. W. Mellor; Comp. James Bottomley, H.; and Comp. Jeremiah Green, J., were duly installed by Comp. Buckley Carr, P.Z. 993, P.G.D.C., after which he invested the following officers: Comps. J. C. Varley, S.E.; Joseph Wardle, S.N.; John Chadwick, jun., P.S.; Thomas Wood and Fred. Kelley, A.S.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z., Treas.; and C. A. Green, Janitor. To each he gave a kind and instructive address. In his remarks to the Treasurer, he said it gave him great and unusual pleasure to invest such an illustrious Mason as Comp. H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z., this being the 26th year of his appointment to that high office. He then called upon Comp. Col. John Greaves, P.Z., to supplement his remarks. Comp. Col. John Greaves, P.Z., addressing Comp. H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z., said that after an acquaintanceship of nearly 50 years, it gave him great pleasure, also some degree of pain, to perform the duty he had been called upon to do by the companions of the chapter, and that was to present to him a handsome and valuable Treasurer's jewel which had been purchased by the subscriptions of the companions, in commemoration of the 25 years as Treasurer, which office he. Comp. H. L. Hollingworth, had held with credit to himself and honour to the chapter. It was freely given by companions as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by them, and he expressed the hope that he would be spared for many years as Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies of the chapter. Comp. H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z., replied in feeling tones, saying until that moment he had not heard a word of the intentions of the companions, and asked that the brevity of his thanks might be excused, as he could not find words to reply in the manner he should like. He accepted the jewel in the spirit in which it was presented, and he should always cherish it as one of his most valued possessions. The chapter then voted £5 to be paid to the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Association. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Buckley Carr, P.Z. 993, for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, which was done in his usual impressive manner. Comp. Buckley Carr responded, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit the chapter.

The chapter was then closed.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23th ult., when there were present among others: Comps. J. Young, P.Z., M.E.Z.; E. S. Plummer, H.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.Z., as J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C., S.E.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. Eng.; Org.; E. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., I.P.Z.; Thomas Simpson, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a vote of condolence was passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., on the loss he had recently sustained by the death of his wife. The members of the chapter also expressed their regret at the absence through illness of Comp. H. Herbert, J. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. H. Herbert, J.; Capt. W. Lurcott, S.N.; G. H. Herbert, P.Z., and others.

The chapter was then closed, and refreshment followed.

The M.E.Z. gave the customary toasts in an effective manner.

The meetings of this chapter are noted for their conviviality and love of sweet sounds. The proceedings of this particular meeting were enlivened by the abilities of Comps. Dr. Lott, E. B. Lane, J. Young, and E. S. Plummer.

Mark Masonry.

STONEHOUSE.

Brunswick Lodge (No. 48).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Ebrington Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 20th ult. Bro. T. Rogers was installed W.M. by Bros. J. Endicott, P.M., H. Holman, P.M. 16, and J. R. Lord, P.P.J.G.W. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Riddle, I.P.M.; W. Gurler, S.W.; E. Cummings, J.W.; W. J. Buxton, M.O.; W. J. Corse, S.O.; J. Molley, J.O.; T. Harris, S.D.; J. Spurr, J.D.; A. C. Body, D.C.; G. H. Ellery, A.D.C.; A. Roston, Org.; J. Dyer, I.G.; J. Endicott, P.M., Treas.; N. Radmore, Sec.; S. Stevens, and J. H. Endicott, Stw's.; and J. Barlett, Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Riddle, T. Worledge, J. Endicott, N. Radmore; J. Hicks, P.M. 66; W. H. Dillon, P.M. 96; and A. Trout, P.M. 76.

Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Club for the annual supper, served in excellent style by Bro. Harvey.

The toast list was interspersed with songs, &c. This lodge has gained about 20 members within the last two years.

THE LORD MAYOR has appointed the Rev. Alfred Richard Clemens, B.A., Vicar of St. Bartholomew's Bethnal Green, to be his chaplain during the remainder of his term of office in succession to the late Rev. Precentor Flood Jones. Mr. Clemens is a son-in-law of the late chaplain, and the Lord Mayor has in appointing him desired to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of his friend.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Holland, P.M., W.M., Fayers, S.W.; Beauchamp, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; White, S.D.; Badcock, J.D.; Ham, I.G.; Saunders, P.M.; Bates, P.M.; Tucker, P.M.; Austin, Bradley, Lightfoot, Schott, Thomas, Nicholls, Markland, Holten, and Winsborough.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and afterwards closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. gave an address on the "History of Freemasonry." The W.M. rose for the first time and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, Bro. Fayers was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was proposed by Bro. Bates, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Badcock—"That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Holland, P.M., for his very able and interesting Lecture." Bro. Holland was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Frascati, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bro. F. Jackson, W.M.; W. Truman, S.W.; M. Beedle, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Hill, P.M., S.D.; J. Mason, J.D.; T. Smale, P.M., I.G.; G. Cizzio, F. J. Bradley, W. E. Houghton, and R. Sandland.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and then resumed in the First. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. G. Hill, P.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. E. Houghton being the candidate. The 6th and 7th Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. R. Sandland. The 5th Section was also worked by Bro. Sandland. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. Truman, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. At the third rising a hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. F. Jackson for his excellent presidency for the first time in the lodge of instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1056).—A meeting was held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 1st instant. Present: Bros. Marks, W.M.; Spaul, S.W.; Jehring, J.W.; Webb, Treas.; Waldvogel, S.D.; Mason, J.D.; Long, I.G.; Weinell, P.M.; Whitney, P.M.; Snelling, P.M.; Lardner, P.M.; and Knights.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Spaul, the 2nd by Bro. Whitney, and the 3rd by Bro. Weinell. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Marks, Bro. Knights being the candidate. The 4th Section of the Lecture was then worked by Bro. Snelling. Bro. Spaul was elected W.M. for the next meeting and the officers were appointed in rotation. The Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Instruction having suffered a severe loss by the death of a daughter, it was unanimously resolved that the lodge send to Bro. Bull a letter expressing the great regret of the members at the loss he had sustained. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. Smith, W.M.; D. C. Ritchie, S.W.; G. T. Peall, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; W. Rapley, S.D.; C. Isler, J.D.; A. Oliver, P.M., I.G.; R. P. Upton, V. R. J. Longman, F. A. Balls, W. G. Carrington, J. Birks, M. T. Tuck, P.M., P.P. G.S.B. Essex; and R. Loomes, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Longman being the candidate. Bro. Ritchie was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E. Present: Bros. J. Cannon, W.M.; Lonsdale, S.W.; Watts, J.W.; Hattersley, P.M., acting Preceptor; Bird, Sec.; Benedict, S.D.; Millmann, J.D.; F. Green, I.G.; Hinton, O'Brien, Petherbridge, and Barnard.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barnard being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Hinton answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hinton being the candidate. The W.M. closed the lodge in the usual manner.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. Neville, W.M. 1767, W.M.; J. W. Barker, P.M., S.W.; W. Hillier, W.M. 2090, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; C. Woods, S.D.; J. E. Gentle, J.D.; Hiscock, I.G.; Lewis Beale, R. Hendy, and A. C. Browne.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gentle off red himself as a candidate for passing, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The lodge was called off and on, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Beale offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having

