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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The voting papers for these elections, which, owing to the lateness of Eastertide, will fall in the third instead of the second week in April, have been issued, and we are, therefore, in a position to form a general idea of the prospects of the candidates. In the case of the Girls' election, the proportion of vacancies to candidates is slightly more favourable, but otherwise there is no great difference between the two Schools, nor is there any marked increase in the list of applicants for admission to either Institution. As regards the general details to which we have been in the habit of calling attention, we note, in the first place, that the election to the

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which for many years past has preceded that to the sister School, will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, to be holden at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday, the 20th April, when, after the transaction of the regular business, a poll will be opened for the election of 22 children from an approved list of 41 candidates, of whom 19 remain from the election in October, 1894, while the other 22 have had their claims examined and approved in the interval that has since elapsed. Of these 41 children, there are 11 hailing from London, and two with claims on London and a Province or Provinces, while the remaining 28 are wholly Provincial or from Districts Abroad. Of the London candidates, No. 1 has taken part in three previous elections, and as she has had the good fortune to accumulate no less than 2470 votes, she undoubtedly has a fair prospect of success. No. 3, who commenced her candidature in April, 1894, has standing to her credit 1894 votes, as the result of her two previous attempts, and in her case, likewise, if her friends and supporters exert themselves sufficiently, there appears to be every prospect of her winning a place. No. 6 commenced her candidature at the same election as No. 3, and polled 1056 votes, while Nos. 12 and 13, who were candidates for the first time in October, have 1399 and 1270 votes standing to their respective credits. These three candidates, therefore, are favourably circumstanced, and as No. 12 has this one and only chance of success left her, we doubt not that her friends will make a grand spurt and see what they can do to prevent her name being removed from the list except as that of a successful applicant. No. 16 made her first essay in October last, and obtained 2048 votes, so that she ought to have little or no difficulty in securing the goal of her ambition. The remaining five—Nos. 27, 28, 33, 35, and 37—have been newly placed on the list. The two in which London has an interest conjointly with one or more Provinces are Nos. 4 and 23, the latter of whom is a new case, with claims on Kent as well as on the Metropolitan district, while No. 4, whose father—still living—has been a member of lodges in London, Essex, and Lincolnshire, and is a P.P.G. Chap. of Essex, was a candidate in October, 1894, and polled 2301 votes. We may, therefore, reasonably look forward to seeing her among those who will be returned next month among the fortunate winners of admission into the School. As regards the 28 Provincial children, Shropshire, East Lancashire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Cheshire, and Surrey are each of them responsible for two candidates, and there are 18 who derive their claims from the father's connection with one, and in five cases with more than one, Province or District Abroad. The two Shropshire girls are No. 9, who was a candidate for the first time in October last, when she polled 1654 votes, and whose name, whether she succeeds or fails in winning a place on this occasion, will be removed from the list; and No. 32, who will not be eight years of age till August next. The East Lancashire girls are No. 15, with six votes in hand from the October election, and No. 24. The two from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are No. 18, who polled 60 votes at the election in October, 1894, and No. 22, a new candidate. The Cheshire girls are Nos. 29 and 36, and those hailing from Surrey, Nos. 31 and 41. Of the remainder, No. 2, who comes from Essex, and has been on the list at the last three elections, brings forward 2328 votes, so that her prospects are full of promise. No. 5 was a candidate at both the elections in 1894, but though she derives her claims from the Provinces of Warwickshire and Oxfordshire, she has only 21 votes to the good. No. 7 (Monmouthshire and Somersetshire) started as a candidate in October, when she obtained 54 votes. No. 8, whose father was initiated in a lodge in New South Wales and subsequently joined others in Somersetshire and Hants and the Isle of Wight, has 16 votes to the good, while No. 10 (Cornwall), No. 11 (Gloucestershire), No. 14 (Hertfordshire), No. 17 (Warwickshire), and No. 19 (South Wales, East) will start at this election with 1560, 6, 119, 57, and 249 votes respectively to their credit. Of these the chances of the Cornish child are the most promising. There is little to be added. Six of the 41 girls have lost both parents, five have both parents living, and one

has a father and stepmother, the remaining 29 being fatherless. In 12 cases, the children's fathers were contributors to or Stewards for one or more of our Institutions, and several attained to prominent positions in lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge. The fathers of five of the girls were subscribing members of lodges for upwards of 20 years, and of 15 others for periods ranging from 10 to 20 years.

Turning to the

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whose election will take at the Quarterly General Court to be holden at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 19th April, we note that there are 47 candidates and 23 vacancies to be filled. Of the former 15 are wholly London, and four derive their claims partly from London and partly from the Provinces, the remaining 28 being wholly Provincial, and in some cases having claims on more than one Province. Nos. 1 and 2 are of London origin and have made two previous attempts, the former having 415 votes to the good, and the latter 2401 votes. No. 5 brings forward 888 votes from the two elections in 1894, and No. 7 had 1641 votes polled for him in October. No. 14 will start on this occasion with 860 votes to his credit, and Nos. 16 and 17 with 1006 and 354 respectively, but Nos. 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 33, and 44, have had their claims approved since the lists for the autumn election of that year were settled. Nos. 3 and 4, hailing the former from Gloucestershire and London, and the latter from Durham and London, obtained 1004 and 761 votes respectively from their two previous attempts; No. 19—from Kent, London, and Gibraltar—has 277 votes in hand; No. 34—London and Essex—is a new case. Out of the 28 Provincial candidates, four are from Essex, namely, No. 9, with 73 votes, No. 12, with 54 votes, and No. 18, with 512 votes, while No. 40 makes his *débüt* next month. Kent furnishes three boys, namely, Nos. 20 and 21, with 324 and 1252 votes respectively, and No. 38, while the two Surrey boys are placed at Nos. 41 and 43. The candidate from South Wales East, ranking as No. 6, has 1521 votes to his credit, and the Northants and Hants boy at No. 8, 205 votes. Nos. 10 and 11 start almost level, the former with 105 votes which he received from his supporters in Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Lincolnshire, and the latter, with 107, from New South Wales, Somersetshire, and Hants and the Isle of Wight. The South American boy, at No. 13, has 1352 votes to his credit, and the Bermuda boy, at No. 15, only nine. The rest, that is to say, No. 23 (Hants and the Isle of Wight), No. 28 (East Lancashire and West Yorkshire), No. 30 (Northern China and Japan), No. 31 (Warwickshire), No. 32 (Berkshire), No. 35 (Lincolnshire), No. 36 (Northumberland), No. 37 (Cumberland and Westmorland), No. 39 (West Yorkshire), Nos. 40 and 42 (Cheshire and West Lancashire), No. 45 (Staffordshire and East Lancashire), and 47 (West Lancashire), are all of them fresh candidates, and will gain their first experience at this election. There are three children who have lost both parents, four who have them both living, and 40 who are dependent upon the exertions of the mother. In 16 cases the fathers did service as Stewards for, or were contributors to, one or other of our Institutions, and several of them held rank in lodge or Province. Lastly, the following five children will, if unsuccessful at this election, have their names removed from the list, as before October next they will have attained the age of 11 years, namely: No. 11 (New South Wales, &c.), 107 votes; No. 16 (London), 1006 votes; and No. 30 (Northern China and Japan), No. 31 (Warwickshire), and No. 32 (Berkshire), and we need hardly say that we appeal in behalf of these five, as well as in behalf of No. 9 (Shropshire), and No. 12 (London), on the Girls' list, to all Governors and Subscribers whose support has not been already enlisted for other candidates to give them all the help they can, either by their personal votes or by the influence they may be able to exert amongst their friends. The others who fail on this occasion will still have one or more chances of securing admission into the School; but in the case of these, if they fail now, they fail altogether.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The report for the past year of the Committee of Management of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution is in its main features satisfactory. There is a falling off in the Returns from the Annual Ball and in the interest on the Invested Capital, and the closing balance of the Account is more than £300 less than that of 1893; but, on the other hand, there is a substantial increase in the amount received as donations and subscriptions from lodges and brethren; a sum of £600 has been laid out in the purchase of a Dock Bond, and, best of all, the Committee is able to announce, as "a matter of the greatest satisfaction," that it has been "able

to deal with every case brought before them, where the papers have been found in order." This is most creditable to the Province of West Lancashire, which we heartily congratulate on the prosperity of its Educational Institution.

If we take the figures contained in the Report and Statement of Account, we find that the total Receipts, including a Balance brought forward from 1893, amounted to £2912 6s. 8d., and of this the amount realised by the Annual Ball on the 9th January, 1894, was £207 1s. 2d., which the Committee point out "is a considerable falling off from last year, and a still greater falling off from the previous year." It is probable, however, that their surmise is correct, that this is due to the fact "that many Lodges hold balls on their own account, and Brethren are not inclined to support more than one Masonic Ball." The amount received in respect of Donations and Subscriptions from Lodges and Brethren, &c., is £843 5s. 2d., which exceeds that for 1893 by a very considerable sum—£126 7s. 2d.—and there is also entered a Donation of £47 13s. 4d. by the Masonic Club. But the Committee feel themselves under the necessity of pointing out that as many as 47 lodges have made "no return whatever, whilst amongst them they have had 26 children on the Foundation, at a cost of £269 10s. 3d., in the past year, and four of these lodges are now applicants for children to be placed on the funds." The amount received for Interest is £755 10s. 4d., or less by £83 13s. 2d. than in 1893, but to what cause this diminution is attributable is not stated. There is also an item of £24 received from Hervey and Land. Turning to the Expenditure, we note that £63 16s. 4d. was paid for "Printing, Stationery, and Postage"; £5 4s. 11d. for "Stamps, &c., for new Trust Deeds, &c."; and £600 on the purchase of a Dock Bond; the amount paid "for Education, Clothing, Maintenance, and Advancement of Children on the Foundation" being £1523 5s. 8d. The total outlay was thus £2192 6s. 11d., and the Balance in Bank on the 31st of December last £719 19s. 9d. The number of children who have received the benefits of the Institution during the past year is 215, and of these 47 are on the combined Fund and receive education, maintenance, and clothing. In addition to this, however, there must be taken into account the sum of £181 5s., being the year's proportion of the purchased rights of presentation to schools in London, so that the true disbursement under this head is £1704 10s. 8d. The Invested Capital and the Cash in Bank represent a total value of £21,448 6s. 9d., to which must be added the Present Value of Sundry Presentations to Schools in London, making the "Total Value of Invested Funds on December 31st, 1894," £22,851 18s. 3d. The Institution was founded in 1850, so that while it has been rendering material assistance to the Province by helping in educating the children of necessitous or deceased brethren, it has been able, through the excellent manner in which its affairs have been administered, to accumulate this very substantial amount of assets. Therefore, though there appears to be a certain amount of reluctance on the part of a considerable number of the lodges in West Lancashire to bear their share of the responsibilities undertaken by the Fund, the Province, as a whole, deserves infinite credit for having established an Institution, which, in the course of its 35 years' existence, has accomplished so large an amount of good.

FRIENDS OR FOES?

We have never been greatly impressed with gushing accounts of our Masonic philanthropy, either in contemporary public journals or those of the Craft. Nor can we say that we are quite satisfied with modern methods of relief in response to obligations of a Masonic character. Still, we are hopeful; and it is far better to be so, than eternally growling, as some do, instead of bowing with a good grace to the decisions of majorities.

We are not seriously concerned as to whether recent correspondents in the *Sunday Times* are or are not Masons. For anything we know, "Past Master" and "Sunday Reader" may be one and the same person; anyhow, the only thing we care about is the fact that a Past Master should have serious complaints to make of the Craft, and make those complaints through other than Masonic channels, and under the screen of a *nom de plume* which almost anybody might assume. Inasmuch as redress could not be expected from sources not Masonic, we may reasonably assume that he had little desire that steps should be taken to verify his statements, and rectify such defects as were necessary to be remedied.

It may be that individual members of the Craft, here and there, have not had the measure of value placed upon their services, either in their own lodge or outside it, to which they think themselves entitled, and look around for some such vehicle as the current correspondence in the *Sunday Times* affords, to work off a little of the annoyance they are unable to get rid of any other way. Well, they will, we hope, be all the better for it, and, for their present comfort, we can assure them that it is just about as easy for individuals to illuminate the Order, or any body of men as numerous as even one lodge by adopting this course, as it is to make a horse drink, or, indeed, make all brethren act up strictly to Masonic principles and duties.

However, apart from the righteousness or otherwise of these proceedings, there is a point of some significance on which something may be said. It is a fact we ought not to regard too lightly in these times—and not so important on account of any tendency to spread false opinions abroad amongst those who are unable to analyse them, as the superficial Masonry which is brought to light—that the Craft has more to fear from its own rank and file within, than from all the combined forces that have ever been raised, or are likely ever to be raised, from outside. And let us hope that it may become more apparent to the present generation of Masons that it is necessary to know as much as possible of what is going on around them if they are to cope with hidden foes, and qualify themselves to defend their principles.

It is no part of our duty to notice the attacks of anonymous writers; but it is our duty to raise a warning voice against wolves in sheep's clothing. After all, if we could recognise the legitimacy of these statements against the Craft, and were we able to admit their truth to some extent, what do they amount to? We know that amongst the thousands who rank under its banners, Freemasonry includes a large proportion of Masons who are such *in heart*—but a great many possibly are not; and this we cannot help. The one class has no better Masonic education and no greater opportunities than the other, for the difference may show in one and the same lodge! We shall find exactly the same failing of human nature in every church, but what sane man would blame the church for it?

We are willing, if need be, to do battle for the just rights of those we know to be Masons; but we have a right to complain of those who, however dissatisfied and even wronged they may feel themselves to be, rail at Freemasonry from behind the cowardly shelter of anonymity in the public press.

AN EXTINCT CHAPTER.

Bro. George Powell, P.M. and Sec. No. 142, has sent me for examination two volumes respecting Royal Arch Masonry that will interest my Sussex companions especially. The first is the Minute Book of the "Mount Moriah Chapter, held under a warrant from the Grand Chapter of England, removed from the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Arundel, to Freemasons' Hall, Chichester," which begins on Friday, February 14th, 1817, and commences as if narrating the first work after the removal. Five companions were present and two joining members, who were then elected. Nine brethren "received the several degrees of excellent and Super excellent Masons," and then were "duly exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons."

The Rules were revised February 18th, 1817, and agreed to on the 24th of the same month. On the 18th also was passed a vote of thanks to "Comp. D. Jacques & H. Parker for their ingenious & indefatigable conduct in surmounting & overpowering every obstacle to the removing of the Mount Moriah Chapter to the Hall of the Lodge of Harmony" [Chichester].

On August 12th, 1817, the Chapter assembled at Arundel, 19 being present, of whom 11 were "*re-obligated*." Possibly this requirement was consequent upon the union of the two rival Grand Chapters, though the Chapter does not appear to have then regularly become connected with a Lodge or duly made a return of the fact.

On September 11th, 1817, it was again at Chichester, and on 5th February, 1818, Comp. Jacques was empowered "to go to town with the warrant (i.e.) Craft and Arch, and get the same united under the Craft, No 52;" the members deciding on the 17th of the same month to petition the Grand Master accordingly; though "Extracts from the Minutes of the Howard Lodge, No. 72," had been read and taken into consideration on the same subject. No. 52 Lodge is the "Union," now No. 38, and No. 72 is the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," changed to 56 in 1863.

On November 19th, 1818, it was resolved "that we return to the Companions at Arundel the Warrant, &c., &c., Belonging to the Mount Moriah Chapter, and deliver the Minute Book, Treasurer's Accounts, &c., &c., to such Companions as shall be deputed to receive the same." Eleven companions promised to continue as subscribing members, though no longer to meet at Chichester.

No minutes occur until records in pencil are pasted in of 26th March, 1821 (place not stated), and then from 19th January, 1826, at Arundel as before, the entries concluding on 26th June of that year.

By-laws are also preserved of February, 1817, in manuscript, and signed by the companions, but they are not noteworthy in any way.

Bro. Thomas Francis, in his "History of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex" (1883), states that it appears this chapter was "founded about 1810 without the authority of the Grand Chapter." He has overlooked the list of regular chapters in my "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry" (1884), which contains four chapters in Sussex, one (the senior), however, being extinct before 1813, viz.:

- 71, Love and Harmony, Chichester, 1790.
- 160, Mount Moriah, Arundel, 1811.
- 164, Lennox, Brighthelmstone, 1811.
- 181, Cyrus, Chichester, 1813.

The two which concern the present enquiry were on the roll of the United Grand Chapter of A.D. 1823, as

- 72, Mount Moriah, Arundel.
- 632, Cyrus, Chichester.