given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Barker was elected W.M. for the next meeting but one, the next meeting being officers' night. The lodge was then closed.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. J. Dyke, W.M.; H. Potvine, S.W.; Geo. Fowler, J.W.; H. Whyman, Preceptor; E. Grantwick, I.G.; and J. Gowen, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Potvine read a paper entitled—"The Three Columns." Bro. Dyke proposed, and Bro. Whyman seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Potvine for his paper, and then Bro. Grantwick took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Dyke acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 753).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 28th ult. at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., when there were present Comps. C. Coleman, M.E.Z.; W. J. Stratton, H. and Treas.; R. T. Redfearn, J.; W. Parsons, S.E.; R. Milliken, P.Z., S.N.; W. P. Clark, P.S.; J. J. Thomas, P.Z.; J. Weston, P.Z.; and C. Kempton, P.Z.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Thomas personating the candidate, and Comp. Watson kindly acting as Preceptor. It being the last Thursday in the month, one of the installations was worked, in addition, viz., First Chair, and it was arranged that the installation of Second Chair should be worked on the last Thursday in March, Comp. Weston, P.Z. and S.E. of the mother chapter, promising to attend and assist. It was proposed by Comp. Thomas, and seconded by Comp. Redfearn, that Comp. Kempton be elected M.E.Z. for the next fortnight, which was carried. Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 1st inst., when there were present: Comps. Cope, M.E.Z.; Loader, H.; Dawson, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Towers, Cass, Addington, and Telling.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cass personating the candidate. Comp. J. Loader, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comps. Loader and Dawson for so ably performing their respective duties for the first time. The chapter was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Shadwell (Jerke) Chapter (No. 107).—A meeting of this chapter was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. Edwin Storr, presided, and was assisted by Ill. Bros. Henry Lovegrove, 31°, P.M.W.S., and Treasurer; John Read, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; R. C. Leversedge; Dr. N. Goodchild, 30°; J. W. Stevens, 18°; T. Parker, 18°; Capell, 30; and others.

Bro. K. C. Leversedge was elected as M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Lovegrove as Treasurer, and Bro. G. Austen as Outer Guard.

There being no other business before the chapter, the brethren adjourned to the Criterion to dine.

Knights Templar.

CONSECRATION OF THE CAMDEN PRECEPTORY.

The consecration of the above preceptory took place at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. The preceptory was opened, under dispensation, by Sir Knight Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., G. Vice-Chancellor, who received able assistance as Sub-Marshal from Sir Knight C. F. Matier, K.C.T., and a number of companions were duly installed as Knights Templar—Comps. Rev. Thos. McDougall Mandle, J. Thomson, E. Styles, M. Titford, J. Brittain, W. Baddeley, R. Barnes, C. R. Bolton, T. B. Dodson, J. W. Lawrance, and Rev. Atkin. Comp. R. J. Morley was obligated as a serving brother.

All the above were proposed by Sir Knight Dr. N. Goodchild, and seconded by Sir Knight H. E. Coffin.

On the completion of the ceremony, the Grand Officers retired, and entered in procession under an arch of steel. The throne was taken by the E. Sir Knight Loveland Loveland, K.C.T., Chancellor of the Order, who appointed Sir Knights Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., as A.D.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, as Prelate; A. H. Bowles, as Constable; Henry Lovegrove, as Marshal; C. F. Matier, as Sub-Marshal and D.C.; and E. Monteuis, as Captain of the Guard.

The usual ceremony of consecration was gone through in a very impressive manner, the oration by Sir Knight Rev. J. S. Brownrigg being terse and very ably delivered.

Sir Knight Dr. N. Goodchild was installed as E.P.; Sir Knight R. C. Leversedge, as Constable; and Sir Knight H. E. Coffin, as Marshal.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants, and they were elected honorary members.

The whole of the members and visitors then adjourned to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., where an excellent banquet was provided, and the usual K.T. toasts were duly honoured.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW COLOMBO PRECEPTORY, No. 164 (E.C.), CEYLON.

That the revival of Masonry in Ceylon is still very popular was amply exemplified, when a goodly number of sir knights assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Colombo, on Wednesday, the 6th ult., to assist in the consecration of the New Colombo Preceptory, No. 164 (E.C.). Sir Knights Col. Blake, Royal Artillery, Past Prov. Grand Constable of the Mediterranean, and John Maitland were the Consecrating Officers.

The preceptory having been opened, the CONSECRATING OFFICERS addressed the sir knights in the most appropriate and felicitous terms on the nature of the meeting. The preceptory was then consecrated and dedicated in a most impressive manner. Sir Knight Captain George Hearn, the E.P. designate, was then formally installed as first E.P. of the Colombo Preceptory, and invested the following as his officers: Sir Knights John Guthrie, Constable; William Cantrell, Marshal; E. C. Davies, Prelate; John Maitland, P.E.C., Reg. and Treas.; W. R. F. Lukis, Sub-Marshal; A. O. Joseph, Captain of the Guard; Arthur Alvis, Almoner; B. G. L. Bremner, 1st Std. Br.; W. T. Robson, 2nd Std. Br.; and Lieut. F. Brown, R.A., Pursuivant. The names of several candidates were proposed for installation.

The E.P. said his first—a very pleasant duty—was to return thanks to the Consecrating Officers for the effective and impressive manner the consecration and installation had been carried out, and he proposed that Sir Knight Major-General Hay, C.B., their Vice-Chancellor, and Sir Knight Col. Blake, R.A., be elected honorary members of this preceptory.—Carried by acclamation.

The preceptory having been closed, a priory of the Knights of Malta was opened, and the Degree conferred on eight candidates, and Sir Knight Captain Hearn was duly installed first E.P., and invested his officers for the ensuing year.

The priory was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banqueting hall for dinner, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Sir Knight Col. BLAKE, in returning thanks for the toast of his health, said it had given him much pleasure in assisting that evening at the consecration of the new preceptory, and more especially as he had lived for a number of years in Malta, to confer the Degrees of Knights of Malta on eight candidates that evening. He said that it was not at all an unusual thing for sir knights to come out to Malta for the sole purpose of getting the Degree of Knight of Malta, and he could assure them that as they had seen it worked that evening the Melita Priory worked it, and as it had been handed down from the old Knights of Malta.