It is evident, therefore, that the "Mount Moriah" must have been recognised by the authorities in 1823, though in 1821 only the "Cyrus" Chapter had fallen into line. How long these bodies worked I cannot say at present, as it would take too long to investigate, but they eventually collapsed, and from 1874 the "Cyrus" has been revived.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A special convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, the 11th inst., for the purpose of installing Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers as Grand Superintendent. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, and there were present Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J., as Grand Superintendent; S. S. Partridge, P.Z. 279 and 1560, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.H.; John T. Thorp, P.Z. 279, P.P.G.J., acting Prov. G.J.; Joseph Tuckfield, P.Z. 779, Prov. G. Treas.; F. B. Walmer, P.Z. 1560, Prov. G. Reg.; Rev. H. J. Mason, M.A., P.Z. 1146 and M.E.Z. 1560, acting Prov. G. Principal Soj.; George C. Olliver, M.E.Z. 1007, Prov. G.S.B.; W. W. Vincent, P.Z. 1560, Prov. G.D.C.; T. A. Wykes, Org. 1560, Prov. G. Org.; E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Scribe E.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C., who acted as Prov. G.D.C.; J. Young, P.P.G.J., S. Knight, Treas., P.P.G. Soj., J. B. Waring, J., Thomas Coltman, P.P.G. Treas., J. Harrison, P.P. A.G.S., T. G. Charlesworth, W. D. Grant, A. Fergusson, L. Staines, F. W. Bellson, G. Neighbour, H. Goodacre, Marriott, Alex. Laurence, H. Howe, J. Cleaver, W. Bream, and George J. B. Woolley, all of 279; W. A. Musson, P.P.G.R., W. S. Allen, P.P.G.J., and George Bullen, H., all of 779; C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.G.J., C. Lowenstein, P.P.G.S., W. M. Williams, H., J. Raven, Scribe E., C. F. Oliver, and T. Paget, P. Soj. all of 1007; F. Griffith, H. 1130; E. Holmes, 1560; and Fred Masters, 1560.

Apologies were received from Comps. C. Fendelow, P.G.S.E.; W. J. Hughan, P.A.G. Soj.; J. McAllister, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. G. Venables, P.G.S.B.; T. W. Tew, G. Supt. West Yorks; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Boughton-Smith, Prov. G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight; Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Prov. G. Scribe E. (prevented by ill-health); B. A. Smith, Prov. G.J.; W. J. Freer, P.P.G.S.N.; W. Vial, P.Z. 1007; R. L. Gibson, P.Z. 1007, P.A.G. Soj.; H. Blood, P.Z. 779; John Hassall, P.Z. 779; R. Porter Keates, Scribe N. 779; and others.

The circular convening the convocation was read by Comp. J. B. Waring, acting Scribe E., and Comp. W. W. B. Beach addressed the companions on the object of the meeting. The Grand Superintendent designate was announced and the acting Grand Superintendent desired the patent of appointment to be sent in, and having examined the same deputed the following Principals and Past Principals, with the D. of C., to introduce the Grand Superintendent designate, Comps. Waring, Knight, Tuckfield, Musson, Colman, Wilkinson, and Wilmer.

The patent was then read and the INSTALLING COMPANION addressed the Grand Superintendent designate on the duties and responsibilities of the office, and enquired if he could conscientiously undertake the duties of the office. The acting PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN offered prayer, and the Grand Superintendent designate took the O.B. The Installing Companion then invested him with the apron, sash, collar, and jewel of his office, and the Grand Superintendent was duly proclaimed and saluted in due form.

The roll of chapters was then called over, and afterwards Comp. Earl FERRERS addressed the companions. In his opening remarks he expressed his deep regret for the cause that had that day placed him in his present position. The death of Comp. Kelly was much to be deplored, as he had held such a position of authority in the Royal Arch and in all other Degrees of Masonry that it made it very difficult to fill the vacancy left by his lamented death. He desired to express his thanks to the eminent and excellent companion who had installed him for his services, and he hoped that the words of counsel offered to himself by Comp. Beach would ever be present to his mind, and he assured the companions that he would endeavour to fulfil the duties of the high office that day conferred on him efficiently, and follow the high example of his predecessor so far as lay in his power. He tendered his thanks to the companions for their presence that day, he knew the difficulty many had experienced to be present, and that those who were absent were so from necessities which were insuperable. He hoped that he would fulfil the duties of Grand Superintendent to the satisfaction of the companions of the province, and that Royal Arch Masonry would be largely increased and that the working would be of an efficiency commensurate with the enlargement of the members, which he hoped to see in the Degree.

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

Subsequently many of the companions partook of dinner, under the presidency of Comp. Earl Ferrers, and the proceedings were of an enjoyable and harmonious character.

THE OBLIGATIONS OF A LODGE TO ITS MEMBERS.

The monthly meeting of the Masters' and Wardens' Association was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on January 21st. Bro. H. Tompsitt, P.M. 162, presided, and there was a good attendance of members. The proceedings opened with a discussion upon a paper read by Bro. Barrow at the last meeting, on "What are the obligations of a lodge to its members?"

Bro. W. H. SINCLAIR generally agreed with the opening portions of the paper. He thought that the purport of the paper was to throw strong light upon the necessity for careful selection of members, and he did not think that any one who had experience in lodges could dissent from this dictum. After dwelling upon the importance of this point, and also that of punctuality in the officers and members, Bro. Sinclair in reference to the remarks of the author of the paper upon the question of fitness for office, contended that when a brother was made Inner Guard or Steward, he had a right—a prescriptive right—to the Master's chair, step by step, and should have a right to promotion if he proved worthy of the various offices. He did not agree with the author on the question of amalgamation of lodges, and held that amalgamations, except under special circumstances, were inadvisable. If a lodge had perhaps 12 to 20 members who were not prepared to throw the requisite energy into their work, they would be actuated by such a spirit as would be no advantage to any lodge with whom they might amalgamate, but rather a source of weakness than of strength. As far as he was concerned, he would much rather that they would stop out than join, and any little funds which for the time being they might bring as an assistance, would cost the lodge who received them far more than pounds, so long as there was a want of the true Masonic spirit.

Bro. J. W. FOOKES complimented Bro. Barrow on his paper, which he agreed with in the main. But there were two or three points he would like to touch upon. Bro. Barrow had spoken in a most disrespectful way of the wire and spirit merchant, which was not right. With reference to the question of officers, he suggested that a Board of Examiners should be established, and that a fund should be founded to provide for scholarships, tenable for one or two, or three years, for candidates for the higher offices, so that the brethren might be satisfied that their Masters were proficient in Masonic knowledge, and a thorough acquaintance with the work they had to do. It seemed to him to be chimerical to expect a Worshipful Master to give lectures in a lodge, because in a large lodge especially, a Master had plenty of work to do without them. With regard to amalgamation he thought that when a lodge could not manage to retain 20 active members, it was time for it to shut up.

Bro. PHILLIPS did not agree with the view that amalgamation did not tend to make lodges run more smoothly in certain cases, and that the Grand Lodge should step in and compel a lodge to hand in its warrant.

Bro. W. H. CREED generally endorsed the views put forth in the paper.

Bro. PHILLIP COHEN here suggested that the further discussion of the paper might be adjourned till the following month, as he thought that there had not been sufficient time to master its contents, but the CHAIRMAN pointed out that the rule was for a paper to be read at one meeting, printed for distribution, and then discussed at the next meeting. He (Bro. Morris Cohen) had always looked upon a Board of Examiners as a forthcoming thing, and would, if the matter were brought up in Grand Lodge, give his vote in support of such a body.

Bro. CLAYTON thought it was absurd to expect a Master when filling the office of Inner Guard to be able to say whether the brother he appointed would be able to fill the Master's chair.

Bro. W. P. BICE inclined to the view that if a brother filled the position of Inner Guard well, he was entitled to promotion to the Junior Deaconship, and so through the successive chairs. If he made a mess of Junior Deacon—and that was a place where a brother not up to his work was found out more than anywhere else—he should not be promoted to the office of Senior Deacon. Another most important point in the whole paper was with reference to allowing sufficient time to elapse between the Degrees. He thought that there should be something in their Constitution touching on this. Except in cases of great emergency, such as leaving the colony, he thought that it would be a good thing to give the Second Degree six months after the First, and the Third not sooner than a year after initiation.

Bro. the Rev. E. RODDA (a visitor), did not agree that remarks were to be made only upon a paper itself, as very often the criticisms of a paper were the best part of it, and brought out points that an author had not touched upon. Sometimes it was a good thing for two lodges to amalgamate so as to consolidate their resources. There was too much spent in suppers, and the present meeting augured well for the future of Masonry when so many brethren could attend a meeting of this description and discuss these questions without a supper following. He did not agree with the sentiment that everyone who held office must necessarily aspire to the Master's chair, all could not be Masters, and there were many not fit for the position, nor did he agree that a Master should undertake to lecture his lodge.

After remarks by this speaker, Bro. BARROW replied briefly, and Bro. ALEXANDER PHILLIPS read a paper entitled "First Impressions, Lodge Funds, and how to conserve them," in which the subjects were dealt with in an interesting manner.

A notice of motion to alter the standing orders to allow discussions to be adjourned, was given by Bro. MORRIS COHEN, P.M., and the proceedings closed.—*Australasian Keystone*.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL SELECT AND SUPER-EXCELLENT MASTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

A Grand Council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Ill. Comp. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy Grand Master, supported by Ill. Comps. C. H. Driver, P.D.G.M.; R. Clowes, as P.C. of Wks.; R. Berridge, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Recorder; B. R. Bryant, G. Lecturer; Gordon Miller, G.C. of Guards; W. J. Ebbetts, G. Marshal; W. Vincent, P.G.D.C.; H. R. Tugg, P.G.S.B.; C. W. Carrell, Major Clifford Probyn, J. Hill, W. B. Williamson, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, E. Lukey, A. Manby Howell, A. Pilcher, J. W. Briant, H. Thomson Lyon, A. Bevan, Rev. C. E. Wright, and W. W. Lee.

The Grand Council was opened and the minutes confirmed. The report of the Grand Recorder—showing that 56 certificates had been issued in the past year, making a total of 724—was received and adopted.

On the proposition of Ill. Comp. C. W. CARRELL, Ill. Comp. R. Berridge was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.

Ill. Comp. Viscount DUNGARVAN announced that he had been re-appointed Deputy Grand Master, and was proclaimed and saluted accordingly.

The following Grand Officers were appointed:

Ill. Comp. Lord Varborough...	...	G. Prin. Con. of Work.
" Rev. R. Peek ...	...	G. Chaplain.
" Rev. C. E. Wright ...	...	Asst. G. Chaplain.
" R. Berridge ...	...	G. Treasurer.
" C. F. Matier ...	...	G. Recorder.
" B. R. Bryant ...	...	G. Lecturer.
" J. Balfour Cockburn ...	...	G.D.C.
" A. Stewart Brown ...	...	A.G.D.C.
" T. J. Armstrong ...	...	G. Con. of Council.
" Gordon Miller ...	...	G. Capt. of Guards.
" F. Bevan ...	...	G. Organist.
" J. Hill ...	...	} G. Marshals.
" W. Briant ...	...
" H. Howell ...	...	} G. Stewards.
" A. H. Pilcher ...	...
" A. Billington ...	...	} G. Sentinel.
" E. Mills ...	...

The Degree of Royal Master was exemplified by Ill. Comps. Bryant, G. Lecturer; W. Vincent, and R. J. Voisey, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded.

Grand Council was closed, and a banquet was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern.

TURNING THE PAGE.

We beg to tender hearty good wishes and fraternal greetings to the readers of this journal. The "Review" is entering upon the seventh year of its existence, and we are justified in thinking it is now appreciated. The number of subscribers is increasing, which is a matter of joy for the publishers, and if the number of contributors would increase, the editor's cup of joy would also overflow.

It is usual, when turning over a fresh page, to take a retrospect. The year, we are glad to say, has been a prosperous one for the Craft. We do not propose to anticipate the utterances of the various D.G.Ms. who will meet their respective Grand Lodges this month or next, and we are not sufficiently provided with statistical information to enter into matters with exactitude. But one or two salient points demand our attention.

In the first place we beg to tender our respectful sympathy to Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. J. Fairclough, District Grand Master of Burmah and Past Grand Chaplain of England. Bro. Fairclough is, we regret to say, suffering from a malady which has been reported incurable, and in any case he will not return to the East. The District Grand Lodge has been well ruled in his absence, and the M.W.G.M. will find no difficulty about nominating a suitable successor. A new lodge, *Irrawaddy*, was consecrated at Myingon on the 18th of June last. Bro. Marks, Deputy D.G.M., has been succeeded by Bro. J. C. Moyle, a Roman Catholic by the way, in spite of the encyclical.

In the District of Bengal Masonry has been quietly flourishing under Bro. Prinsep. The District contains thirty-five lodges, with a membership of more than a thousand. One new lodge, *Zurriel*, has been opened. The Benevolent Fund is in a most prosperous state, possessing Rs. 99,000 invested, which probably has increased to a lakh by this time. The Calcutta Emulation Lodge of Improvement, founded and for ten years worked by Wor. Bro. Jones, is still a powerful Masonic influence. The establishment of a new periodical, *The Indian Freemason*, published in Calcutta, is an event to be chronicled. It is an attractively got-up paper and deserves support. A Masonic Club has likewise been opened in Calcutta.

The District Grand Chapter numbers twelve chapters, three of which are in abeyance. A Provisional warrant for a new chapter, *Fumna*, to be attached to No. 1936, at Agra, has been granted. The membership is 330. With regard to the Mark, Bengal deplores the separation of the Punjab. This was bound to come, and even now Bengal has some thirty-two lodges left and 391 members. Eleven of the lodges, however, are in abeyance. New lodges have been opened at Jhansi and Mozufferpore.

Masonry in the Punjab is always flourishing, and the memory of the late Bro. Whympster is still seen to exercise an influence. Of him it may be said that "He being dead yet speaketh." The D.G.M. is Col. Massey, and his utterances at the meetings of District Grand Lodge are always worth reading, not only on account of their elegant and polished diction, but by reason of the true Masonry revealed in them. Nor must mention be omitted of the services of Bro. Leslie. There are some 750 subscribing Masons in the Punjab District, and the D.G.M. says with pride they are all good men and true. The Punjab Masonic Institution is well off, and possesses some Rs. 85,000 invested. The excellent Library of the late Bro. Whympster has been secured for the district, and as it is described as one of the finest in the world, Bro. Leslie is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts to secure it. There are 10 chapters numbering 220 members. Of the Mark it is scarcely possible to speak, because at the moment of writing it is still technically part of Bengal. By the time this appears in print R.W. Bro. Edwin Woodall Parker will have been installed as the first District Grand Mark Master.

Of Bombay Masonry there is little to record beyond the appointment, on March 30th last, of W. Bro. J. M. Shields as Dy. D.G.M.

Masonry in Madras has pursued the even tenor of its way. We fancy at the communication to be held this month, Colonel G. M. J. Moore, our D.G.M., will have a substantial increase to record, that is unless resignations have kept pace with joinings and initiations.

One new lodge, *St. George*, a quasi-military lodge, was consecrated on August 4th. A feature of the year has been the successful working of *Lodge Rock*, the warrant of which lodge, in days now happily gone by, was generally on the railway on its way to or from its proper place. Three lodges are in abeyance, *Prudentia* Negapatam, *Western Star*, Cannanore, and *Coromandel*, Cocanada, in addition to which there are 20 other lodges, some of which are in a highly prosperous condition. From a benevolent point of view Madras does not compare favourably with other districts. This is no fault of those in authority. Both by precept and example Col. Moore advocates the cause of the Madras Masonic Institute, but the number of subscribers is far below what it ought to be. A favourite form of supporting it seems to be the endowment of chairs. One lodge has endowed every single officer belonging to it. The M.M.I. at present supports 12 orphans in various ways, some being maintained at school, some supported during a term of apprenticeship, and all being fitted in various ways to earn their own living. In its last report the M.M.I. possessed Rs. 26,000 in Government paper.

On St. John's Day, 1893, the brethren were invited to St. Mary's Church, Fort St. George, to a Masonic service. A considerable number were present in Masonic clothing, and heard a remarkable sermon from W. Bro. the Rev. C. H. Malden, P.D.G.C., which appeared on p. 28 of our last volume.