The toast list having been brought to an end, a most enjoyable evening, long to be remembered in Colombo, terminated.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE LODGE, No. 24.

Inventory of Property belonging to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge of Freemasons, No. 24, the said property being now in the Possession of Brother George Weatherhead for the Safe Keeping thereof.

3 Officer's Chairs—with Cushions; Platform, Columns, Pilasters, Cornices, Hangings, &c.—for Throne, 3 Platforms—for Officers Chairs, 3 Tables, 2 Pedestals, Ballot Box, Lanthorn and Star, Senior Warden's Desk, Treasurer's Staff, Secretary's Desk, Black Letter Bible, bound in red morocco—Joint property of the Royal Arch Chapter de Swinburne & the Lodge, 2 Cushions for Bibles, Painting of Star & Letter G, 16 Private Lodge Certificates—filled up, 6 Private Lodge Certificates—Blank, Grand Lodge Certificate for T. S. Colwell—date 1828, Grand Lodge Certificate for W. Scott—date 1829, a Parcel of Vouchers and other documents, Treasurer's Book of Athol Lodge from 1805 to 1814, Benefit Society's donation Book 1811, Antient Charges on Vellum, Book of Declarations from 1822 to 1824, Visitors Book from 1805 to 1827, Tyler's Book from 1828 to 1843, Athol Lodge seal—copper, Athol Lodge seal—silver, Silver Square—in red case, Master's Desk & Stand for do., Manuscript Copy of By Laws, Excelent and Super excelent Tracing board, 3 Craft Tracing boards, State Sword and Stand, 2 Plated, Branch Candelsticks—not complete, 3 Gas burners, 4 Branches for Secretary & Treasurer's desks—not complete, 17 firing Glasses, Letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex Framed & Glazed, Letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex not Framed, Drawing of Fennings' Monument, Framed, Glass broken, Register of Athol Lodge Officers Framed & Glazed, Establishmt. & Register of Athol Lodge Framed & Glazed, List of Officers of the Athol and St. Nicholas Lodges at the time of the Union—Framed & Glazed, Engraving of Emblems Framed & Varnished—damaged, Register of Officers of Lodge No. 24 from 1828 to 1841—not Framed.

The foregoing is a correct Inventory of the Masonic property, now in the possession of Brother George Weatherhead.

As Witness my hand this sixteenth day of December 1890,

W. DALZIEL.

The Duke and Duchess of York arrived at York House, St. James's, from Strathgibbon, on Monday, the Lady Eva Greville and Sir Charles Cust being in attendance on their Royal Highnesses.

"THE MARK."

In the far distant, ancient, times,
The chronicle is told,
That an adventurous Fellow Craft,
With resolution bold,
Though Mark Man only, had presumed,
By his audacious deed,
Wages to seek, and thus incurred
The penalty decreed.

His work rejected by the test
Of overseer's square,
Amongst the rubbish it was heaved,
Within the quarries there.
This stone, of chaste and novel form,
A master-piece of skill,
In Holy Temple was refused
A worthy place to fill.

O'ercome by grief, disconsolate,
In mental conflict tost,
Our Brother Fellow Craft exclaimed,
"Alas! my labour's lost."
Long had he hoped to be "advanced"
Masonic rank to gain,
But Fate, adverse, his suit repelled;
His labour was in vain.

Meanwhile the work in Temple Arch
Comes to untimely stand;
The keystone lost, and its design
Unknown throughout the land,
Then the despised, rejected, stone
Its place of honour filled;
The artist won the prize he sought!
Thus the Grand Master willed.

May we in times of fear and doubt
Learn never to despair,
If, haply, for a while it seems
That God rejects our prayer.
Let us, as faithful Masons, still
Bear constantly in mind,
Although delayed, our work at last,
Will sure acceptance find!

While thus, as living stones built up,
An edifice we raise,
Our toil, as humble offering, joined
With attribute of praise.
As Men of Mark, may each his Mark
Upon his work impress,
That e'en the outer world shall own
The type of Holiness!

Thus, when the Overseer views
Our work may he approve,
And heavenly wages grant to us
The bounty of His Love.
Then, after life's tempestuous strife,
May we, for ever blest,
As Brethren meet and enter in
The haven of our rest.

BRO. F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M., Sec. 176,
P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHAS. W. CURRAN, P.M. and P.Z. 384.
Obit., 23 Feb., 1895.

Who hath not lost a friend, and losing
Mourn'd, and thinking felt, that life
Is but a spirit-fretting trial
O'er weak faith? Bright days of meeting,
Dimm'd by parting nights, make up its round
Till death, unbidden, ends the little play.
He was our friend. Four 'prenticeships in years
His heart was open to us; and we gazed
Upon its work, and oft have bless'd the name
Of Him who deign'd to give us such a friend.
The precious rain of sympathy,—a silent tear,—
Had he for all in sorrow. Masons he lov'd,
And all men; for he was our Brother, and
The Light had enter'd where the rays remain'd.

Obituary.

BRO. SIR F. WYATT TRUSCOTT, P.G.W.

It is with great regret we announce the decease of Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, one of the senior aldermen of the City of London, who died on Sunday afternoon last at his residence in Victoria-street, after a short illness from bronchitis and asthma. He was the son of Bro. James Truscott, of Essex Lodge, Norwood, and was born in Cornwall in 1824. He became a member of the Corporation in 1858 as a Common Councilman for Dowgate Ward, and he served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1871-2 in the mayoralty of Sir Sills Gibbons. During his shrievalty her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family attended the memorable service in St. Paul's Cathedral in thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales from his dangerous illness, and Sir Francis Truscott and his co-sheriff, Sir John Bennett, who had ridden in the pageant, subsequently received the honour of knighthood. In December, 1871, Sir Francis Truscott was unanimously elected Alderman of his ward in succession to Sir Robert Carden, who had accepted the sinecure office of Alderman of the Ward of Bridge Without. He was elected Lord Mayor in 1879, and during his year of office paid State visits to Brussels, to Scarborough, where he opened the Spa, and to Truro—his native city—for the laying of the foundation-stone of the cathedral. It was during his year of office that the boundary-mark between the City and the West-End, known as "The Griffin," was erected in place of Temple Bar, and unveiled by the late Duke of Albany. He also raised the following Mansion House Funds: For the Relief of Distress in Ireland (the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund), £35,431; Abercarne Colliery Accident, £33,007; Risca Colliery

Accident, £7677; Truro Cathedral Fund, £1121; the loss of H.M.S. Atalanta Fund, £9897; and the Sir Rowland Hill Memorial and Benevolent Fund, £16,827. Sir Francis was a Magistrate for London Middlesex, Westminster, Surrey, and Cornwall; one of her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City, and a Commissioner of Income Tax; a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works from 1875 till 1888, a Conservator of the Thames, a Commander of the Orders of Leopold of Belgium and the Saviour of Greece, and an officer of the Legion of Honour. He belonged to the Haberdashers', Vintners', and Stationers' Companies, in all of which he had served as Master, and he was a leading member of the Conservative Association in the City. His career in Masonry was a long one and highly distinguished. He was initiated in the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, on the 20th December, 1857, represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1864-5, and was installed its W.M. firstly in January, 1865, and for the second time in the corresponding month of 1880, when Lord Mayor of London. In April of the latter year he was appointed Junior Grand Warden of England, and in the following October had the honour of entertaining at a grand banquet at the Mansion House the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, the officers and members of his lodge (No. 1), and about 300 of the most prominent members of the Order. He was also a founder and first W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, and was installed in the chair of that lodge in January, 1887. He was likewise a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, and was appointed Grand Scribe N. in Supreme Grand Chapter in 1880. Lastly he was a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and had served sundry Stewardships in their behalf. He was married in 1847 to Eliza, daughter of Mr. James Freeman, of Turnham-green, and he leaves surviving two sons—of whom the elder, Mr. George Wyatt Truscott, will probably succeed him as Alderman—and one daughter, who is married to Bro. Henry Homewood Crawford, the City Solicitor.

BRO. JOHN BARNETT.

We last week had the melancholy duty of announcing in our obituary column the death of Bro. John Barnett, who passed away after only 10 days' illness, in his 51st year. He was an enthusiastic Mason, not only as regards our ritual but also in supporting our Masonic Charities. Initiated in 1869 in Plymouth, he, in 1884, joined the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, was W.M. last year, installing his successor in a very able manner; he was a founder in 1887 and fourth W.M. of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, and joined the Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, in the Province of Kent in 1889. He was exalted in the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59, and was, at the time of his lamented death, the M.E.Z. In Mark Masonry he also took an active interest, having been advanced in 1871 in No. 60, Plymouth. He joined the Henniker Lodge, No. 315, and is a P.M. of the lodge, and in 1892 he was a founder and first W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 450, which was the first lodge formed after the separation of Middlesex and Surrey, and was consecrated by the then D.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Euston, on the same day as Bro. Col. Noel Money was installed as Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Surrey, and it is a singular coincidence that both those brethren should have been called to their rest at so short an interval of time. Bro. Barnett was appointed a Grand Steward in the Mark Degree in 1893, became a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and held at the time of his death the office of P.J.G.W. in the Province of Surrey. Besides serving four Stewardships for the Mark Benevolent Fund, he had been Steward 12 times for one or other of the Craft Charities. He was also a member of the present Board of General Purposes, and his lamented death has left a void which it will be difficult to fill. He leaves a widow and five young children. The death of our brother was so unexpected, that when the end came there was little time to apprise his numerous friends of the day appointed for the funeral, nevertheless, we noticed amongst those attending Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Past Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies; Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Wigmore, W.M., and Salmon, P.M., of Domestic Lodge; E. Apelt, W.M. elect Crystal Palace Mark Lodge; and others; while apologies and regrets at non-attendance were received from Bros. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Herbert Sprake, W.M. 2192; and many others. Wreaths of flowers, with Masonic emblems, were sent from the Domestic Lodge, No. 177; Highbury Lodge, No. 2192; Henniker Mark Lodge, No. 315; and Crystal Palace Mark Lodge, No. 450.

BRO. EARL COWLEY.

The funeral of Bro. Earl Cowley, who died on Thursday, the 28th ult., took place at Draycot, near Chippenham, on Monday, the 4th instant. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. E. Neville, rector of Draycot, assisted by the Rev. R. Dawson, rector of Sutton-Benger. Among the mourners were Viscount Dangan now Earl Cowley—the Hon. F. A. Wellesley, the Duke of Beaufort, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Charles Kerr, Viscount Trafalgar, the Marquis of Worcester, Bro. W. H. Long, M.P., Viscount Royston, Lord Ebury, Capt. Nigel Jones, and Capt. Spicer. The deceased was a member of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham, to the chair of which he was elected in 1884. In 1886 his lordship was appointed by the late Bro. Lord Methuen, P.G.M., to be Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Wiltshire.

THE LATE MR. HYDE CLARKE.