The only other event to be noted was the change in the editorship of this journal. W. Bro. Malden, who had founded it in 1888, and, with a slight intermission, carried it on ever since, felt that his removal from Madras to Mysore prevented him from discharging editorial functions in a satisfactory manner, and he resigned the editorship in June, 1894, and the following month the present editor, the Rev. J. T. Lawrence, took charge. We ought to add that for a year during W. Bro. Malden's absence in England, the journal was carried on in an able manner by W. Bro. Travers-Drapes.—*Indian Masonic Review*.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

HAMER BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Hamer Benevolent Institution, under the presidency of Bro. P. Armsstrong, P.M. 724, was held on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The recommendation of the General Committee as to the election of two candidates on the foundation of the Charity was unanimously adopted. Bros. Isaac Turner and Pittaway, two of the Auditors, gave a favourable report as to the present state of the funds and the progress of the Institution. The 21st annual report of the "Hamer," prepared by Bro. R. Bottomly, Honorary Secretary, congratulated the brethren of the province on the continued success of the Charity. It was founded in 1873, to form a fund for benevolent purposes, and to perpetuate the name of the late Bro. James Hamer, P. Prov. G.T., and by the end of the year 1876, the fund had accumulated to £543, and one application for assistance had been made. At the end of the year 1881 we find the capital account amounted to £1138, and that during the year the one annuitant had died, but another brother had been elected in his place, at an annual cost of £10. Five years later the fund was £2457, and the amount paid to annuitants was £45. In 1888 the annuity was increased to £20, and in 1892 it was further increased to £26, and at the close of the year 1891 14 annuitants were upon the foundation, at a cost of £305, whilst the capital account had advanced to £4077; and at the close of the year 1894 the fund amounted to £4919, and the amount paid to 15 annuitants, and in specific grants to five brethren, amounted to £357, or £122 in excess of the amount granted to 13 brethren in the previous year. In November an appeal was issued to the lodges, as it was feared there would be a large falling off in the income, the amount up to that time being £20 less than in the previous year up to that date; but thanks to half a dozen lodges (out of 110 lodges in the province), who contributed £209 out of a total of £411, the income was £2 in excess of last year, whilst the amount granted had increased by £122. By this result the Committee were compelled to admit the correctness of the opinion formed by the Committee in 1880.—"That, should the Institution require it, they may, judging from what has been done for others, always calculate upon receiving ample support."

ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The report of this Institution (of which Bro. J. Pittaway, P.P.G.D.C., Std. Br., is the Secretary) is as follows: In presenting the ninth annual report, the Committee have pleasure in reporting the continued and increased good work being done by this Institution; but, while it could not reasonably expect this year the unprecedented amount contributed to the funds last year, regret that the donations and contributions have fallen off so much as not to be in any way commensurate with the good being accomplished. The contributions from lodges, &c., amount to the sum of £736 4s., against £1790 17s. 6d. in the previous year; while the interest from investments and on cash in bank is £200 15s. 6d., against £165 17s. 3d. last year. The amount paid in annuities is £521 16s. 4d., against £299 1s. 4d. in the previous year; while the working expenses amount to £38 2s. 10d., against £43 4s. 11d. for last year. The balance of cash now in the bank is £2031 1s. 3d., a portion of which is waiting a profitable investment. The number of contributing lodges, &c., for the year is 67, against 88 for last year, a decrease of 21. A Festival was held in Southport in October last, under the presidency of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M., when there were present about 80 ladies and brethren. The donations reported on the occasion amounted to £450. The profit proceeds of the Festival paid over to the funds of the Institution amounted to 18 guineas. During the year 15 more annuitants have been placed on the Foundation of the Institution at a cost, in annuities, of £263; and there are now 12 more applicants, all of whom have been elected, which will make the total number of annuitants 42, and a total cost, in annuities, of £736 1s. 4d. From the above-named figures it will be seen that unless a more liberal support be given to this Institution the good work now being done cannot be much more increased. This would be very disappointing after the enlarged sphere of usefulness of the Institution, securing its benefits to a larger number, instituted under the new code of by-laws. Therefore, it is hoped that the brethren generally will lay this matter to heart, and not allow its progress to be interrupted for the want of funds. At the same time, the Committee would venture to suggest to the respective lodges that a more careful investigation of each applicant's circumstances be made, so that the funds may be equitably disbursed, and thus promote the true objects of the Institution. The Treasurer of the Institution is Bro. G. Harradon.

THE LODGE OF THE NINE MUSES, No. 235.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS BY BRO. H. SADLER.

This lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar-square, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Frederick Neild, W.M.; E. W. W. Edwards, I.P.M.; William Webb, S.W.; Geo. Cockle, J.W.; F. J. Heseltine, P.M.; Treas.; Walter Webb, P.M.; Sec.; W. English Harrison, P.M.; J. Brend Batten, P.M.; E. Luxmoore Marshall, P.M.; S. C. Clarke, S.D.; Edward Manville, J.D.; Essex White Layton, D.C.; T. Trevor White, and John M. Courage. Visitors: Bros. W. C. A. Milligan; Downing Fullerton, Sq. I.C.; R. R. Clowes, P.M. 2201; M. Lepotier; H. Sadler, P.M. 2148; G. Tyler; C. J. Singleton, P.M. 2275; and S. Simmelkjer, 1719. The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. John Michell Courage, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by all who took part in it.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was disposed of to the satisfaction of all present, and was followed by the usual toasts.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said he had as one of his guests on that occasion a very distinguished Mason in the person of Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler, and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge, who was well known to many of the brethren as one who took a warm interest in Masonry in general, and the histories of lodges in particular.

Bro. Simmelkjer having responded to the toast, the W.M. asked the brethren to resume their seats, and called upon Bro. Sadler to tell them something of the early history of the lodge.

Bro. Sadler thanked the W.M. for having honoured him with an invitation to this old and distinguished lodge, and heartily congratulated the brethren on their good fortune in having a W.M. and officers so thoroughly efficient in the discharge of their several duties. As a general rule, he very seldom visited lodges except when they were launched into existence, but he never wanted twice asking to visit an old lodge, especially if the lodge had a history, and this lodge of the Nine Muses had a most interesting one. It was a great treat to him, being naturally something of an antiquary as well as a lover of art, to have had the privilege of personally examining those unique and beautiful jewels (of which the lodge was so justly proud), designed and painted by the celebrated Cipriani; he had read of them, and had seen engravings of them, but until that night he had never seen them in reality. While examining these historic treasures, he had failed to notice another jewel or, more properly speaking, a medal, which at one time must have been in the possession of the lodge—he alluded to what was known as the "Hall Medal." He did not know whether the brethren were acquainted with the history of this somewhat rare Masonic medal; possibly they had never seen it before; he had, however, brought one with him, which he would hand to the W.M. for inspection, and when it had made the round of the lodge he hoped and trusted it would find its way back to his own pocket. This medal, as they would observe from the inscription on the reverse, was originally the property of one of the founders of their lodge, and, in his opinion, the principal founder, the Chevalier Ruspini, who was also chiefly instrumental in establishing that excellent Charity, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; the medal would doubtless, therefore, be of more than ordinary interest to them. He would now tell them, as briefly as possible, its history.

In the early days of the Grand Lodge it had very little money, indeed at one time it had none at all, and when any application was made for Charity, and the applicant was deemed worthy of assistance, he was relieved by the simple process of "sending round the hat," or in other words, making a collection in Grand Lodge, the same as was done in private lodges. In the course of time it was considered advisable to establish a fund for the relief of distressed brethren, and the various lodges were invited to contribute according to their means, which they did with more or less liberality. There was, however, at this period, and for many years afterwards, only one fund, and that was known as "The Grand Charity." Prior to the year 1776, the Grand Lodge, although it undoubtedly possessed a name, had no "local habitation"; the ordinary meetings were held at one of the old taverns in the neighbourhood of Fleet-street, and the Annual Grand Festival, for the installation of the Grand Master and the appointment of the Grand Officers, was usually held at one of the halls of the City Companies lent for the occasion. In the year 1768 a strong effort was made by the authorities to procure funds for the better furnishing of the Grand Lodge, and this was followed by a further appeal to the Craft to contribute towards raising a fund for the purpose of building a hall to be used as a permanent meeting place, with proper offices, &c. This was found to be a somewhat difficult undertaking; however, without entering into details, he might state that this fund steadily increased, and in the year 1773 a Hall Committee was appointed, consisting of the Grand Officers and 10 Masters of lodges, one of the original 10 being Bro. James Bottomley, Master of the St. Alban's Lodge, who afterwards became a member of this lodge. In the following year (1774) the Grand Lodge purchased the freehold of two houses and a large garden in Great Queen-street, and it was in this garden that the splendid hall in which the Grand Lodge now assembles was erected, and solemnly dedicated to Masonry in the year 1776. A considerable sum of money was required to pay the cost of building and keeping the hall and adjoining premises in repair. One of the plans for raising the necessary funds was sanctioned by Grand Lodge in 1779. He could not remember the precise words of the resolution, but it was to the following purport: any brother or lodge lending to the Grand Lodge a sum of not less than £25 without interest should be presented with a medal of such form and value as the Grand Lodge should determine, and in the case of a lodge subscribing the medal should be worn by the Master for the time being for ever after.

It would probably be highly gratifying to the brethren to know that out of the total number of lodges that subscribed, 26 only, throughout the whole of the Craft—and then as now we had lodges in nearly every part of the world—the Lodge of the Nine Muses was among the first to receive that medal. What had become of it was impossible to say, but being made, as they would observe, of good old-fashioned silver it had probably found its way to the melting pot years ago. Only 17 of those lodges were in existence at the present time. It would, doubtless, be equally pleasing

to know that out of the 81 individual brethren who subscribed, at least nine were members of that lodge. Their names were John Hull, the first Master of the lodge whose name they might see on the warrant. He was evidently a Mason of considerable eminence, for he was appointed to the office of Junior Grand Warden in the year 1775. At that time the only officers in Grand Lodge who were changed every year were the Grand Wardens, indeed, with the exception of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Sword Bearer, there were no other Grand Officers, and the office last named was in a measure a perpetual appointment. Any brother, therefore, who was made a Grand Warden at that period must have had some very strong recommendations both social and Masonic. Bro. Hull was also an active and zealous member of the Hall Committee from shortly after its formation, and in July, 1780, he received the thanks of that body (consisting of the leading Masons of the day) "as Commanding Officer, together with his Company, the 18th Royal Volunteers, for protecting Freemasons' Hall against the outrages of the mob during the late riots." There could be no doubt that the forethought and firmness of Bro. Hull saved the new Hall and the valuable records of the Craft from the fate of several other buildings in the neighbourhood, for the riots referred to were probably the most serious that ever occurred in London; they were known as the "Gordon" or "No Popery riots," which broke out early in the month of June, 1780, when, for several days, the Metropolis was practically in the hands of a turbulent and destructive mob. The next subscriber to the Hall Loan was the Earl of Effingham, Acting Grand Master from 1782 to 1789, the first to hold that office; he joined the lodge in March, 1779. Then we have the Earl Ferrers, who appears to have joined the lodge 15th June, 1778, and Viscount Tamworth, his successor, who was initiated on the same day, both of whom were Senior Grand Wardens.

The Hon. William Ward (afterwards Lord Dudley and Ward) was initiated in 1783, and was Senior Grand Warden in 1784. A worthy son of a worthy father. His biographer says "He was distinguished by the purest and most munificent benevolence of character." His father John, 6th Lord Ward, spent a long life in the service of the Craft; and is the only man met with in the annals of Masonry, who, to use a nautical expression, came in at the hawse holes and worked his way step by step up to the quarter-deck. His first appearance in the Grand Lodge Records was as a member of a very distinguished lodge (now No. 5 on our list) about the year 1730; he was then plain John Ward, Esq. Under the same title he served the office of Grand Steward in 1732-3; as the Hon. John Ward he was Junior Warden 1733-4, Senior Grand Warden 1734-5, and Deputy Grand Master from 1735 to 1738, and as Lord Viscount Dudley and Ward he was Grand Master from 1742 to 1744. He continued to take an active interest in the affairs of the Craft down to the time of his death in 1774. Next on the list of subscribers to the Hall Loan was Sir Nicholas Nugent, Bart., who was Senior Grand Warden in 1786; James Bottomley, for many years Grand Sword Bearer; Francis Franco, Grand Steward in 1780; and the Chevalier Ruspini, Grand Sword Bearer from 1791 to 1813. In addition to the brethren mentioned, there were several others eminent in art as well as in Masonry, who honoured the lodge by becoming members of it. There was Lord Ranelagh, a most distinguished Mason, Prov. Grand Master for Derbyshire, Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire, Grand Master of the Knights Templar, and Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter; he was Master of the lodge in 1799; Lord Macdonald, S.G.W. in 1787, who lent the Grand Lodge £500 in 1788 towards a sum then being raised for rebuilding the Freemasons' Tavern; Bro. Raphael Franco, the first Senior Warden of the lodge, who, on his decease in 1780, left a legacy of £50 to the Hall Fund; Sir William Rawlins, S.G. Warden in 1802, Master of the lodge in 1807; Thomas Harper, who was Deputy Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge for many years, a worthy and highly respected brother, who made the jewel now worn by the Immediate Past Master.

Bro. Sadler hoped the brethren were not yet tired of listening to him, but if they were he would resume his seat at once. Time would not admit of his repeating the names of all the eminent members of the lodge; there were, however, two other distinguished founders of it whom he had been reserving to the last, namely, Cipriani and Bartolozzi, whose names and works were not confined to this lodge, nor to this country, they belonged to the world of art generally and were inseparable. In many of those beautiful engravings, now so much sought after, were to be seen in one corner the name of Cipriani and in the other that of Bartolozzi. The brethren had probably read about these two justly celebrated artists in an interesting little book compiled many years ago by Bro. Walter Webb, P.M., giving a sketch of the early history of their lodge. Bro. Webb had, however, left him a few words to say as to their Masonic work. Probably almost the last artistic work done by Cipriani was designing a frontispiece for the Book of Constitutions, in conjunction with Thomas Sandby, R.A., the architect of Freemasons' Hall. The plate was engraved by Bartolozzi and Thomas Fittler, and although neither Cipriani nor Bartolozzi subscribed to the hall loan, they did what was much better, they presented the result of their artistic labours to the Grand Lodge and that was worth much more than £25 at that time. Bartolozzi received the thanks of the Committee and a Hall medal in acknowledgment of his services, and Cipriani would doubtless have been treated in the same way had he lived; unfortunately he died before the engraving was finished, and the six proof impressions which were to have been presented to him were sent to his son. Bartolozzi also engraved (no doubt at the request of his friend Ruspini) the celebrated picture of the children in procession at Freemasons' Hall, which was dedicated to the Grand Lodge, and in which there were portraits of five members of the Lodge of the Nine Muses. It was much to the honour of our nation, and to the credit of our English art patrons, that those two eminent artists reached the zenith of their fame in this country. Cipriani's biographer gave him what might be deemed a thoroughly Masonic testimonial, when he wrote "The fertility of his inventions, the graces of his composition, and the seductive elegance of his forms were only surpassed by the probity of his character, the simplicity of his manners, and the benevolence of his heart."

After a few more remarks having reference to "the unfortunate Dr. Dodd," who was present at the first meeting of the lodge, Bro. Sadler thanked the brethren for the attention they had given to his rather long, and he feared somewhat desultory, speech, and resumed his seat amidst expressions of gratification from the brethren.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Walter Webb, P.M. and Sec., and J. Brend Batten, P.M.; and that of "The Officers" by Bros. William Webb, S.W., and Edward Manville, J.D.

The Tyler's toast closed a most instructive and agreeable meeting.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS

Royal Athelstan Lodge (No. 19).—The regular meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, there being present, Bro. Milton Smith, W.M., and all his officers, namely: Bros. John Henry Whadcoat, I.P.M.; Edwyn George Young, S.W.; William Ferdinand Stauffer, J.W.; Henry Glenn, P.M., Treas.; Charles B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; George Risdon Carsberg, S.D.; 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. Also present: Bros. F. E. W. Collard, P.M.; George Sneath, P.M.; Arthur Wormull, P.M.; J. P. Hinckel, H. Merrett, G. Stevens, M. Marsland, C. Marsland, M. Miro, A. C. Burnley, T. E. Williams, Charles Smith, C. E. Wells, G. W. Capel, and the three initiates. Visitors: Bro. G. Powell, P.M. 142; D. J. Klein, 1790; Septimus Marsland, 2184; and F. W. Dunn, 137.

The meeting was an especially interesting one on account of the perhaps unique event of three sons being initiated by their father. The ballot having been taken and proving unanimous in favour of Messrs. Charles Henry Barnes, Wm. Chapman Barnes, and John Walter Barnes, sons of the highly respected Secretary and Past Master of the lodge, the W.M. invited Bro. C. B. Barnes, P.M., to take the chair, and the initiates had the satisfaction of being conducted into the mysteries of the Order by their own father, and in a very impressive manner, the members and visitors greatly appreciating the proceedings. It is the usual practice for this lodge to take each initiate separate, but the brothers wishing to come in together if possible, with the assistance of the W.M., I.P.M., D.C., and three Deacons, they were taken together, and the ceremony lost none of its impressiveness. The W.M. raised Bro. Fred. W. Dunn, B.A., of the Amity Lodge to the Third Degree, and passed to the Second Degree Bros. Charles Smith, and Charles Edmund Wells.

The business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the usual excellent banquet provided for the lodge.