The City has lost one of its most remarkable and, in some respects, one of its most extraordinary men. Mr. Hyde Clarke, we regret to state, passed away at his residence, 32, St. George's-square, on Friday, the 1st inst. He was a man whose parts were really unmeasurable. His abilities were of the transcendent order, and in some points he was decidedly a genius. The late Mr. Clarke was so far removed, in capacity and temperament, from the ordinary run of men that it is no easy matter to furnish an estimate of his powers and character. His varied talents found outlets in the most diverse spheres of activity, and in all of them he gained distinction. Nor in his case was previous training necessary towards success. As will presently be shown, the deceased gentleman planned and carried out several important engineering enterprises without having undergone any instruction in the profession. His genius and his practical understanding alone guided him. The late Mr. Clark was born at Sandford Manor, Fulham, in 1815. His father was Mr. Henry Clark. At the age of 20 the deceased married Mildred Martha, the daughter of Mr. John Rose, Bradenham Hall, Norfolk. There is one important fact in connection with the family which shows they have long been connected with the City. Mr. Clarke was a liveryman of the Clockmakers' Company, and for the past 300 years father and son have, in direct succession, been thus associated with that guild. At the present time Captain H. H. Hyde Clarke, of Burnham, Essex, the only son of the deceased, is a liveryman of the company. The late Mr. Clarke had one daughter, who married Mr. Frederick Barclay Hanbury. Having travelled much, the deceased was an accomplished linguist. He was familiar with many of the European languages and knew something of Hindustani and various other tongues spoken in the East. In all, it is computed that Mr. Clarke had a knowledge of something like 100 languages, in the acquisition of which he was aided by a singularly retentive memory. The same quality was of the utmost value to him in his reading, observation, and experience. He was a very mine of information on every conceivable subject. While still a very young man he engaged in the Spanish and Portuguese Wars of Succession, and served under Sir Lacy Evans and the Duke de Saldhans, being attached to the personal staff of the latter. In 1836, without any training as a professional engineer, he planned and surveyed the Glasgow and South-Western Railway. He seemed to have a special gift enabling him to foresee certain things that would be required. He saw the advisability of reclaiming Morcambe Bay, and promoted a scheme for the formation of the embankment there, and another for the development of Barrow, which projects are now being carried out. Subsequently he devoted himself to the science of telegraphy, and in 1849 was employed to report on a system of communication to India. While in our Indian Empire he manifested great interest in the formation and extension of the hill colonies, and was agent for Darjeeling. Among other appointments he held he was Cotton Commissioner for the Ottoman Empire in England, and Commissioner of Works for the Province of Smyrna. His power of initiative was great, and exerted itself in many other ways besides those mentioned. The St. George's Society was founded by him. It was first instituted in America, and subsequently established in England, Mr. Clarke's son, Captain Hyde Clarke, being the first hon. secretary. Finance also claimed his attention, and so far back as the "thirties" he was associated with others in the establishment of the London and County Bank. With Mr. Gerstenberg he was in 1868 instrumental in founding the Council of Foreign Bondholders, and at one time acted as its secretary. Journalism had some attraction for him, and for many years he acted as treasurer of the Newspaper Press Fund. In Masonry he was also distinguished, being P.G.M. of the United States of Colombo, and Past Deputy District G.M. of Turkey. He was a member of every branch of the Order. During his busy life he received many foreign decorations, and was a member of various learned bodies. Later in life he had a somewhat retired and secluded life. His house was filled with rare and valuable mementos of his travels and associations. He was carried off by bronchitis, from which he suffered for more than a month. He was 80 years of age. His wife died about two years ago. The interment took place at Brompton Cemetery.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL'S WILL.—By his will, which bears date July 25th, 1883, the Right Hon. Randolph Henry Spencer-Churchill, commonly called Lord Randolph Henry Spencer-Churchill, of 50, Grosvenor-square, L.L.D., M.P., who died on the 24th January last, aged nearly 46 years, son of the seventh Duke of Marlborough, appointed as executors his wife, the Hon. Jennie Spencer-Churchill, commonly called Lady Randolph Spencer-Churchill (daughter of the late Leonard Jerome, of New York), his brother, George Charles, Duke of Marlborough, since deceased, and the Hon. George Richard Penn, commonly called Viscount Curzon, and the testator bequeathed to his wife £500, his horses and carriages, plate, pictures, china, books, furniture, and other household effects, and the income during her life of all the residue of his property, which, subject to her life interest, is to be in trust in equal shares for all his children, to pay the income of each child's share to such child for life, with power of appointment thereof in favour of all or any one or more of his or her children, or in default of appointment for all the children equally, or on failure of this trust to pay the trust fund to the trustees of the Blenheim settled estates. The gross value of the late Lord Randolph Churchill's personal estate

has been entered in the Probate Registry at £75,971 3s. 3d., but by a new rule the net or actual value, after deducting liabilities and the rate of duty paid under the new Act, are not entered. By a codicil to his will made the 22nd September, 1888, Lord Randolph bequeathed all his private papers, letters, and documents to Viscount Curzon and Louis John Jennings, M.P., in trust, to publish, retain, or destroy all or any of them as they in their absolute discretion might think proper.—The late Miss Charlotte Rosa Raine, of St. Margaret's Lodge, Woodstock, who died on the 19th June, 1894, left her lands and hereditaments in the parish of Wolvercot, Oxfordshire, to Lord Randolph Churchill, in recognition of his commanding political genius, and also in acknowledgment to the Marlborough family of the favours and benefits derived from the Marlborough estates by her late father, who had the honour of acting as receiver of those estates under the Court of Chancery.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following lists, and additions to lists, have been received since the publication of the Returns in our issue of last week:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
8 Bro. Thos. Y. Strachan, additional	(raising his list to £21.)	...	10	10 0
1178 " James O'Dea, additional	(raising his list to £204 15s.)	...	14	15 0
1261 " A. F. Roberts, additional	(raising his list to £28 6s.)	...	7	6 0
1642 " John H. Rutherglen, new list...		...	100	0 0
1816 " Alfred Reed, additional	(raising his list to £55 19s. 6d.)	...	0	18 0

Lodge	THE PROVINCES.	£	s.	d.
2228 Bro. Charles Belton, additional	(raising his list to £21.)	...	10	10 0

Lodge	BERKSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
Unattached	Bro. S. J. Attenborough, additional	...	10	10 0
	(raising his list to £21.)	...		
Lodge	N. WALES.	£	s.	d.
Unattached	Bro. S. Beresford (new list)...	...	10	10 0

Lodge	SOMERSETSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
2390 " G. H. Kite, new Steward, but associated with Bros. J. S. Haddon and Walter Ludlow in returning the list of £105 already entered to the credit of those two brethren.		...		

CORRECTIONS.

- (1.) Bro. Charles E. Keyser, who served as Steward both in Berkshire and Hertfordshire, represented Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading, as well as the Loyal Lodge of Hope, Newbury, in the former Province.
- (2.) It was Bro. W. J. Light, not Bro. W. Greig, of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 299, Dartford, Kent, who returned the list of £31 10s., erroneously credited to the latter.
- (3.) The brother who represented the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, Somersetshire, and returned £100, was Bro. Francis Blackmore, not Blackman.

The Craft Abroad.

CAIRO.

Egypt Lodge (No. 311, E.C.).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the New Masonic Hall, when Bro. Capt. Thomas Phillips was installed as W.M. (by dispensation) by Bro. G. H. Charman, P.M., Dist. G. Sec. North Africa, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors. Bro. Capt. Thomas Phillips then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Henry C. Crozier, S.W.; J. Langley, J.W.; W. J. Box, I.P.M. and Treas.; Adams, M.O.; Pheasant, S.O.; Salterwaite, J.O.; Breen, S.D.; G. H. Collier, J.D.; Thos. Murrell, Sec.; Mardon, I.G.; and Hasted, Tyler.

After the business was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where Bro. Hasted provided a sumptuous repast.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, that of "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.," being proposed by Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. E. Vansittart, P.S.G.W. Kent.

During the evening songs were given by Bros. Box, Vansittart, Crozier, Hayes, Pheasant, and Collier.

The visitors included Bros. R. Johnston, P.M. Friendship Lodge; H. J. Michael, 201; and E. Lane, 43.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

DAISY ISABEL SHAW,

Aged 8½ years.