At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master," the W.M. referred to the patronage of the Queen, and the services rendered to the Craft by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., replied for "The Grand Officers," remarking that it was a red-letter day in the lodge, and that Grand Lodge would never want officers if all lodges followed the example of No. 19.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and, in a pleasant speech, congratulated Bro. Milton Smith on the successful manner in which he had started his year of office, and hoped that such success would continue throughout, and afford him a happy year in the chair. He also thought that the lodge had reason to be thoroughly satisfied with their choice when electing him to the position.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the Immediate Past Master, Past Masters, and brethren for their kind words of thanks and the appreciation of his efforts. His aim was to do the work of the lodge as well as his humble abilities would allow him. He was not afraid of work, plenty had been given him to start with, and there were whispers of plenty more to follow. If they gave him the work, and were not afraid to entrust their friends to his care, he would promise to treat them kindly. He was gratified at the honour of having so good an assembly that night, which was the most practical way of exhibiting their goodwill and support.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiates," which was received with continuous fire. He remarked that the initiates had just told him that they had been used to calling their parent father, but now it seemed they would have to call him brother, but he had no doubt they would soon get over that difficulty. He proceeded to say that the three brethren were that night received into the fold of Masonry, where they would discover the secret of much life-giving sustenance, that their admission into the light of Masonry from the outer world would open to them new channels of usefulness and pleasure, which he was sure they would make good use of. It was always a gratifying incident to receive a brother into Masonry, but that was more especially so when the initiate was the son of a member, and more than a three-fold pleasure when it came to be three sons of so respected a member as their old beloved Secretary, Bro. Barnes, P.M. The event of itself was probably a unique one, and it was evident that the sons entered Freemasonry from a favourable opinion pre-conceived, imparted by the good example of their father, that they appreciated their father's worth, and were satisfied to tread in his footsteps. This was satisfactory to father and son, and also to the lodge, as showing that its members reflected credit outside its portals. The name of Barnes had long been a household word in the lodge, and now they had three sons, there might be hope some day of a grandson coming in to perpetuate that good name. In the name of the lodge he greeted them with the hand of good fellowship.

In a few exceptionally well-delivered remarks the initiates each replied.

Bro. Chas. Henry Barnes expressed his sincere thanks for electing him a member of so ancient and honourable a lodge. He had long wished to be a Freemason, and had heard a great deal about the Royal Athelstan Lodge, not only from his father, but from other sources. He thanked his dear father and Bro. Bywater for proposing and seconding him, and the brethren for electing him. He had been much impressed with the ceremony, and expressed his readiness to do any work that might be required of him.

Bro. Wm. Chapman Barnes expressed his thanks, and said he hoped that he might become a worthy atom of the great Brotherhood.

Bro. John Walter Barnes assured the brethren that he felt it a great honour to be admitted into the lodge, and hoped in time to prove he was a chip of the old block.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Past Masters," said the excellent services of Bro. J. H. Whadcoat was fresh in the minds of the members, and he felt satisfied that the spirit which animated him in doing so much for the lodge last year had not left him, which was evidenced by the fact of his coming that day from Scotland to be at the lodge, and he was sure that he would continue to be a valuable member. As to the Past Masters, they were always ready to do good service to the lodge and were capable of doing it, as was evidenced that night by the admirable way in which Bro. Barnes had, for the first time for about nine years, performed the ceremony of initiation and in the way the father of the lodge, Bro. Bywater, always does the installation ceremony. He was W.M. of the lodge in 1853, and it was a pleasure to be proud of, to look down the list of 22 Past Masters dating from 1853-1855-1856 to 1894.

The I.P.M. having responded,

Bro. F. E. W. Collard, P.M., replied, and, in a very fluent speech, returned thanks for "The Past Masters," and congratulated the initiates on the promise they gave of becoming good and useful Masons and members of the lodge.

In reply to the "Health of the Visitors," Bro. Dr. Klein expressed the pleasure it always was to visit No. 19. He said he had never visited a more united lodge, nor had he ever been able to find a fault with the working in the lodge or the arrangements at the banquet, neither had he heard of anyone else who could. He felt he would like to become a member.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the absence of Bro. H. Glenn on account of illness, and to the industry, courtesy, promptness, and correctness that Bro. Barnes, P.M., always imparted into his work.

Bro. Barnes, P.M., Sec., in response, said he thought the kind remarks as to the Secretary were too good. The work was necessary, and he had tried to do it, and apparently had succeeded, to their satisfaction. He was greatly moved on that occasion. There had been two important landmarks in his life—one many years since when he married, and the other that night, having been able to conduct his three sons into Masonry, thus bringing them for the second time into light. He hoped and believed that they would not only be members of the lodge, but working Masons, and that what they were taught would influence them all their lives.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast followed.

During the evening, Bro. Septimus Marsland and several of the members sang some excellent songs and recited, which helped to make what was a most enjoyable evening.

City of London Lodge (No. 901).—A large number of visitors attended the installation meeting of this influential lodge at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, 18th inst., when Bro. Frederick Eade was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Gillard, W.M.; F. Eade, S.W.; M. T. Tuck, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; David Hughes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Hatton, Sec.; A. Ginger, P.M.; E. Verner, P.M.; W. R. Haylock, P.M.; Daniel Hughes, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Lawrence, P.M.; H. Harbord, P.M.; G. Rubardt, P.M., and many others. Visitors: H. Hollier, 2192; E. Milson, 2484; A. Hickson, P.M. 228; J. T. Jones, 1446; A. S. Ginger, W.M. 1608; C. M. Coxon, P.P.G.D. Herts; C. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W. Jersey; H. Salter, P.M. 861; J. Potter, 1693; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; J. W. Claude, I.P.M. 1512; W. Simeons, I.G. 193; C. J. Butler, 827; R. W. Durham, D.C. 174; A. McDowall, P.M. 1962; J. W. Belsham, W.M. 1614; H. Holmes, P.P.G.D. Herts; W. H. Nugent, I.P.M. 820; H. Townend, 180; R. G. Edwards, 1257; E. Sage, 1196; H. Whitney, 861; A. H. Cole, W.M. 1746; J. D. Graham, P.M. 1559; C. Mead, 1366; H. Times, W.M. 165; T. Jefferies, S.W. 1744; R. S. Courtman; L. Hudson, 1475; T. Davies, 1381; T. G. Spencer, P.M. 73; R. Dickinson; F. C. Godding, S.D. 1797; J. Murrell, 193; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the confirmation of the minutes was followed by the raising of a candidate to the Third Degree. Bro. Frederick Eade was presented, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Gillard. The following officers were invested: Bros. R. Gillard, I.P.M.; P. C. Rogers, S.W.; M. T. Tuck, J.W.; David Hughes, P.M., Treas.; J. Hatton, Sec.; G. English, S.D.; R. W. Dobing, J.D.; W. H. Haylock, jun., I.G.; W. H. Key, D.C.; J. F. Haskins, Ph.D., &c., P.P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; A. Ginger, P.M.; S. E. Green, and E. W. Barnes, Stwds.; and Turberville, Tyler. The W.M. then evinced his knowledge of the ritual by an impressive rendering of the initiation ceremony. The sum of 20 guineas was unanimously voted to be placed on the Worshipful Master's list for the Boys' School. A Committee was formed to make arrangements for a summer outing, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toast list was proceeded with, and the loyal and Masonic toasts heartily honoured.

Bro. R. Gillard, I.P.M., said it was his pleasure and privilege to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who, like himself, had gone through every office in the lodge except one. The members had selected as Master a brother who would carry out the duties of the chair in a manner equal, if not superior, to those who had preceded him. He (the I.P.M.) had watched Bro. Eade's career, and it was one of the proudest events in his career to have had the honour of installing him into the chair of that lodge. They all wished the W.M. a successful year and plenty of work, and as

there was a long programme that evening, he (the I.P.M.) would simply ask the brethren to heartily drink the toast.

Bro. F. Eade, W.M., in reply, said that if anything in this world could make a man feel inflated it would be the good things said of him by the I.P.M. and the kind reception he had received from the brethren. He was sure they wished him well, and also that the I.P.M. would stand by him during his year of office. In return he would try to carry out his duties to their satisfaction. Of course, like every W.M. who was installed, it came as a surprise to him. He was not afraid he should not be installed, because there were so many Past Masters present all equally able to do it, and he thanked them all for their presence. He thanked the I.P.M. for carrying out the duty of installation, and for the kindly feelings expressed towards him. He hoped to meet the brethren many times during the year and on many future occasions. Those who had promised to undertake the duties of Stewards for the summer outing would not forget their responsibilities. It was his intention to represent the lodge as Steward for the Boys' School, and he thanked the brethren for the 20 guineas voted, and would be happy to receive contributions from the brethren. It was their Masonic duty to do so, and he wished to put it before them with the most humble grace at his command.

At a later period of the proceedings the W.M. announced that his list amounted to £68 15s.

In proposing "The Installing and Immediate Past Master," the W.M. expressed the hope that the brethren would receive the toast with the heartiness it deserved. He had been told by competent authorities that the I.P.M. had performed the installation exceedingly well, and there was no doubt but that Bro. Gillard had made a deep impression upon him. He asked the I.P.M. to receive a Past Master's jewel, which it was his duty to present on behalf of the lodge, and in attaching that gift to his breast he wished the I.P.M. long life and prosperity to enjoy the good fellowship of the brethren.

Bro. R. Gillard, I.P.M., returned thanks. This was really the winding up of his year in a very pleasant way. He regretted leaving the chair, for he had felt perfectly at home with the duties, and the further he went the more he appreciated it. But although he had left the chair it would be his duty and pleasure to feel the same interest in the lodge as he had always done. In the first place he had to thank the brethren for the very handsome jewel voted to him, and he assured them he should prize it more than anything ever presented to him during his life, especially in his Masonic work. He had next to thank the officers for presenting him with the beautiful collar and Past Master's jewel, which he should prize as coming from the hearts of the members of the lodge. He again thanked them for their enthusiastic reception of the toast.

"The Initiate," was next given and appropriately responded to.

In the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. accorded the visiting brethren a cordial welcome, remarking that for many years past the lodge had been gratified with the presence of a goodly number of distinguished brethren, and the present occasion was no exception to the rule.

Bros. Holmes, P.P.G.D.; Naylor, P.P.G.W.; Times, and Cole, responded.

Other toasts were given, and the pleasant proceedings terminated.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org., were admirably carried out by Madame Eugenia Morgan, Miss Jessie Browning, and Bros. Chas. Butler, and W. H. Webb.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1781).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 5th instant. Among those present were Bros. Dr. Millson, W.M.; Barry, S.W.; George Everett, P.M.; P.G. Treas.; Paratt, S.D.; Chisholm, J.D.; Peck, D. of C.; Hopkins, Org.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M.; G. Std. Br.; C. H. Kohler, P.M.; Foale, P.M.; Dennis, P.M.; and Hearn, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a long discussion took place as to the advisability of having an entertainment to which ladies should be invited. The subject was postponed.

A banquet followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. He said that it was unfortunate that the W.M., who was so good a Mason, should not at the first meeting after his installation have had some ceremony to carry out. However, he trusted that before the W.M. vacated the chair, which he so gracefully filled, that there would be plenty of work for him to perform.

The W.M., in reply, said that he was sorry in one respect that there had been no candidates that evening, but pleased in another way because he was by no means well, and did not feel equal to much mental exertion. He felt extremely gratified with the remarks passed upon his poor merits by the proposer of the toast, and for the warmth with which the toast had been received by the brethren. He took that opportunity of thanking the members of the lodge for their kind support to his list as Steward to the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School.

"The Health of the Visitors" followed. The W.M. said that they were at all times pleased to receive visitors. The Kennington was a large lodge; it numbered among its members several very distinguished Masons, brethren whose knowledge of the ceremonies could not be well surpassed. Therefore he believed that those visitors who attended the lodge had opportunities of witnessing good working. Of their subsequent entertainment it was not for him to speak.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1623, &c., among others, acknowledged the toast.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said that it would be superfluous on his part to speak at length upon the respective merits of Bros. Everett and Stuart. These brethren for many years past had had their praises sung, and justly so, by successive Worshipful Masters. He regretted that Bro. Stuart was absent through indisposition.

In reply, Bro. Everett made an amusing speech, and at its conclusion paid a high tribute to the merits of his absent colleague.

During the evening Bros. Hopkins, Davis, Linwood, and others greatly entertained the brethren by their musical selections.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, the following brethren being present: Bros. A. Cox, W.M.; J. A. Blount, S.W.; H. Cox, P.M.; P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, as J.W.; R. Loomes, I.P.M.; S. Napper, P.M.; Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M.; Sec.; E. J. Harrison, S.D.; C. Isler, J.D.; C. Horst, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M.; P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; W. Taylor and F. W. White, Stewards; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. B. Harding, P.M.; G. A. Hopkins, G. E. Walker, T. Spotswood, J. H. Thurman, J. R. White, W. Goring, P. Faber, W. S. Woolacott, C. Weber, F. H. Marggraf, J. Amand, G. Yexley, E. A. Wagstaff, W. Pannell, D. C. Attwater, F. Simmonds, and J. E. Newman. Visitors: Bros. G. T. Chretien, P.M. 1328; J. Petch, P.M. 2298, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; J. Bailey, P.M. 1805; T. H. Lloyd, 2374; and J. R. Carter, 2374.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the first business was the passing of Bros. Spotswood, Thurman, White, and Wagstaff. This was followed by a ballot for Messrs. Walter Chetwin and August Kische, candidates for initiation, which, proving in their favour, they were duly admitted. The ceremonies were admirably rendered by the W.M., including the ancient charge. The names of two candidates for initiation were submitted. A letter was read from Bro. A. C. Halestrap, P.M., and late Treasurer, tendering his resignation as a member of the lodge on account of ill-health, which prevented his attendance. Much sympathy was expressed for Bro. Halestrap, and if universal good wishes could be of any service to him, his recovery would not be long retarded.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a nice little repast, which Bro. Tuck, the manager of the hotel, had provided.

The usual toasts were given and duly honoured.

Replying to the toast of his health, the W.M. enumerated the business for the next meeting, which would be four raisings, two passings, and two initiations, should the candidates be approved. He thanked the brethren for the support they had given him in his Stewardship at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when he was enabled to take up a list amounting to £64.

"The Health of the Initiates" was next proposed, very cordially received, and responded to by them in suitable terms.

Bro. Bailey, P.M. 1805, who replied for "The Visitors," expressed his thanks for the kindly hospitality extended to them, and his own pleasure in being present to witness the excellent working of his friend the W.M.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were continued until a rather late hour. Bro. T. E. Newman, the musical director of the lodge, had managed a very interesting programme of music. Songs were contributed by Bros. Isler, Goring, Newman, Harding, Amand, and Attwater, and a recitation by Bro. C. M. Coxon, the evening's entertainment terminating with "Auld Lang Syne." Bro. H. Stafford Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon, presided at the pianoforte.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge (No. 1602).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, the 8th instant, when there was a very large number of brethren and visitors present, including Bro. A. J. Cave, jun., who presided, and was supported by Bros. F. C. Everett, I.P.M.; Lieut. J. G. W. James, S.W.; H. C. Pickett, J.W.; John Weston, P.M., Treas.; John Osborn, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Fletcher, I.G.; G. Wheeler, S.D.; H. G. Davenall, J.D.; J. C. Hiscock, D.C.; E. Drew, A.D.C.; W. J. R. Littlewood, William Beckett, W. Willshire, and W. J. Franklin, Stewards; Willie Wright, P.M., Org.; G. W. Larter, P.M.; Dr. George Brown, P.M.; C. Cruft, H. Hermann, H. S. Parker, T. W. Wells, R. C. Beaumont, W. Howland, G. H. Smithers, W. E. Evans, H. H. Tasker, G. Sage, J. Taylor, J. Porter, J. C. Edwards, G. J. Robinson, M. Woolf, J. S. Goldsmid, A. Raines, A. Coker, E. Andress, J. T. Stickland, F. Heath, E. F. Cripps, F. Stuart, R. Phipps, C. Fumagalli, C. E. Braun, J. Capp, H. T. Sage, J. Skewes, C. Anning, R. W. Gallaway, J. Butcher, and S. Hashan. Visitors: Bros. F. Boust, P.M.; C. A. Bathe, 1708; D. J. Witte, 1327; T. F. Strutt, G. Davey, 1538; R. M. H. Griffith, 1677 and 1907; J. Edwards, 188; Richard Evans, 1623; J. W. B. Croger, 188; J. Kerridge, 1922; W. Noel, 1791; and S. Goldstein, 1563.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. W. Howland was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. J. Taylor and J. Porter passed. Bro. Lieut. J. G. W. James, S.W. and I.P.M. 795, was unanimously chosen W.M.; the election of Treasurer again falling, and that unanimously, to Bro. John Weston, P.M. Bro. Sheppard was elected Tyler, and thanks were expressed by each. Bros. Braun, E. F. Cripps, and R. Phipps were elected as the Audit Committee, and a Past Master's jewel value 15 guineas, was voted to the outgoing W.M., and other business having been transacted, lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where a choice banquet was well served by Messrs. A. Probyn and Co.

The W.M. briefly, but loyally proposed "The Queen and Craft," "The Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," and also "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., with the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and full Masonic recognition was accorded to each.

Bro. F. C. Everett, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," respectfully but conscientiously acknowledging the great and substantial service Bro. Cave, jun., had rendered to the lodge during the whole of his term of office. It was true, he said, that the lodge, during its career, had had many Masters, but none had exceeded in genuine enthusiasm and earnestness the Worshipful Master that was now presiding.