The youngest Daughter but one of the Six Children of the late PATRICK DUNLOP SHAW, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras, since March, 1893, Member of the Perfect Unanimity Lodge, No. 150, who, having filled the offices of Secretary and Junior Warden of that Lodge, and of District Grand Registrar, died on the 8th May, 1894, leaving a Widow and Six Children (one son 9 years old, 5 daughters, aged respectively 15, 14, 12, 8, and 5 years), totally unprovided for. Bro. Shaw was a Subscribing Member of his Lodge for upwards of eighteen years, up to the day of his death.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; the Right Hon. Lord Herschell, G.C.B., P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, C.M.G., P.G.W.; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Pat.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Dep. G.M. Essex; Thomas Lean Wilkinson,

D.G. Reg.; Ralph Daniel Makinson Littler, C.B., Q.C., P.D.G. Reg.; W. B. Colman, M.A., S.G.D.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D., Vice-Pat.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Pat.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G.D., Vice-Pres.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., Pat.; Edward Cutler, Esq., Q.C., P.G. Org.; J. W. Handley, Esq., P. Dep. D.G.M. Madras; Gen. R. H. Cuncliffe, P. Dep. D.G.M. Madras; Thos. Jones, P. Dep. D.G.M. Bengal; Walter H. Glazier, P.M. 34; Edwd. T. E. Beslev, Q.C., P.M. 66; E. J. Castle, Q.C., P.M. 708; E. R. Bartley Denniss, P.M. 1460, 2459; Edmd. Macrory, Q.C., P.M. 1610; G. King, W.M. 1641; W. H. Sands, P.M. 1724, 1718; J. Bradley Dyne, P.M. 1731; Montagu Sharpe, P.M. 2022; J. W. Allen, P.M. 2146; T. Sansome Preston, I.P.M. 2408; John Adam, 1198 (Madras); G. D. Coleman, 2323, late 150 (Madras).

MAY ELECTION, 1895.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is respectfully solicited on behalf of

JANE LOUISA SILLIFANT,

AGED 62,

Widow of the late Bro. EDWIN SILLIFANT (Professional Accountant, Gresham Buildings), who died on the 19th February, 1875.

Bro. EDWIN SILLIFANT was initiated in the Stability Lodge, 207, in December, 1854; Member also, at the time of his death, of the Acacia Lodge, 1309; P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex; P.M. and P.Z. of more than one Lodge and Chapter, Life-Governor to all the Masonic Charities, and also on the Audit Committee for the Girls' School.

His widow, having passed through many untoward circumstances since her husband's death, through the mismanagement of her Solicitor (now an outlaw), as also the property vested in her husband reverting to his surviving brothers, is now left entirely without an income and in too delicate health to earn her living, she craves, therefore, the sympathy and help of his Masonic Brethren.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. *George Kenning, Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.P.G.D. Middx., Upper Sydenham; *John Davies, P.M. & Sec. 1309, P.P.G.D. Middx., 5, Finsbury Square, E.C.; J. Addington, P.M. 217, and M.E.Z. 14, Peckham-road, S.E.; W. Eckersall, P.M. 217, and Chapters 89 and 1275, 110, Lewisham-road, S.E.; T. Hinks, 217, 52, Leynette Avenue, Clapham, S.W.; Marfleet, P.M. 217, 818, and 322, 61, Chrisp-street, E.; J. Nixon, P.M. 217, 44, Great Tower-street, E.C.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *; or by the Widow, 30, Rockley-road, Shepherd's Bush Green, W.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM LORAIN SEYMOUR DALLAS,

Born September 18th, 1884,

Whose first and only chance of Election will occur on the 19th of April next ensuing.

Son of the late Charles Henry Dallas, Merchant, and afterwards Accountant, who died at Shanghai, China on May 15th last, after a week's illness, aged 52, leaving a widow and three children almost wholly unprovided for.

Bro. C. H. Dallas—initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, Shanghai, in 1863—was appointed as the first District G.M. of Japan in 1874, and held that office for about 12 years. He was a Founder of the Yokohama (1092), O'Entosama (1263), Nippon (1344), and Tokio (2015) Lodges; also of the Yokohama R.A. Chapter (1092), the Orient Mark Lodge (304), and the Chrysanthemum Chapter of Rose Croix (94). A Life Governor of the R.M.I.B.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. J. I. Miller, Dist. G.M. North China; H. D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M. Bengal, Life Governor; C. Thorne, P. Dist. G.M. North China; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., Patron; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Patron; George Kenning, Patron; Thomas Fenn, P. Pres. B. of G.P., Vice-Patron; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., Vice-Patron; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., V.-Pres.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., V.-Pres.; William Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. W. Lancs., V.-Pres.; Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183, V.-Pres.; Jehangir Hormusjee Kothari, V.-Pres.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., Life Governor; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D., Life Governor; Lt.-Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., Life Governor; John Smithers, W.M. 58, Life Governor; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076, Life Governor; Arthur A. Moss, P.M., 1375, Life Governor; Rev. H. Lansdell, P.G.C.; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G.R.

The Duke of Cambridge arrived at Malta from Naples on board H.M.S. Ramillies, flagship of the British Mediterranean Squadron. His Royal Highness was met by Admiral Sir M. Culme-Seymour, and conveyed ashore in a steam launch. On landing he was received by the Governor and Commander of the troops, and after inspecting the guard of honour, of the North Staffordshire Regiment, was driven to the Governor's Palace.

THE 25TH annual ball in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage will be held under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir Joseph Renals) and the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and sub-Sheriffs, at the City Terminus Hotel, on Tuesday, the 30th April next. Full particulars may be had of Supt. Oscar Mackenzie, Hon. Secretary of the Ball Committee, 26, Old Jewry, E.C.



THE PRINCE OF WALES was entertained on Saturday evening last at a banquet by the members of the Cercle Nautique, Cannes.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold a regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE REV. JOHN TROUTBECK, D.D., senior Minor Canon of Westminster, has been appointed to the office of Precentor of Westminster Abbey rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. Flood Jones.

IN THE unavoidable absence through illness of the Marchioness of Salisbury, Lady George Hamilton distributed the prizes to the successful pupils of the Manual Training Classes in the Hall of the Drapers' Company on Tuesday.

WE ARE REQUESTED to announce that the weekly meetings of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction will be held on Tuesday evenings at eight o'clock, instead of Wednesdays as hitherto, at Bro. J. J. Hugh's Prince Alfred Hotel, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater.

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals, will preside at the dinner of the City of London General Pension Society, which will be held at the Abion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, the 26th instant. His lordship will be supported by the Sheriffs of London.

WE ARE ASKED to STATE that the ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13, at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, on Thursday, March 21st, by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., &c. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

THE QUEEN invested the Marquis of Lansdowne with the Order of the Garter at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, after which her Majesty, accompanied by the Empress Frederic and the Princess Beatrice, drove to Paddington Station under an escort of the 2nd Life Guards, and returned to Windsor Castle.

BROS. SIR JAMES FERGUSON, BART., Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., the Hon. D. Plunket, Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, Sir W. Walrond, Bart., Sir F. Clarke, Q.C., and W. Hume Long were among the guests at the Speaker's second Parliamentary dinner on Wednesday.

BRO. THE EARL OF JERSEY presided at the 27th anniversary dinner of the Royal Colonial Institute, which took place at the Hotel Metropole, on Wednesday, when there were present among the guests Bros. Lord Brassey, Lord Kinnaird, Admiral Sir Houston Stewart, Sir G. Baden-Powell, M.P., Sir Saul Samuel, Sir Ambrose Shea, and Bro. Sir Charles Mills.

A GRAND evening concert will be given by the Strolling Players' Amateur Orchestral Society in Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, in aid of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland-road. It will take place under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and other Royal and distinguished persons. Full particulars can be obtained of the Secretary to the Hospital, Kingsland-road, N.E., and of Mr. Robert Newman, Queen's Hall, Langham-place, W.

THE ANNUAL festival and dinner of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. J. W. Belham, P.M., the W.M. of the mother lodge, and Bro. Foan, P.M., Preceptor, will occupy the chair and vice-chair respectively. Tickets—price 5s.—to be had on application to Bro. H. J. Keen, Hon. Secretary, 25, South Molton-street, W.

MASONIC FESTIVAL AT STOCKTON.—The annual festival of the Philanthropy Lodge, No. 940, was celebrated on Thursday, the 21st ult., in the Masonic Hall, Stockton-on-Tees, when Bro. W. Hodgson, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Josh. Robinson, the retiring W.M. Afterwards the newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. Subsequent to the ceremonial the brethren dined together, and the customary Masonic toast list was honoured.

THE SUNDAY PHILHARMONIC UNION inaugurated a series of concerts at the Princes' Hall on Sunday, the 3rd instant. The programme included selections both vocal and instrumental from the works of Chopin, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Handel, Wagner, Gounod, Cowen, and other well-known masters, among the vocalists being Mr. Josef Claus, Miss Agnes Janson, Miss Esther Palliser, and Mr. Jack Robertson, and among the instrumentalists Miss Agnes Hirschfield (piano), and Mons. Johannes Wolff (violin). There was a capital attendance, and the efforts of the artists were greatly appreciated.

LORD HARRIS, lately Governor of Bombay, accompanied by his niece, crossed the channel from Calais to Dover on Wednesday, and on disembarking at the Admiralty was received by a guard of honour of the 1st V.B. East Kent Regiment, of which his lordship is honorary colonel, and heartily cheered by a large and enthusiastic crowd. On arriving at Faversham, near to which town his lordship resides, he was still more enthusiastically cheered, and was presented by the Mayor and Corporation with an address of welcome, which he briefly but gracefully acknowledged.

THE LATE BRO. J. H. P. LERESCHE.—On the 5th inst., being the anniversary of the death of Bro. John Henry Proctor Leresche, J.P., P.P.G. Reg. East Lancashire, stipendiary magistrate of the Manchester Division of the County of Lancashire, a brass tablet erected to his memory was unveiled in the Manchester Cathedral. The tablet, which is placed on the south wall of the Cathedral, between the memorial windows of Lord Stamford and Dean Oakley, bears the following inscription: "This tablet was erected by his brother magistrates as a token of their esteem and regard, and in remembrance of his kindly and genial courtesy."

THE PRINCE OF WALES has consented to preside at the forthcoming anniversary festival of the Printers' Pension Corporation.

BRO. LORD BRASSEY, when he leaves England for Australia to take up his duties as Governor of Victoria, will be accompanied by the Earl of Shaftesbury. Lord Settrington—son of Bro. the Earl of March—Mr. F. Freeman Thomas, his son-in-law, and Lord Richard Nevill.

AT A MEETING of the beneficed clergy of the Archdeaconry of Lancaster in the Diocese of Manchester, held in the Town Hall, Lancaster, on Friday, the 1st instant, Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A., P.G. Chaplain England, vicar of St. James, Preston, was elected one of the Assessors for the Archdeaconry under the Clergy Discipline Act 1892.

CURIOUS FACT.—During the recent inclement weather in the grounds of a gentleman residing at Wem, Shropshire, a peacock was missing for 48 hours, when a search was made for it. After some length of time attention was drawn to a mound of snow by the scratching of some peacocks. On removing three feet of snow, the peacock was discovered with its tail frozen to the ground. The bird was released and conveyed to the house and placed near the kitchen fire, which it seemed greatly to enjoy, and when thawed appeared none the worse for its cold entombment.

DEATH OF BRO. CARL GOTZ.—We regret to announce the death of Bro. Carl Johann Wilhelm Gotz, which took place on the 20th ult., after a long illness, at his residence, Erlington House, Seymour Grove, Old Trafford, in the 54th year of his age. He had been for a long time the prominent member of the firm of John M. Sumner and Co. Bro. Gotz was a well-respected member of the Manchester Conservative Club, the Arts Club, and was held in high esteem amongst the Freemasons of the district.

A MEETING of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Bro. Charles Lock, W.M., presiding.—At the banquet which followed the following artists and brethren contributed to a most enjoyable evening:—Bro. F. Stephens, W.M., 1348; the Venetian Part Singers (Messrs. W. W. Richardson, alto; W. T. Knight, tenor; J. Batchelor, baritone; and A. J. Maple, bass); Mr. Nurse (West Indian tenor), accompanied by Mr. Langton; Mr. Maurice Muscovitz; Bros. P. Husk, S.W.; H. E. Peacock, Org.; J. D. Irvine, Stwd.; A. E. Baines, J. E. C. Lane, and B. Sykes.

THE INTERNATIONAL review of yachts, in connection with the regatta at Cannes, took place on Tuesday. There were 20 steam and 40 sailing yachts, including all the British yachts now off the coast, and as they passed in lines before the French cruiser Condor, with Rear-Admiral Baron Lagé in command, they presented a very pretty sight. Baron Rothschild's Eros headed the steam yachts and the Prince of Wales's Britannia, with his Royal Highness on board the sailing vessels. In the evening there was a grand banquet at the Cercle Nautique, at which the health of the Queen was proposed by Baron Lagé, and that of the President of the French Republic by the Prince of Wales.

THE FOLLOWING SHOWS will take place at the Crystal Palace during the present year: Exhibition of plants, flowers, &c., Saturday, March 16; the National Rose Society's exhibition of roses, and the London Pansy and Violet Society's show, Saturday, July 6; the National Carnation and Picotee Society's show, Wednesday, July 24; the National Co-operative flower, fruit, and vegetable show, August 17 to 24; the National Dahlia Society's show, Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7; the Royal Horticultural Society's exhibition of British-grown fruit, September 26, 27, and 28; and the Chrysanthemum exhibition, Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2.