The W.M., Bro. A. J. Cave, jun., in response, said that, although he felt he had only done his duty, it was highly gratifying to him to find so much kindness of appreciation as had been given him all through. He felt also deeply sensible of the distinguishing mark of their favours they had shown by making him a present of a Past Master's collar and jewel at a cost which was half as much again as was ordinarily voted. He loved the lodge, and its work had given him keen delight, and although he felt some regret that his term had expired, it was highly satisfactory to him to know that in the W.M. elect they would have an officer fully as competent and one in whose care the prestige of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge would be most worthily sustained; and so in submitting "The Health of the W.M. elect," with success to his career, he knew that a cordially fraternal welcome would be given to it.

Bro. Lieut. J. G. W. James, the W.M. elect, in responding, thanked the W.M. for the kindly words used in making the proposition, and the brethren also for unanimously electing him to the important position. He desired to assure them that, although possessed of every desire to do credit to such high office, there still was in him a natural anxiety as to his capacity to follow such an able and perfect Master as Bro. Cave had proved himself to be, but still he would try, and if at the expiration of his term they were satisfied with his efforts, his own satisfaction would be complete. In speaking of the Past Masters and the present, it was always true that "the new took the place of the old," and he, for himself, desired that the friends and brethren of older days should be present whenever possible to give strength and encouragement to present officers of office. He accepted the high office of earnestness, and hoped that at the close of his term the brethren would feel themselves justified in applying to him the words—"Well done!"

The W.M., in welcoming terms, proposed "The Visitors," whom they were all glad to see with them at every lodge.

Replies were given by Bros. Boust, Bathe, Strutt, Goldstein, Noel, R. Evans, G. Davey, Croger, and R. M. H. Griffith.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," observing that the value of Past Masters could not be over-estimated, they, when present in lodge, formed a Council of Appeal, and were always guides.

Bro. J. Osborn, P.M., Secretary, acknowledged the proposition, saying that the Past Masters were always ready for emergencies, and to be guides when necessary. During the past 20 years they had had good Masters, but with due deference to them all, he doubted whether any one of them had excelled Bro. Cave, their present ruler, who seemed to anticipate everything, forgetting nothing. The lodge had prospered under his reign; he had introduced fifteen initiates, and rendered good service to their Institutions. Speaking for the other Past Masters and himself, they might rely on their continued fidelity, and for any help they could render.

Bro. Dr. G. Brown also replied.

The W.M. proposed "The Lodge Officers," complimenting the brethren on the efficiency and earnestness of every officer, each of whom seemed to vie with the other in the good work to be done.

To this the Senior and Junior Wardens and other officers replied.

The Tyler's toast brought a perfect and effective meeting to a close.

During the evening an excellent musical programme, well arranged by Bro. Willie Wright, P.M., was rendered.

Clerkenwell Lodge (No. 1964).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. Captain Walter Lurcott, W.M.; R. Baker, I.P.M.; W. Collis Clark, S.W.; A. M. Barnard, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., Chap.; James E. Terry, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Hoare, S.D.; W. A. Hume, J.D.; J. T. Latham, I.G.; Captain W. N. Davis, Stwd.; H. Chapman, P.M.; J. J. Goode, P.M.; W. Brooke, C. E. Gwinnell, H. Dale, A. C. Wilks, W. C. Barnard, Merry, G. F. Edwards, A. A. Copeland, A. E. Couchman, and R. J. Morley, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. T. B. Tipton, 1624; Captain Winkley; S. H. Price, W.M. 1288; W. E. Adams, 1599; Jas. Bayne, Dudley Causton, 865; J. Gray, H. Sanders, 917; H. Rouch, 917; W. H. Ockenden, 142; G. Edwards, 766; Sidney Tower, 1491; Hon. W. Massey Mainwaring, 23; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Messrs. W. C. Barnard, A. E. Couchman, T. W. Merry, G. F. Edwards, and A. A. Copeland. Bro. W. Collis Clark, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.M., P.G.S.B., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. R. J. Morley again appointed Tyler. The Secretary reported the death of Bro. Col. Henry Radcliffe, P.M. It was announced that Bro. Capt. Lurcott's list, as Steward for the Old People, amounted to the magnificent sum of £122 17s. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., Bro. Capt. Lurcott, which it was stated he had well earned for his great services, and it was acknowledged by him in suitable terms.

Bro. Joseph Gray, late of the Royal Savoy Lodge, having been proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet which was admirably served under the direction of Mr. F. Fogg.

At the close of the repast, and as a preface to the toasts, the W.M. said that his speeches would be brief, and he hoped those who had to follow him would adopt the same course.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts,

The W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that was the first time during his term of office that he had not been honoured with the presence of a Grand Officer, but Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., was engaged elsewhere, and Bro. Miller, P.G.S.B., was in the South of France for his health.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Richard Baker, I.P.M., said it was the last time that it would be his privilege and pleasure to submit the toast, which he regretted very much. When Bro. Capt. Lurcott was installed W.M., he predicted that he would have a splendid year of office, and that had been fulfilled, as it was beyond doubt that he was the best Master the lodge had ever had, and his year of office would never be forgotten.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

In response, Bro. Capt. Lurcott, W.M., stated that when he was elected he felt it a great honour. He had tried to do his best as W.M., but it had not been possible for him to surpass the able Masters who had gone before him with honour. That day was a red-letter one in his existence, having had five initiates, and it was the first time in the history of the lodge that they had had so large a number at one time. He had had every

assistance from them all during his year of office, which was not one of labour but of love, and it had been a happy time for him.

The W.M. gave "The Initiates." He was not in the best of health, and he was not satisfied with his work that evening, and he hoped the brethren would forgive his shortcomings, but he trusted that the five initiates were impressed with the beautiful ceremony. He had known Bro. Cecil Barnard for many years, and he was honoured that he had initiated him. The others were of excellent quality, and if they studied the ritual they would become better men, and on behalf of the lodge he gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Cecil Barnard said that he was proud that he was able to address them as brethren—a wish that he had had for years. He had in the course of his career assisted in many functions, but what he had gone through that evening was a great surprise to him. He appeared to be, and he supposed he was, a child in Masonry, but, nevertheless, he thought the ceremony was splendid, and, if he might say so, the W.M. had impressively performed his part, and he should never forget it.

Bros. Couchman and Edwards also responded in appropriate terms.

"The Visitors" having been honoured,

Bro. the Hon. W. Massey Mainwaring responded. It was the second time that he had had the pleasure of attending and replying to the toast. The W.M. had stated that it was a red-letter day, and that remark also applied to him, as he had never before seen five initiates made at one time. Their W.M. was well known, and everything he took in hand he did well. His work that night was excellent, and nothing could be more gratifying at the end of one's Mastership than to initiate five members, but he would be succeeded by one who would follow in his footsteps, and add prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. Edwards also replied in a humorous speech, which elicited much laughter.

Bro. Price said that no lodge could outdo the reception and entertainment the visitors had had.

The Charity-box having been sent round the banqueting table, the W.M. explained that it was the practice of the lodge to sell the contents. He then put it up for auction, and, after several bids, it was knocked down to one of the visitors at two guineas.

The W.M. proposed "The W.M. Elect." He said that Bro. Ellis Clark had filled every office with honour, and he knew no one better able to act as W.M. He was a splendid worker of the ritual, regular in attendance, and he had given him (the W.M.) every assistance.

Bro. W. Collis Clark, S.W., W.M. elect, responded. For the last ten years he had done his best to qualify himself, but he had to follow a W.M. that it would be impossible to excel, but he would do his best. He was affected that night to hear of the death of Bro. Col. Henry Radcliffe, who had initiated him, and the impression he formed at that time would never be effaced from his memory.

In giving "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master referred to the great loss the lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Col. Radcliffe, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. R. Baker, I.P.M., and Rev. J. H. Rose, who both responded.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. James E. Terry, P.M., Sec., and A. M. Barnard, J.W.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

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The Tyler's toast brought to an end a happy and successful gathering.

The Worshipful Master had provided a splendid vocal and musical entertainment, which was well carried out under the direction of Bro. Cecil Barnard, and the following also took part: Bros. James Bayne, Dudley Causton, Sidney Tower, Miss Helen Saunders, and Miss Jessie Hotine. Special mention was made of the two ladies and Bro. Dudley Causton, whose great efforts were much appreciated.

The W.M., Bro. Capt. Lurcott, was initiated by the late Col. Radcliffe into the Clerkenwell Lodge in 1885. He joined the Highbury Lodge in 1887, but had to resign it on account of other engagements. Exalted in Royal Arch Freemasonry, Camden Chapter, 704; founder of Jordan Chapter, and one of the three Principals of Farringdon Without Chapter, 1745. Member of the Camden Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariners; served the office of Steward three times for the Benevolent Institution and once for the Boys' and Girls', and is a Life Governor of each. Acted for four years as Honorary Secretary to a Committee of North London Masons, during which time nearly £300 was raised from the annual ball for the Masonic Charities, and this year was unanimously elected its President, when the profits for the Charities amounted to £94 10s. Our brother has been an energetic volunteer for upwards of 25 years, and is now a captain in the Finsbury Rifles, from which corps the majority of the founders of the Clerkenwell Lodge came. He has lately received the Volunteer Long Service Medal, of which he is justly proud; is a Fellow of the Imperial Institute, and a member of the Islington Vestry, in which parish he has resided more than 40 years.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Montague Guest Chapter (No. 1900).—The installation meeting of this successful chapter was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when a goodly number of companions assembled to assist in the proceedings, which proved of a more than usually interesting nature. The in-coming M.E.Z. was Comp. Oscar Philippe, who served as Master of the parent lodge with such distinction that he was unanimously re-elected for a second term of office. Comp. Philippe is well known to all lovers of the Masonic Institutions for his invaluable services on their behalf, and it was in this capacity that a presentation was made to him on the occasion under notice. Comp. P. de Lande Long, P.G.P.S., on behalf of the House Committee of the Girls' School, presented Comp. Philippe with an illuminated resolution of thanks for the munificent support and interest he has shown to that Institution. The compliment was as well deserved as it was appropriately paid. The following companions were present: Comps. Roger Henwood, M.E.Z.; Oscar Philippe, H.; C.

Grassi, J.; W. H. Gardener, P.Z., Treas.; O. F. Viola, S.E.; W. J. Dyer, P.S.; Samuel Brooks, P.Z.; E. M. Doble, P.Z.; G. P. Festa, P.Z.; H. Slyman, P.Z.; W. Goodman, George Gray, and J. Goddard. Visitors: Bros. A. C. Spaul, P.D.G.D.C.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; H. S. Bidwell, 2120; A. G. Hutchens, 2120; J. H. Collier, 1366; W. B. Fendick, 1321; A. Schwerz, A.S. 1507; A. Stribling, 1347; James Webb, J. 2317; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.Z. 704; W. G. Nottage, P.Z. 771; Dr. H. W. Roberts, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; Col. J. Ward, C.B.; E. L. Shelton, 1366; E. Grisbrook, P.P.G.H. Berks; and W. W. Lee, H. 1524.

The chapter having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Comp. Samuel Brooks, P.Z., installed the following companions into their respective chairs with an impressiveness that charmed all who were privileged to be present, viz.: Comps. Oscar Philippe, M.E.Z.; Carlo Grassi, H.; W. J. Dyer, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. W. H. Gardener, Treas.; T. Hutchinson, S.E.; G. F. Viola, S.N.; G. Gray, P.S.; W. Goodman, 1st A.S.; J. Goddard, 2nd A.S.; and G. Couchman, Janitor. The M.E.Z., in presenting Comp. Henwood, I.P.Z., with a handsome Past Principal's jewel in recognition of his distinguished services during the past year, expressed the hope that the recipient would long be spared to wear it. Comp. Henwood, I.P.Z., briefly returned thanks.

Comp. P. de Lande Long, P.G.P.S., then said: Having obtained the consent and permission of the M.E.Z. to address a few words to you, it becomes my privilege and pleasure to refer for a moment or two to the distinguished services which our M.E.Z., since the time he entered our Craft, has rendered to the various Charities of our Order. Tonight I am more especially here as the senior member of the House Committee of the Girls' School, and you all, I dare say, bear in mind the result of our last Festival in May, when Comp. Philippe carried up a list amounting to £1085 14s., the largest individual list that had ever been announced at any Festival. Carrying that on a step, or, perhaps, you will agree many steps further, I may tell you that the greater part, within a few pounds of the total, has already been paid, and is now calmly and peacefully resting in the coffers of the Institution. The House Committee considered that the time had arrived when some notice should be taken of so great and generous an act, and at the last meeting, when I happened to be in the chair, the matter was brought forward with the result that a resolution was passed, which, if you will permit me, I will read to you. I need hardly say that it was passed with acclamation and unanimously. It was as follows: "That the best thanks of this committee be given to Bro. Oscar Philippe, P.M. 1900, and M.E.Z., Patron and already seven times Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the very munificent manner in which he has carried on the Stewardship, the list of which in 1894 produced the splendid sum of £1085." That resolution was moved by myself, as the chairman of the day, and seconded by Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., and it now devolves upon me to ask your acceptance. M.E.Z. of an illuminated copy of this resolution. In so doing, I ask you in addition to the thanks, hearty and sincere, of every member of the House Committee, and of every member of the Craft which you have so greatly adorned. I will only add that I trust the pleasant record of this evening's proceedings may, by the mercy and kindness of the Great Architect long be enjoyed by you, and that this testimonial will recall the fact that those who were connected intimately with that great Institution, of which you are so noble a benefactor, always entertained the utmost gratitude toward you, and hope that great as has been your assistance in the past there may be yet favours in store for it in the future. One thing you will all agree, that so long as our great Institution exists—may it be for all time—so long will the name of Comp. Oscar Philippe be regarded as one of its greatest benefactors and most liberal patrons. Comp. Oscar Philippe, M.E.Z., said he was so completely taken by surprise that he could not find words to express his thanks. It would give him great pleasure to look upon this testimonial, and what he had done in the past, he would endeavour to do in the future. He should have something to say on the subject at a later period, but for the moment he could not find words to express his thanks. Letters of regret were announced from Comps. Sir John Monckton, E. Letchworth, G.S.E., and F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.

Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet table, the tasteful decorations of which were considerably enhanced by the aid of the electric light.

The usual toasts were subsequently honoured, the speeches being brief, owing to the length of the musical programme.

The M.E.Z. first proposed "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," and paid a tribute to her Majesty's popularity, expressing the hope that she would benefit by her trip to the continent.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Principal," was next given by the M.E.Z., who said his Royal Highness had gone abroad to recruit his health, and they hoped he would return renewed with vigour like a young man of 25.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Grand Officers," and referred to the absence of several owing to the prevailing epidemic. They were not all so fortunate as his Royal Highness, the 1st Grand Principal, to be in the sunny South, but the companions would drink to the speedy recovery of those afflicted, and the jolly good health of those present.

Comp. P. de Lande Long, P.G.P.S., replying for the Grand Officers, said that with such good examples before them they were bound in their small way to do what little they could for the success of this Order, which, he was delighted to say, was now flourishing in a manner exceeding that of many years past. That was in consequence of what he ventured to think was a wise alteration in the laws so far as exaltations were concerned. It was to him a matter of great pleasure to return thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers for the hearty reception given the toast. It was also a great delight to see Comp. Philippe occupying the chair of that chapter, for they all knew he would discharge the duties honestly and faithfully. From the experience Comp. Philippe had given the brethren in Craft Masonry, they knew what he would do in that Degree. They all wished the M.E.Z. a prosperous year of office and plenty of work, and successful as had been the past of that chapter, he ventured, with great confidence, to predict a great future for it.

Comp. R. Henwood, I.P.Z., then said it was his proud privilege to propose the toast of the evening—"The Health of the M.E.Z." He regretted he could not find words in his vocabulary to describe his Masonic virtues. They heard with pleasure what had been said in chapter by one of the Grand Officers, who had not said one word to much in his favour. Comp. Philippe was a man who had Masonry at heart, and carried out his ideas on the subject. They were proud to know their M.E.Z. carried up the highest subscription list ever taken up in England. He (the M.E.Z.) was proud to have preceded him, both in the lodge and chapter, and hoped they would have him in the chair of the chapter for more than one year, as they did in the lodge.

Comp. Oscar Philippe, M.E.Z., thanked the I.P.Z. most sincerely for the way he had proposed the toast, and the companions for their hearty reception of it. He regretted that Comp. Hedges was not present, but they hoped he would soon recover from the epidemic. What he had done in the past he would endeavour to better in the future. He had taken Masonry sincerely at heart, and had found it one of the greatest Institutions in the world, and whatever he had put his hand to he had tried to carry out well. He was not going to ask them specially for anything in connection with the Charities, but if any companion had anything to contribute he should be pleased to take it, as he was a Steward for the Girls' School on behalf of the Dinner Club. He could not find words to express his sincere gratitude to them all.

"The H. and J." was next given, and responded to by Comps. C. Grassi, H., and W. J. Dyer, J.

Comp. A. C. Spaul, P.D.G.D.C., on behalf of "The Visitors," expressed their pleasure and gratification at attending and seeing the present M.E.Z. in the chair, and re-echoed his words in hoping it would not be the last occasion on which they would be present.