THE QUEEN held the second Drawing Room of the season, at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, having left Windsor Castle for London for the purpose of the day previous. In the Royal Circle were the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duchess of Albany, and Prince Christian. The Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty in the State Saloons, and the Yeoman of the Guard, under the command of their Captain, Bro. Lord Kensington, in the interior of the Palace. The Diplomatic and General Circles were largely attended, and there was a good number of presentations, though, owing to the prevalence of influenza, several ladies who were to be presented were obliged to be absent. In the evening her Majesty's dinner party included the Empress Frederic of Germany, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Dowager Duchess of Roxburghe, the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, and the Lord Chamberlain (Bro. Lord Carington).

ON THE 4th instant a number of brethren assembled at Mark Masons' Hall, among whom were Bros. Sir George Harris, Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, Sir John Monckton, T. Charters White, Hugh Hobbs, J. D. Langton, Frederick Mead, W. Vaughan Morgan, T. Dale Hart, C. E. Birch, T. H. Gardiner, H. H. Leigh, E. E. Cooper, G. Cook, H. Pritchard, E. W. Stillwell, and others. At the instance of those present, Bro. Sir John Monckton, addressing Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, congratulated him upon his pleasant year of office as Grand Treasurer, and especially at the success he had achieved in an election, the result of which they had but just now learnt; and begged him, in the names both of those present and many fraternal sympathisers, to accept the clothing of Past G. Treasurer as a small mark of the esteem in which he was held by them all. Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale responded in feeling terms, and said that the fraternal spontaneity of the gift and the manner of the giving invested it with peculiar value in his eyes, and added, if it were possible, very considerably to the appreciation with which he had regarded his election by his brethren of Grand Lodge to the office of Grand Treasurer. A vote of thanks to Bro. Sir John Monckton concluded the pleasant proceedings.

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AT THE monthly meeting of the Crook Lodge Bro. W. T. Wanless, of Witton-le-Wear, was unanimously elected to the office of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

BRO. COL. T. DAVIES SEWELL has been confined to his residence, at Westminster, with influenza, but since Saturday last has been approaching convalescence, and is now on a fair road to complete recovery.

MRS. A. T. HALL, in memory of her late husband, Major Charles Hall, of the 1st Life Guards, contributed the sum of £1000 towards the special fund which is being raised to enable St. Thomas's Hospital to open the wards which have been so long closed.

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.

A MOVEMENT is being made to form a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge in connection with the Boscawen Mark Lodge, No. 101, Chacewater, meeting every alternate month at St. Day. The lodge is in flourishing condition, and several members of the Royal Ark Mariners Degree have intimated their willingness to become members.

THE ANNUAL banquet of the London County Cycling Club was held at the Hotel Metropole, on Saturday evening, under the presidency of Bro. Sir William Marriott, Q.C. Among the principal guests being Bro. Lord Borthwick, Captain Shute, and Bro. J. C. Parkinson. In the course of the evening a handsome cup and shield were presented to Mr. F. W. Shorland and Mr. A. E. Walters respectively. The former having won the cup three times successively, retains it as his own property.

AT A MEETING of members of the Craft on Friday, the 22nd ult., a petition was signed to Grand Mark Lodge for a warrant establishing the Eastbourne Mark Lodge. Meetings are proposed to be held at the Queen's Hotel on the first Thursdays in February, April, October, and December. Bro. W. E. Morrison, Past Grand Deacon, was chosen the first Master; Bro. Joseph Farncombe, Prov. G. Treas., as S.W.; and his Worship the Mayor of Eastbourne (Bro. J. A. Skinner), J.W. Bro. J. H. Wright is acting as Secretary *pro tem.*, till the consecration of the lodge, which ceremony will take place as soon as the preliminaries can be arranged.

WE REGRET exceedingly that, owing to the very heavy demands upon our space, we should have omitted to notice the very admirable concert with which the recent Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was followed in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Hall. The concert was given under the direction of Bro. Charles E. Tinney, P.M. 1719. The artistes comprised Madame Clara Leighton, the Misses M. Chamberlain and L. Seymour, Bro. Davies, Mr. Fred. Frampton, Miss Nettie Atkinson (violinist), and the Dilettante Quartette, Bros. J. A. Brown, E. Dalzell, F. Bevan, and R. Hilton, while Bros. W. Davies and C. E. Tinney himself presided at the pianoforte. There was a well-chosen programme, and the various numbers were heartily and deservedly applauded.

MARLBOROUGH MASONIC BALL.—A grand ball, in connection with the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, was held at Derby Hall, Tuebrook, on Wednesday evening, the 20th ult., under the distinguished patronage of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Prov. G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, G.C.B., P.D.P.G.M.; Bro. R. Wylie, P.D.G.M.; E. H. Cookson, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Simpson, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Crawford, P.G.T.; Capt. Murray, P.G.T.; W. Godacre, P.G.S.B., P.G.S.; and Col. T. Sandys, M.P., in aid of the lodge Benevolent Fund. There was a splendid attendance, including Bros. F. T. Parry, W.M.; R. Parry, S.W.; J. Griffiths, J.W.; and others. All seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves to the excellent music supplied by Bro. J. Busfield. The supper and refreshments were provided by Bro. Casey, and gave entire satisfaction. Bros. W. E. Marshall and James Cooper officiated as M.C.s; and the most successful ball ever held in connection with the Marlborough was brought to a close about 2 a.m.

MASONIC CHARITY BALL AT CARNARVON.—This annual event—the proceeds of which are devoted to the funds of the Masonic Charities in Carnarvonshire—came off on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, Carnarvon. The President was the Lord-Lieutenant of the county, Bro. J. E. Greaves, P.P.S.G.W., and the list of patrons included Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M., and other names well known in Masonic circles. A large and brilliant company assembled in the spacious ball-room, which had been artistically decorated, and the staircase laid with red baize. Prior to the dancing, which commenced at nine o'clock, there was a procession of brethren in Craft clothing. Bros. R. J. Davids and R. W. Newton acted as Director and Assistant Director of Ceremonies respectively, while the duties of Stewards were discharged by Bros. C. Davies, R. G. Thomas, J. Williams, Caradog Rowland, Dr. Langford Jones (Mayor of Bangor), Captain W. C. Whiskin, G. Farren, F. Barlow, Glyme Griffith, Douglas Jones, and J. G. Jones. The music was supplied by Bro. T. O. Morgan's band, the leader being Bro. Clayton (Liverpool). The Rev. J. Fairchild, W.M. (Bangor) and Capt. J. H. Rees, S.D. (Carnarvon) were the Hon. Secretaries. The catering and other arrangements of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were admirable.

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