Comps. Col. Long, C.B., and Dr. H. W. Roberts also responded.

"The I.P.Z." was next given, and shortly afterwards the companions separated, after a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

The quality of the programme of music arranged under the direction of Comp. Herbert Schartau it would be difficult to excel, each item being enjoyed and heartily appreciated. The artistes included Miss Constance Loseby, Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Ethel Bevans, Bros. Franklin Clive, Fred. Russell, and Harry Walsham, and Messrs. Fred. Upton, Harry Hall, and Harvey Pinches.

THE CABINET COUNCIL, which was held on Tuesday at the Prime Minister's official residence in Downing-street, was attended by, among others, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Herschell), the Right Hon. G. Shaw-Lefevre, and Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart. The Earl of Rosebery, who was also present, left for The Durdan, near Epsom, in the course of the afternoon, his lordship's progress towards recovery from his recent illness being still retarded by his sleeplessness. His lordship will attend only to such business as is of pressing importance.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

It will be seen, from the report we publish elsewhere, that Comp. Earl Ferrers has been installed Grand Superintendent for Leicestershire and Rutland in succession to the late Comp. William Kelly, F.S.A. His lordship has held the office of Prov. Grand Master since 1873, when Bro. Kelly resigned the post.

There is also another change to be reported in a neighbouring Province. Bro. Major William H. Smyth, D.L., who was appointed Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire in succession to the Duke of St. Albans—now Prov. Grand Master of Nottinghamshire—in 1878, has resigned office, and the vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, who was S.G.W. of England in 1893. His lordship is a young Mason, but the connection of his family with the Craft is of long standing, his grandfather, the late Earl of Yarborough, having been Grand Master of the same Province from 1849 to 1862; S.G.W. of England in the year of the Girls' School Jubilee (1838); and Deputy Grand Master, 1846-56, while his great-grandfather, the first Earl of Yarborough, was Prov. Grand Master of the Isle of Wight—1826 to 1848. The selection of his lordship for so important a position is certain to be most popular, and we trust he will preside over the Craft for many years to come with signal success.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was the scene of great enjoyment on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., when an amateur troupe of dark minstrels of unusual excellence gave a capital entertainment of negro song and dance. The clever company, who are known as the U-no-hoo Minstrels, are good and spirited in all they undertake, and the children were delighted

with the performances and lavish in their applause. The House Committee were represented by Bros. Richardson, Matthews, and Sir John Monckton, the latter of whom moved a eulogistic vote of thanks to the U-no-hoos at the evening's conclusion. In common with many institutions, the school has been visited by a mild form of influenza, but the little patients are happily all doing well.

There is one point in connection with the Grand Registrar's ruling, *re* Resignation of Membership, to which we had not space to refer in our "Notes" of last week. In the course of the speech in which he gave his exposition of the subject, the Grand Registrar is reported to have said—"the Secretary was only an individual member of the lodge. Individually, the 'letter'—of resignation—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."

Here it seems to us that the Grand Registrar has involved himself in a very serious difficulty, to extricate himself from which will need the exercise of all his acknowledged skill and ingenuity. Had the member addressed his two letters—of resignation and withdrawal—to the brother who held the office of Secretary, in his capacity as an individual member of the lodge, not in his official—that is his secretarial—capacity, we should raise no objection to this view. But as the second letter was read in full by the Grand Registrar, it is clear that both letters must have been addressed to the Secretary as the regular channel of communication between the lodge and its members individually. They were, in fact, official communications, which, on their receipt, it became the duty of the Secretary to communicate to the lodge. Had he (the Secretary) omitted to communicate them, he would have exposed himself to the very serious charge of wilful neglect of his duty, and if action had followed against him for the suppression of these official letters he would have had no one to blame for it but himself.

That the two letters were addressed to the Secretary in his official and not in his individual capacity is shown by the one which, as we have said, the Grand Registrar read in open Grand Lodge, and which was as follows: "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." Can any one, in his senses, affirm that this was *not* an official communication addressed to the officer appointed to act as the regular channel of communication between the lodge and its members? And as the first letter—that of resignation—must have been addressed in like manner to the same officer in his same capacity, and was communicated to the lodge, what becomes of the Grand Registrar's contention in 1889, that a resignation, once it was communicated to the lodge, was final? To us it seems that there are no circumstances connected with this particular case which justify its being treated as an exception to the rule laid down absolutely by the Grand Registrar himself in 1889, and by his predecessors. Perhaps some of our readers may be inclined to give us the benefit of their views on the subject.

The annual meetings of the Grand Council of R. and S.M., the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee were held in the Masonic Hall, Nashville, in the month of January, that of the Grand Council of R. and S.M. taking place on Monday, the 28th, when Bro. T. S. Morris was succeeded as Grand Master by Bro. J. G. Aydelott. On the same day was the convocation of Grand Chapter, and Comp. A. G. Kembrough was elected and installed G.H.P. in succession to Comp. McAlister. On Wednesday, the 30th of the month, the Grand Lodge met in annual communication, the session being continued during the two following days. A notable feature in Wednesday's proceedings was the concert given before Grand Lodge by the children of the Masonic Home in the afternoon, Grand Lodge having been called off for the purpose. On the last day Bro. George H. Morgan, of Cookeville, was installed M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The annual meetings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Alabama were held at the Masonic Hall, Montgomery, early in the month of December last. Bro. F. L. Petters, M.W.G.M., presided at the form or and in the course of his address congratulated the

brethren on the prosperous condition of the Craft in the jurisdiction. Comp. John A. McKinnon, G.H.P., presided at the latter. Comp. Pittans, who has been chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the last 28 years, suggested that it was time a younger man was appointed in his stead, but the Grand Chapter considered that as long as he was capable of fulfilling the duties of that important office, his services should be retained, and they were retained accordingly. The new chiefs of the two bodies are Bro. George P. Harrison, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge, and Comp. John G. Smith, G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter.

Correspondence.

RESIGNATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have just read the report of the proceedings of the recent meeting of Grand Lodge, more particularly relating to the appeal of the W.M. of Lodge Zetland in the East, which has again brought the question of "Resignations" before Grand Lodge for decision. From the discussion which took place it is clear that the opinions of the highest officials of the Craft upon the matter differed. The recent ruling of Grand Lodge appears to have settled the point thus—that the written resignation of a member of a lodge sent to the Secretary or other official of the lodge, can be withdrawn by a notice from the brother if such notice is received before the letter of resignation has been read at the next meeting of the lodge. It would also appear, that in such a case the resignation having been withdrawn, ought not to be read to the lodge. Experience teaches that resignations frequently result from temporary annoyance or disappointment, and it seems not unreasonable that a brother should have a *locus penitentiae* allowed him. It is to be hoped the matter has now been satisfactorily settled. A few weeks since I called attention in your columns to two resignations in different lodges, both accepted and duly recorded in the minutes. In the one case the member was restored to membership in accordance with the Book of Constitutions; in the other case, some months after the brother wishing to resume his membership, it was done, after consultation by the Past Masters, by a resolution rescinding the previous resolution accepting the resignation. This could scarcely have the desired effect. Is he, or is he not, still a member of the lodge, and liable for subscriptions.—Yours fraternally,

EX-SECRETARY.

PAST MASTER'S COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a recent number of the *Freemason* Bro. Greenwood, P.M. 439, although well acquainted with the Book of Constitutions, was, nevertheless, not well informed regarding the regulation of Grand Lodge relating to the wearing of Past Master's collars. Bro. Wilkinson cannot be a very extensive visitor amongst the lodges in West Yorkshire, or he would have met with many instances of the regulation Past Master's collar being worn. I find, however, there are other lodges besides No. 439 in the Province of West Yorkshire, where the regulation referred to is unknown, as only this week I was informed by a P.M. who recently attended the installation meeting of a lodge in a large manufacturing town in Yorkshire, and who was requested to remove his Past Master's collar before he was admitted to the lodge, and his contention that he was entitled to wear the collar was disregarded. The same brother informed me that he met with a similar experience at a lodge in a neighbouring town which he was visiting during last year. Doubtless the point will be made clear in the next edition of the Book of Constitutions.—Yours fraternally,

EX-SECRETARY.



"HISTORY OF THE TASMANIAN UNION LODGE"—now No. 3 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania—from 1844 to 1894. Compiled for the jubilee meeting on 30th June, 1894, by Bro. W. Ormsby Wise, W.M. elect, Tasmania: The *Mercury* Office, Hobart, 1894.—We doubt if there are many lodges which can boast of an existence of 50 years that have seen so many vicissitudes as the Tasmanian Union, formerly No. 536 on the register of United Grand Lodge and now No. 3 under the Tasmanian Constitution. It commenced its labours under a warrant of dispensation granted by Bro. George Robert Nichols, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Australia, and dated Sydney, 29th June, 1894. This warrant was to remain in force "for two years or until another warrant shall be made out." Bro. Charles Toby was the first W.M. and was re-elected in 1845, but when his second term of office was on the eve of expiring, he called a special meeting of the members for the purpose of considering the position, and declared that he would not remain in office a moment after the dispensation had expired. A second dispensation for a further period of two years from the 14th July, 1846, was obtained from the same Deputy Prov. G.M. In the meantime, however, as

the authorities in Sydney had neglected to apply to England for a warrant, the Worshipful Master wrote directly, on the 9th Jan., 1846, to the Grand Secretary, and ultimately, on the 10th February, 1848, Bro. J. G. Winter, who was at the time W.M., was in a position to announce that the Grand Lodge warrant had arrived from England. Thus the Tasmanian Union Lodge worked under successive dispensations for nearly four years—a period very considerably in excess of the time for which, within our experience, even dispensations for colonial lodges have been ordinarily granted. During the earlier years of its existence the lodge experienced the usual ups and downs of a Masonic existence. During one year many initiates were received into the lodge, during another there were few or none. At one time its funds were in a prosperous state, at another they were at a very low ebb. However, we may fairly assume that on the whole the "ups" had the better of the "downs," seeing that in 1853 it had a muster-roll of 61 members, and received from England a warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter, for which application had been made. In 1855, the Treasurer was able to report a balance to the credit of the lodge amounting to £216, and the Chapter having been fairly started, a loan of £100 was granted to the latter out of the lodge funds towards the preliminary expenses. The year following the lodge spent £160 in altering and embellishing its room, but in 1857, it contrived to get into hot water with the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master of Tasmania, Bro. R. K. Ewing, who, as it failed to send any representatives to attend his installation at Launceston on the 15th April of that year, and as it had not forwarded certain returns asked for by the Prov. Grand Secretary, suspended it from its Masonic functions for "Contumacy." An appeal against the suspension was addressed to the Grand Lodge of England, but the Colonial Board recommended the confirmation of the suspension, and it was confirmed. Subsequently, a memorial, signed by 113 brethren, was addressed to the Grand Lodge of England and on the 9th November, 1858, the lodge was restored. Nine days later, however, a meeting was held, and a resolution was passed to dissolve the lodge and return the warrant. On the 27th December, 1859, the brethren again met, and Bro. Toby announced that a warrant of dispensation had been received from England permitting the lodge, which, by the way, was then numbered 781, to continue its labours until a warrant of confirmation—which was promised—could be forwarded, this being deemed a preferable course to re-issuing the original warrant. In 1861 the lodge was reduced to 53 members, but the Royal Arch Chapter had been re-opened, the lodge of instruction re-established, the Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Fund reconstituted, and a Masonic library started. In 1861 the membership increased to 82, and in 1863 the number of the lodge was altered from 781 to 536. In 1875, the lodge by-laws were carefully revised, and a standing dispensation was granted to the W.M. to confer the Second and Third Degrees, in cases of emergency, after a seven days' interval in each case instead of the usual interval (28 days). In 1886 the lodge was visited by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., to whom a cordial welcome was extended, and who expressed his gratification at seeing the lodge work carried out in such a perfect manner. In 1888, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, M.W.G.M. of Victoria, visited the lodge—in which he had been initiated in 1855—and was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate, which he said he had never been able to find among his papers, and in recognition of the kindness he received, presented the lodge with a cheque for £50, to be devoted to Masonic Charities. In 1890, when the question of founding a Grand Lodge of Tasmania was being considered, Tasmanian Union alone held aloof from the scheme, and when the question was balloted for by the members, there appeared to be 33 in favour of doing so, and 47 against it, there being 13 others who did not vote. Subsequently, however, better counsels prevailed. The lodge entered the Union and took part in the establishment of the local Grand Lodge, on the roll of which it ranks as No. 3. In 1894 the lodge celebrated its jubilee, and from the list of its members, we should say there is every prospect of its maintaining the prosperity it has enjoyed during the later years of its existence. So far we have noted the leading events, or the majority of them, which have occurred. But we must not lay down the book without congratulating Bro. W. Ormsby Wise on the manner in which he has done his work of compilation. His narrative is broken up into a number of short chapters, so that the history is by no means wearisome to read. He seems, also, to have carefully selected whatever was of importance, either as regards the progress of the lodge or in illustration of its work, while such comments as he has permitted himself to offer from time to time are couched in the most temperate and respectful language. In short, he has fulfilled the task he was called upon to perform in a most creditable manner, and we thank him all the more cordially for this addition to our lodge histories, because Tasmanian Union Lodge has passed from under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England to that of the local Grand Lodge, which now guides the destinies of the Craft in this distant colony.

"THE KEYSTONE"—Masonic Publishing Company, Philadelphia—for the week ending the 9th inst. has an article on "Recollections" and full reports of Masonic doings in Pennsylvania, including one of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on the 6th inst.

"THE TENNESSEE MASON"—Nashville, Tennessee, for March—contains reports of the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State, with many interesting items of news relating to the Masonic Home, &c., &c.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALFORD.

Hamilton Lodge (No. 1600).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present: Bros. W. H. Kell, W.M.; F. Riggall, I.P.M.; H. B. Farnsworth, S.W.; H. Walker, J.W.; Rev. G. W. Borham, Chap.; W. Allis, Treas.; G. Green, Sec.; Rev. W. Horn, S.D.; Rev. W. Blin Stoyles, J.D.; E. A. Young, P.M., D.C.; F. Higgins, P.P.S.G.W., Org.; R. Garfitt, G. Bosson, H. Christian, B. Hibbitt, and D. Burridge, Tyler.

Visitors: Bros. Rev. J. W. Collin, 96; and J. Constable, 1428, P.P.G.O. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year resulted in a unanimous ballot for Bros. H. B. Farnsworth, S.W., Allis, and D. Burridge. Auditors were appointed to present their report at the installation meeting. Bro. Constable delivered a lecture on "Landmarks of Freemasonry," which was highly appreciated, and a vote of thanks was duly recorded to him.

After lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where a light repast was partaken of, followed by a very pleasant hour in Masonic toasts and songs.

BANGOR.

Royal Leek Lodge (No. 1849).—The annual installation meeting took place on Friday, the 8th inst., and brought together an unusually large gathering of visiting brethren, and was, in every way, a significant token of the regard in which Bro. W. A. Dew, the W.M. elect, is held. The Installing Officers were Bros. Col. H. Platt, D.P.G.M. North Wales, and J. Lloyd Griffith, P.P.S.G.W., and, at the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, M.A., I.P.M.; Hugh Vincent, S.W.; Erin Platt, J.W.; D. Williams, S.D.; G. Pritchard-Rayner, J.D.; W. Douglas Jones, I.G.; Rev. D. Morgan, M.A., Chap.; Dr. E. J. Lloyd, Sec.; Rev. Lloyd Kiffin, Treas.; E. W. Thomas, Org.; and H. B. Stubbington, Tyler.

The members of the lodge present included Bros. Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, P.G.W. Eng.; S. Taylor Chadwick, High Sheriff of Anglesey; and H. Kneeshaw. The visiting brethren included Bros. Dr. Langford Jones, P.M. 184, P.P.G.D.; H. Grey Edwards, P.M. 384, P.J.G.D.; R. J. Davies, P.M. 606, P.P.J.G.W.; R. G. Thomas, P.M. 1113, P.P.G.S. of W.; Cornelius Davies, P.M. 606, P.P.J.G.W.; Major C. H. Rees, P.M. 606, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Fairchild, M.A., W.M. 606; E. Roberts, P.M., P.G. Sec. North Wales; J. H. Caviley, 113, 384; W. Price Smith, J.W. St. David's; W. P. Matthews, S.W. 384; W. A. Foster, W.M. 1113; E. Wood, P.M. 1124, P.P.S.G.W. North Wales and Shropshire; W. Gueet, W.M. 597; F. Barlow, S.W. 1113; J. A. Redway, 384; W. G. Owen, S.W. 606; R. A. Gregory, W.M. 384; W. Thornton Jones, I.P.M. 384; J. Hughes, J.W. 1488; T. E. Jones, W.M. 1488; T. Mills, P.M. 384, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Westlake-Morgan; and others.

The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel, covers being laid for 60.

KELVEDON.

Easterford Lodge (No. 2342).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th instant, when Bro. Sir Wm. Neville Abdy, Bart., Prov. S.G.W., was for the second year installed as Worshipful Master. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. R. Galpin, S.W.; J. W. Moss, I.W.; J. H. Salter, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; M. W. Meade, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. Siggers, S.D.; Stanley J. King, J.D.; A. Livermore and H. T. King, D.Cs.; N. L. Howlett, A.R.C.O., and L. T. King, Organists; H. Ledger, I.G.; J. Wakelin, R. C. Alexander, Hon. C. H. Strutt, and A. Money Wigram, Stwds.; and James Inifer, Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the lodge at the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. During the evening Bro. Thomas Humphreys, P.M. 1437, P.P.S.G.W., by permission of the W.M., initiated his own brother, the manner in which the ceremony was performed eliciting the highest encomiums of the brethren present. Bro. Humphreys heartily thanked the W.M. for the privilege that had been accorded to him, and paid a well deserved tribute to the officers of the lodge for the manner in which they had assisted him in the ceremony. Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec., was amongst the visitors present.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Angel Hotel.

LIVERPOOL.

Wavertree Lodge (No. 2294).—The annual gathering of this comparatively young lodge took place at the Coffee House Hotel, Wavertree, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, when Bro. Thomas Gaulton Parkes was installed W.M. in the presence of a goodly number of brethren and visitors. The duties of Installing Master were performed by Bro. Robert Foote, the first Master of the lodge. Among other members present were Bros. G. Holme, P.M.; Eli Brooks, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; and G. R. Jones, W.M. 1299. The visitors included the following: Bros. T. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; Robt. Owen, W.M. 2114; G. S. Willings, P.M. 662, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. D. Crawford, P.M. D.C. 980, P.G.T.; J. Lane, W.M. 2042; and J. Clayton, W.M. elect 1570.

The following officers were invested by Bro. Parkes: Bros. C. F. W. Connor, S.W.; Dr. Murdoch, J.W.; G. Holme, jun., P.M., Treas.; R. L. Burns, Sec.; G. W. Turner, S.D.; T. Taylor, J.D.; R. Foote, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., D.C.; T. N. Godden, I.G.; W. J. Doran, Org.; and W. Ashbury, W. Rudd, J. Rigby, and J. C. Robinson, Stewards. The I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Bicknell, was prevented from being present through an attack of influenza, and the presentation to him of a Past Master's jewel, supplemented by a handsome silver five o'clock tea-service, had to be deferred.

At the banquet which followed the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

The proceedings were enlivened with musical selections.

MANCHESTER.

Duke of York Lodge (No. 2449).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Palatine Hotel, the chair was occupied by Bro. Boden, P.M., W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Prior to the installation two brethren were balloted for and accepted as joining members. Bro. Fred. Warburton, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Boden, Installing Master, and the ceremony was performed in an interesting manner. Bros. W. T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and B. Hopkinson, P.M., assisted.

There was a large assembly of brethren present, who, after the business terminated, celebrated the Festival of St. John.

The usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. Boden, the retiring Master, was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel.

MANCHESTER.

Duchess of York Lodge (No. 2482).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, Bro. Robert Fox, W.M., presided. The minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. John Robinson, and, being favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. in a very creditable manner. Bro. Bratt, S.W., gave the addresses and Bro. Lever, J.W., presented the working tools. It was decided, upon the motion of Bro. Lever, seconded by Bro. J. Mead, Org., that a sum of £10 be given from the lodge funds, and that Bro. J. Beardmore, P.M., be appointed Steward, qualifying himself for that post, this making £15 to the Festival of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational Benevolent Institution, to be held next July, and £10 of it to endow the chairs of the Senior and Junior Wardens. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Robt. Fox, W.M.; T. Archer Lowe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Peter Bratt, S.W.; T. W. Lever, J.W.; P. Whyman, Treas.; F. Walmsley, Sec.; E. Archer Lowe, S.D.; Oswald Dresden, J.D.; W. H. Boycott, P.M., D.C.; J. Mead, Org.; G. H. Russell and G. Brierley, Stwds.; Frank Du Chemin; J. W. Shaw, P.M.; James Beardmore, P.M.; A. Barker, J. B. Edwards, R. M. Patel, G. Dean, and Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., P.G. Org. West Lancashire. Visitors: Bros. R. W. T. Hatch, W.M. 613; Wm. Haworth, 1116; and E. Hampson.

RAYLEIGH.

Trinity Lodge (No. 1734).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Golden Lion Hotel, the W.M., Bro. W. Carter Wood, occupying the chair. The principal business of the evening was the installation of Bro. G. F. Golding, P.M. 160, as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was ably performed by Bro. F. D. Grayson, P.M., P.P.G.D. The W.M. afterwards invested the following officers: Bro. G. M. Watson, S.W.; C. E. Judd, J.W.; E. C. Sparrow, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; Sidney Smith, P.M., Sec.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; W. H. Judd, S.D.; T. C. March, J.D.; W. Harvey, I.G.; J. P. Harvey and Wm. Fox, Stwds.; and C. T. Witham, Tyler. Bro. W. V. Willson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

About 40 brethren subsequently dined together at the above hotel, the repast being served by Bro. W. Page, the host, in his usual liberal style.

The evening was enjoyably spent with Masonic toasts and harmony, songs being given by Bros. J. Webster, G. R. Dawson, W. H. Judd, F. J. Cumine, W. Staley, Sid. Smith, F. S. Guy, W. Fox, F. J. Wiseman, and many others.

Among the visitors were Bros. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec.; F. J. Cumine, W.M. 1000; F. S. Guy, W.M. 1343; W. Staley, W.M. 2442; and J. Ayling, P.M. and Sec. 160, P.P.G.P.

A draw was made for a Life Governorship of a Masonic Charity, which fell to Bro. E. Moat, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. Charles Alexander, S.W., was installed as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. J. C. Jordan, the retiring W.M., in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters composed of Bros. Michael Emanuel, W.M., P.P.G. Reg., Kingman, I.P.M., John Adams, P.P.G.D.C., and T. G. Dacombe, of 359; T. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg., and R. W. Lees, P.P.G.S.D., of 130; R. R. Linthorne, W.M., and H. Lashmore, P.P.G.S.D., of 394; S. P. Crook, W.M., and E. T. Wise, P.P.G. Stwd., of 1461; W. Berry, P.P.A.G.D.C., E. Warren, P.P.A.G.D.C., and G. Heathcote, P.P.G. Std. Br., of the lodge; and Hardy of 1437; several other expected Past Masters being absent through the prevailing epidemic. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the year, viz.: Bros. J. G. Jordan, I.P.M.; J. Burrow, S.W.; R. Prowse, J.W.; G. Heathcote, P.M., Treas.; T. Holmes, Sec.; E. W. Drysdale, S.D.; R. W. Denness, J.D.; T. G. King, I.G.; H. Hussey, P.M., D.C.; W. Groundsell, Org.; A. Curtis and R. Ives, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Jordan both for his services as Installing Master and W.M. during the year, a Past Master's jewel being voted to him from the lodge funds. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the amount, which was supplemented by a private subscription from Bro. C. Perress, to be placed on the list of Bro. M. Emanuel, who is going up to the approaching Festival of the Institution as a Steward. The report of the Auditors, showing the lodge to be in a flourishing condition financially, was presented by Bro. Drysdale and adopted.

After business was over the brethren sat down to a banquet, admirably served by Bro. Biggs, under the presidency of the W.M., to whom many "Hearty good wishes" were extended for a successful year of office.

The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Peach Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Martin, W.M.; A. L. Peace, I.P.M.; J. Constable, Sec.; G. Kenyon, S.W.; T. Barber, J.W.; H. A. Fenton, S.D.; G. Eland, J.D.; B. Maskill, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; T. Livingstone, T. J. Smith, T. R. R. Marsden, R. Brew, and F. Pine, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Hanson, 242, and J. H. Hardy, 264.

Mr. W. Hallgarth was duly initiated, the work being performed by the I.P.M.

After lodge the brethren sat down to a complimentary supper to Bro. B. Maskill at the White Hart Hotel, where the toasts of "The New Host, Bro. Maskill," and "The Initiator" were duly honoured.

Royal Arch.

HARTLEPOOL.

St. Helen's Chapter (No. 531).—The annual meeting was held on the 14th inst., for the installation of Comps. T. J. Johnson, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., as M.E.Z.; C. T. Watson, as H.; and Thomas Richardson, J. The installation Principal was Compo. E. Hudson, P.Z., P.G.S.E., and P.G.S.B. Eng. The following were the officers invested: Comps. W. Belk, I.P.Z.; Hockaday, P.Z., Treas.; J. N. Taylor, P.Z., S.E.; Kirby, S.N.; Jack, P.S.; Smith, 1st A.S.; Powling, 2nd A.S.; J. Metcalfe, P.Z., D.C.; Quincey, P.Z., Org.; and J. Armstrong, Asst. Janitor.

At the close of the ceremony a splendid banquet was served at the King's Head Hotel, by Host Butterwick, a number of influential visiting brethren being present.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Comps. C. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., as M.E.Z. (in the absence through illness of Compo. W. Fisher, P.P.G.P. Soj.); G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S. as H.; F. Robinson, J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C., Scribe E.; Dounton, P.S.; Masters, A.S.; Collins, D.C.; and H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. S. S. Holt, 1580, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by the Scribe E. Compo. H. Higgins, in the absence of Compo. R. Poore, gave the Second Principal's address most ably. A resolution was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes regretting the enforced absence, through illness, of the M.E.Z. Communications pleading inability to attend were received from Comps. W. Fisher, M.E.Z.; R. Poore, H.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z.; C. Stevens, P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed. An excellent banquet followed. The acting M.E.Z. gave the various toasts in an admirable and most vivacious manner.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—A meeting of this encampment took place, on the 8th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, when there were present, among others, Sir Knights W. Maple, E.C.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., 1st Capt.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of Gds., P.E.C., &c., Reg.; Basil Stewart, C. of Gds.; H. Ffrench Bromhead, 1st Std. Br.; F. Egbert Roberts, Org.; Nelson Prower, M.A., I.P.E.C., Prelate; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.C.; and C. Slater, P.E.C.

The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, the E.C., in a few well-chosen words, presented Sir Knight N. Prower with a Past Eminent Commander's jewel. The recipient, in reply, stated that he regretted that, in consequence of being abroad in January last, he was unable to be present at the installation meeting. It would have afforded him great gratification to have placed Sir Knight W. Maple in the chair. He thanked the sir knights very much for the jewel that they had voted to him. He should prize it as an interesting souvenir of a most agreeable event in the history of his Masonic life. It was arranged that the summer outing of the members should be held at the Mitre, Hampton Court, on the third Tuesday in June next, subject to the rooms of the hotel being disengaged. Sir Knight J. Henwood Thomas, who has been very ill for a long time past, having written to say that he was slowly improving, it was unanimously resolved that the Registrar be directed to forward to Sir Knight Thomas a congratulatory letter. Apologies for non-attendance were also received from Sir Knights B. Johnson, 2nd Captain; Harris Hills, Expert; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; L. Steele, P.E.C.; and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the members adjourned to an excellent repast.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. The Eminent Commander proved to be an excellent Chairman.

During the evening much enjoyment was afforded the members by the instrumental, vocal, and poetic selections of Sir Knights Egbert Roberts, N. Prower, F. W. Driver, and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 4th inst., the E.P. Sir Knight John Sinclair, Prov. Sub-Marshal, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Compo. J. W. Horner, and he was unanimously elected. The Treasurer's report was received and adopted. Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, Prov. Sub-Prior, then assumed the chair, and Sir Knight Hy. Lamb was presented to him for installation. The ceremony was carefully performed by the E. Sub-Prior, and the newly-installed E.P. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Sir Knights Hudson, Prelate; Baumann, Constable; Reay, Marshal; J. Burns, Treas.; C. S. Lane, Reg.; S. K. Landsverk, Almoner; C. E. Smith, Sub-Marshal; T. E. Biddlecombe, 1st Std. Br.; C. A. Forslind, 2nd Std. Br.; J. Abbey, Capt. of Guard; J. Sinclair, Herald; Frater B. R. Smith, Eq. Without.

Alms were then collected, and the preceptory closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served.

The usual toasts were duly honoured.

The E.P., in proposing "The Health of Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, Prov. Sub-Prior," referred to his many services to Masonry, and especially dwelt upon his interest in Knights Templary. Sir Knight Hill Drury had for many years past installed the Preceptor and all the candidates, both in this and the neighbouring preceptory, and he (the E.P.) thanked him for the way he performed the ceremony that night.

The Provincial Sub-Prior, in responding, thanked the sir knights for all the kindness they had shown him, and said that as far as it was in his power to do so he would always

be glad to render all the assistance he could, and he hoped to see the province become one of the most energetic and prosperous in the kingdom. He concluded by proposing "The Health of their Eminent Preceptor," the 14th Preceptor he had had the honour of installing.

The E.P. suitably responded.

A very pleasant meeting was shortly afterwards brought to a close.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—A meeting of this conclave was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, on the 4th inst., when there were present among others: Sir Knights T. G. Robinson, M.P.S.; J. J. Pakes, N.E.; John Mason, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S.; W. Lake, P.M.P.S.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M.P.S.; and F. Reinardt, Sentinel.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knights J. J. Pakes was re-elected M.P.S.; G. Graveley, V.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., Treas., vice Sir H. H. Shirley, M.A., resigned in consequence of ill-health, and Frater Reinardt, Sentinel. A Past Sovereign's jewel was unanimously voted to Sir Knight T. G. Robinson. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, M.A.; J. Purrott, P.M.P.S.; G. Graveley, the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and others.

The conclave was then closed.

The members then attended the Grand Conclave of the Order, under the presidency of Sir Knight the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Grand Sovereign, &c.

THE ALLIED DEGREES.

SAINT LAURENCE.

Foremost among the Christian Saints,
Whose fame shall ever last,
Saint Laurence stands a beacon bright,
Mid darkness of the past;
His life, so pure, so nobly good,
He cheerfully laid down;
His death a witness to the truth,
Which won the martyr's crown.

When with the Perfect's stern command
The Bishop must comply,
And Holy Church oppressed by might,
Her scanty wealth supply;
Riches indeed the Prelate brings,
But not which yield delight,
The poor, the halt, the maimed, the blind,
Wealth precious in God's sight.

Possessed with rage infuriate,
The tyrant has decreed
A cruel lingering death by fire,
For disappointed greed.
Prostrate the suffering Bishop lies
On glowing bars of steel,
And keenest torments are applied
That quivering flesh can feel.

Though long delayed by cruel art,
Death comes his pangs to cease,
Whilst heavenly messengers, unseen,
Diffuse a holy peace;
Yet, ere the vital spark has fled,
He speaks defiant still;
"Turn me! sufficiently I'm cooked,
Now eat, and take your fill!"

Thus has the Saint bequeathed to us
A legacy of fame,
As Masons, we perpetuate
The glory of his name!
The symbol of his martyrdom
We view with reverent eyes,
The instrument by which he gained
His title to the skies.

His holy life, his noble death,
Has useful lesson taught
Boldly to suffer for the Truth,
And Evil set at naught;
True to each other, prompt to aid
A Brother in distress,
And earnest strive our lives to spend
In mutual usefulness.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.G.D., P.M.

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT TO OLD FOLKS AT NORTHAMPTON.

The Corn Exchange, Northampton, on Thursday afternoon, the 7th instant, was filled by over 700 of the old and deserving people of the town, who had assembled at the invitation of the members of the four lodges in the borough, to partake of a meat tea and to witness an entertainment specially arranged for them. The gathering was organised some few years since by the late Bro. Butler Wilkins, the Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Norths and Hunts, and it is looked forward to with great interest by the old folks. The whole of the proceedings were of a most pleasant character, and will doubtless be remembered by the numerous visitors who were privileged to witness them.

The arrangements were carried out by the following Committee: Bros. T. Merry, C. E. Thorpe, G. F. E. Wilkinson, S. B. Wilkinson, A. Cockerill, H. Martin, and R. W. Strickland, Pomfret Lodge; H. Manfield, T. Phipps Dorman, H. Hodges, A. Jones, J. Hughes, W. J. Hill, W. F. Tipler, and B. Thompson, Eleanor Cross Lodge; F. Willoughby, J. Euston, J. Haviland, H. W. K. Markham, and W. G. Hobbs, Delapre Lodge; J. Currall, G. Butcher, T. H. Vials, T. Emery, G. T. Hawkins, and C. J. King, Kingsley Park Lodge.

The somewhat arduous duties of Hon. Secretaries were well and ably discharged by Bros. H. W. K. Markham and W. J. Hull. In addition there was also an Entertainment Committee, consisting of Bros. J. J. Hart, C. E. Thorpe, C. Rider-Noble, C. J. King, T. H. Vials, Brook Sampson, R. W. Strickland, and T. Phipps Dorman.

Each member of the Craft was supplied with tickets according to the amount subscribed, and these were given by them to the old people over 60 years of age whom they might select. The provision of the food for so large a number of persons was kindly undertaken by Bro. Captain and Quartermaster J. Hughes, of the Northampton Volunteers. There was plenty and to spare, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch. Bro. Captain Hughes was ably assisted in the commissariat department by Orderly-Sergeant Stanley, Corporal Stanley, and Private Slinn, of the Volunteers.

The 26 tables were well arranged by Bros. W. D. Gibbins and T. Emery, and by four o'clock, the hour appointed for tea, nearly all the invited guests were seated. Unfortunately the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, almost at the last moment, found he was unable to attend the function, and sent a telegram to that effect, a fact which caused a universal expression of regret. As soon as everything was ready, the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and other officers of the different lodges who had been marshalled by Bro. J. J. Hart, Prov. G.D. of C., entered the Exchange, the rear being brought up by the Mayor (Councillor W. Tomes), and that veteran Mason of the province, Bro. H. P. Markham, D.L., and their entry was the signal for an outburst of applause. On approaching the orchestra the brethren opened out and allowed Bro. Markham, who had consented to preside in the absence of the Earl of Euston, and the Mayor to proceed to their seats in the centre of the orchestra, the Mayoress and the Misses Tomes occupying seats on the right of his Worship. Grace having been sung, the tea was proceeded with, during which, Bro. T. H. Vials played various selections on the organ.

Among the brethren who were present and attended were Bros. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; T. Phipps Dorman, the Rev. W. H. Holding, the Rev. G. Chappell, J. Eunson, J. Bingley, W. J. Hull, E. Fletcher, T. Franks, R. H. Boycott, J. Ingram, J. O. Bailey, Capt. R. Wallace, Capt. A. F. Mulliner, F. Tyler, C. Cooke, C. Cooke, jun., W. E. Mawle, R. S. Skillington, E. J. Gibbs, J. S. Champion, W. J. Stanton, J. Blunt, F. F. Blunt, T. Ashdowne, J. F. Gains, E. G. Frost, J. Dickens, W. Rowden, W. D. Gibbins, C. H. Dorman, G. T. Sharnan, W. Hughes, T. H. Fisher, G. Fisher, C. R. Nunn, G. T. Cooke, R. A. Dillon, H. Weed, J. Porteous, J. J. Martin, J. B. Brown, J. O. Wallis, W. E. Stimpson, W. Mark, W. Page, F. J. Ains, J. Faulkner, D. B. Gardner, T. Dadford, E. A. Stark, H. Duke, E. C. Ashford, E. Archer, J. Clayton, H. W. Horton, J. H. C. Crockett, J. T. Ambidge, G. H. Frecknell, F. Freear, E. J. Gibbs, and others.

At the conclusion of the tea grace was sung, and Bro. H. P. MARKHAM addressed the large gathering, meeting with a most hearty reception on rising. He expressed his great regret at the absence of the Earl of Euston, the head of the Craft in the province, and one whom they, as Masons, highly respected and esteemed, and then spoke of the pleasure it gave him to attend that grand and pleasant gathering. He alluded to the hospitable and Charitable principles of the Craft, and to the pleasure it gave the brethren in the town to see so many of the aged people by whom they were surrounded free for a short time from the turmoils of their everyday life and thoroughly enjoying themselves. In the course of his further remarks, Bro. Markham made a feeling allusion to the death of their Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins, and also offered a hearty welcome to the Mayor and Mayoress and their daughters among them.

The MAYOR, who was heartily received, and Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, followed with short addresses.

The men were then supplied with pipes and tobacco, and the women with snuff. They were also each given two tickets entitling them to be served with beer or mineral waters.

Shortly after six o'clock the entertainment, which had been arranged by Bro. T. Phipps Dorman, was proceeded with. By the aid of his powerful lantern he showed a great variety of beautiful scenes on a large screen, which afforded intense delight and pleasure to the company, as was manifested by their frequent applause. Many of the scenes were accompanied by appropriate music, rendered by a glee party, consisting of Mrs. Boycott, Miss Boycott, Miss Cable, Miss Ellard, Mrs. Tebbutt, Miss Parker, Bros. the Rev. G. Chappell, J. J. Hart, E. Howes, M. Warwick, C. E. Thorpe, W. Arkell, W. G. West, and Astley Cooper. Bro. T. H. Vials presided at the piano.

On leaving the room, about half-past eight o'clock, the whole of the women were given a quarter of a pound of tea.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Masonic Club, the Mayor being one of the guests.

THE PANTOMIME SEASON at Drury Lane Theatre was brought to a close on Saturday last, when a handsome gold hunting chronometer was presented to Bro. Sir Augustus Harris by the members of his staff and company. The presentation was made by Miss Ada Blanche on behalf of the donors, and was very gracefully acknowledged by the recipient, who had only arrived the same afternoon in time to present the prizes won by the children employed in the pantomime at the Theatre School.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Fayers, W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Beauchamp, S.D.; Winsborrow, J.D.; Markland, I.G.; Saunders, P.M.; Holland, P.M.; Moody, P.M.; Badcock, Ham, Goonertine, Lightfoot, Sharpin, H. J. Thompson, Nicholls, Royle, White, Larkin, Tuckfield, and Schott.

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. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Saunders being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Saunders invested his officers. Bro. Fayers gave the three addresses. The W.M. rose for the first time, Bro. Larkin and Goonertine, were elected joining members of the lodge, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Frascati, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. Sandlands, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Jackson, J.W.; Terry, S.D.; Kraus, J.D.; Beedle, I.G.; Paul, P.M.; Preceptor; Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; T. W. Smale, P.M.; W. Parker, P.M.; H. C. Parker, Houghton, Mason, Tidy, Evans, and Dukes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Tidy, being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The 2nd Section was worked by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 6th Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Parkes, P.M. 1201, was elected a joining member. On the second rising, Bro. Hill, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when Bro. Stiles' letter was read in reply to a letter of congratulation sent him from this lodge on his being elected Grand Treasurer. It was proposed by Bro. Thom, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Paul, P.M., that the letter be copied in the minute book—carried. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. J. H. Neville, W.M.; J. W. Barker, P.M.; S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. Worth, S.D.; L. Beale, J.D.; J. R. Battersby, I.G.; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; W. Thwaites, and W. H. Dresden, P.M.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thwaites offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was 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, he was duly examined and 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, and the lodge was closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).—At the weekly meeting of this lodge, on Friday, the 15th inst., held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., the 15 Sections were worked under the able presidency of Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Preceptor, supported by Bro. D. Haslett, S.W., and Bro. Richard Wilson, W.M. 766, as J.W.

The Sections were taken by Bros. Wood, P.M., Sec.; Taylor, Denny, Gunzell, Rymer, Luke, Sandlands, Spice, Vicars, Carlstrom, Haslett, Bates, Hoggins, and Collens. A large attendance testified to the popularity of the presiding Master.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 16th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. W. Jenkinson, W.M.; J. Dyke, S.W.; T. W. Neech, P.M.; J.W.; H. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; H. Potvine, Sec.; L. W. Stansell, I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; and E. Gratwick.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor put the questions of the 3rd Section of the First Lecture, Bros. Dyke and Potvine responding to the same. The W.M. rose for the first time, when the Preceptor proposed that at the meeting to be held on the 30th inst. the Three Degrees should be rehearsed, for the purpose of ascertaining the time they take to work, so as to form a time-table for future use, that candidates may be informed the approximate time their presence would be required. The W.M. rose for the 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 14th instant at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., when there were present Comps. C. Kempton, P.Z.; M.E.Z.; R. Milliken, P.Z.; H.; R. T. Redfearn, J.; W. Parsons, S.E.; J. C. Kruse, S.N.; C. Coleman, P.S.; and W. P. Clark, 1st A.S.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Parsons personating the candidate. After the address of the Third Chair, Comp. Kempton resigned the First Chair in favour of Comp. Coleman, who is M.E.Z. elect of the mother chapter, and delivered the symbolical address in a faultless manner. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that Comp. Coleman

be elected M.E.Z. for the next fortnight, and it was notified that Comp. Weston, P.Z. and S.E. of the mother chapter, will rehearse the ceremony of installation of the Second Chair on Thursday, the 28th inst., when a good gathering is expected. The chapter was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 15th inst., when there were present: Comps. Elgar, M.E.Z.; Loader, H.; Dunn, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; Cureton, Barr, Belchamber, G. White, T. T. Willcox, Benedetti, Pullen, and Telling.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Belchamber personating the candidate. Comps. George White, 2nd A.S. 975, and Thos. T. Willcox, H. 975, were elected members. Comp. Loader, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter was then closed.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE RANELAGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 834.

The annual supper of the above lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 8th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when a numerous assembly of members and visitors were present, the chair being occupied by Bro. W. W. Williams, W.M. of the mother lodge, and the vice-chair by Bro. W. Hinds.

After a repast, well served by the host, Bro. H. Blackman, the usual Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to.

The worthy CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the lodge, with a few well-chosen remarks, then presented to Bro. F. Craggs, P.M., the Secretary, a valuable and handsome gold Masonic ring, in token of appreciation of his services, regretting the absence, through illness, of the Preceptor and Treasurer, Bros. A. Williams and T. Jobson.

The proceedings were enlivened by several songs and recitations by various brethren.

FISHERIES EXHIBITION AT THE ROYAL AQUARIUM.

Being a lover of the gentle art, I took a stroll round the exhibition, now on view at the Aquarium, on the opening day, and thoroughly enjoyed the fine show of all kinds of fresh-water fish that are most artistically mounted in cases round the gallery. Seldom have I seen such an example of patience rewarded. Chubb, tench, bream, carp, jack, roach, barbel, perch—the largest that I have seen, including Dan Leno's trout. One naturally feels anxious to look at the tackle that captured such fine specimens, and again the wish is satisfied, for there is a superb display of rods, flies, and lines, and every requisite for the top and bottom angler. I prefer to see the rods displayed at full height, which one cannot do at the vendor's shop. The principal exhibitors are Messrs. J. R. Richardson, Bernard and Son, Hardy Bros., Gillett, Ogden Smith, and Alfred and Son, of the London district; and Murton, of Newcastle; Holland, of Salisbury; Ogden and Scotford, of Cheltenham; Slater of Nottingham; and John Enright & Son, Castle Connell.

H. T. M.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Robert Grey, President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. Major-Gen. Frederick Gadsden, G.D., took the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., that of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Edward Letchworth, G.S., William Lake, P.P. G. Reg. Cornwall, William Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren who attended were Bros. William Vincent, Charles Dairy, A. Lucking, John O. Carter, David D. Mercer, S. O. Abraham, George B. Chapman, George R. Langley, George Graveley, Henry Garrod, J. A. Farnfield, T. W. Whitmarsh, Thomas J. Ralling, W. Kipps, S. H. Goldschmidt, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, R. H. Evans, Richard Eve, Walter Martin, William F. Smithson, James Bunker, John M. Mitchell, Thomas Simmons, Fredk. Hunt, G. H. Charsley, R. Y. Barton, John Glass, C. J. Williams, William G. Nottage, R. E. Clarke, T. B. Dodson, J. W. Cluff, H. Massey, Henry Smith Syer, G. L. Moore, W. E. Wigmore, J. Pickett, John Oldis, Thomas R. Cass, George Edwards, Harry Sillis, J. Macgregor, Max Mendelssohn, Wm. J. Crump, Alfred G. T. Hunt, Joseph D. Barnett, Henry L. Hart, W. A. Scurrah, F. H. Bright, C. Sweeting, R. Philip Upton, Arthur Cox, William Baker, W. F. Gilles, H. Lloyd, W. H. Wellsman, A. C. White, T. C. Freeman, W. Fowles, A. F. Lay, R. Pain Walkden, George Laker, T. Cope Allingann, Walter Denham, Thomas Cull, George Motion, W. M. Stiles, J. C. Osterstock, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

Recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the last February meeting, of grants to the amount of £460 were first confirmed. There were 46 cases on the new list, qualified by lodges in the London district, and at Spilsby, Gateshead, Teignmouth, Windsor, Cheltenham, Sydney, N.S.W., Chatham, Poole, Morpeth, South Shields, Colehill, Newport, I.W., Lymington, Halifax, Manchester, New York, Constantinople, Southampton, Maldon, Umballa, Lea-

mington, Jamaica, and Canterbury, N.Z. In the course of the sitting, which extended over five hours, the Board made a total grant of £745 to 33 of these petitions. Two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each were made; three recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each; and eight of £30 each. Ten grants were made for £20 each; seven of £10 each; and three of £5 each. Three cases were dismissed, and ten deferred.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following new lists, and additions to lists, have been received since last week:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
15 Bro. A. White, additional	(raising his list to £53 11s.)	2	2	0
1853 „ J. Griffith, additional	(raising his list to £16 10s.)	1	1	0
2535 „ Major Clifford Probyn, new list	THE PROVINCES.	42	0	0
	KENT.			
709 Bro. J. Creery, additional	(raising his list to £27 6s.)	1	1	0
	SHROPSHIRE.			
1021 the Bros. Southwell, additional	(raising their joint list to £63.)	10	10	0
	WORCESTERSHIRE.			
Bro. T. R. Arter, additional	(raising his list, which was placed under Warwickshire, to £42.)	31	10	0

ANNUAL BALL OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL AND DAGMAR LODGES.

The members of the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, and the Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262, held their annual ball at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst. The handsome hall was transformed into a picturesque bower, and presented a bright and attractive appearance. The company numbered over 100. The programme consisted of 24 round and set dances, the music for which was contributed by Mr. Charles Hann's excellent quadrille band. There was no sign of awkwardness, or of nervousness, or of out-of-placeness amongst the dancers; every one seemed to be perfectly easy and at home, and to be enjoying himself or herself to the fullest extent.

During the early part of the evening the ladies outnumbered the gentlemen, but towards midnight the merry Masons turned up in strong force after having completed their day's labours, and, like the sons of King Alcinoüs in "The Odyssey," put on "war paint" for the dance. Bro. Fred Williams and Bro. James A. Cannon made very efficient M.C.'s, and in their hands everything went "swimmingly."

At the supper many complimentary things were said of Bros. W. G. Cannon, I.P.M. 2262, and W. Malham, I.P.M. 1539, who are responsible for the holding of this happy annual ball.

Bro. R. J. MULLIS, W.M. 1539, proposed "Success to the Combined Lodges," which was enthusiastically drunk.

Bro. W. MALHAM, who responded first, said this was the second ball that had taken place in connection, or rather in conjunction, with those two Masonic lodges, and he hoped these dances would continue to be held each year.

Bro. CANNON also responded. The Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge and the Dagmar Lodge were now, he said, so blended together, that they had become almost one lodge. He hoped they would continue in that friendly spirit for many years to come. He felt delighted at seeing such a large number of ladies and gentlemen present, and hoped they were all enjoying themselves. Continuing, Bro. Cannon explained that each year the Dagmar Lodge held an outing up the river, and concluded by inviting the members of the Surrey Masonic Hall to take part in it. He felt sure they would spend an enjoyable day.

Bro. INNES proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. GEORGE NASH.

During the evening songs were rendered by Mr. Alfred Pearce, a rising young vocalist, who possesses a splendid voice. Mr. Harcourt West recited. Bros. T. H. Barker, and J. Hattersley were the joint Secretaries, and Bro. A. W. Shonfeld musical director. The Stewards were: Bros. R. J. Mullis, W.M.; W. Malham, I.P.M.; J. Morgan, S.W.; L. F. Side, J.W.; W. Hile, S.D.; A. W. Shonfeld, G. Mash, J. R. Pickering, W. A. Innes, H. A. Leighton, A. Malham, F. Wilson, G. Dean, of 1539; E. Lewcock, W.M.; G. W. Cannon, I.P.M.; H. A. Brydges, S.W.; H. V. Lloyd, S.D.; S. Gale, J.D.; J. J. Skyrme, G. E. Cannon, E. W. Hattersley, J. A. Cannon, and W. C. Benedict, of 2262.

Amongst those present were: Bro. and Mrs. W. G. Cannon, Miss Cannon and Mrs. A. Palmer, the Misses Cannon, Mr. Vernon and Mr. Nurcombe, Bro. and Mrs. G. Malham, Mr. A. Malham and Miss Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey, Bro. and Mrs. W. Mullis, Bro. and Mrs. J. Hattersley, Bro. and Mrs. Hattersley, jun., Bro. and Mrs. Lewcock, Bro. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. F. and Miss Williams, Mr. E. Williams, Bro. and Mrs. Mash and Bro. G. Mash, Bro. Shonfeld, Bro. A. Side, Mr. Roots, Bro. Wilson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin and the Misses Goodwin, Mr. Hile, Bro. L. F. Side, Bro. Skyrme, Bro. Morgan, and others.

Dancing was continued till four o'clock on Thursday morning, and the ball was in every way a great success.

Obituary.

BRO. T. WILSON-WEBB.

A highly respected inhabitant of Brightlingsea, Essex, passed away on Monday, the 4th inst., in the person of Bro. T. Wilson-Webb, builder. Deceased, who was 62 years old, had been ailing through the winter, and died of consumption. He was a member of the Freemasons' Lodge Hope, No. 433, and had served in the capacity of Tyler to the lodge for nearly 20 years. The funeral took place on Saturday amid every mark of respect, though owing to the influenza epidemic the number of Masons preceding the cortege was only 15. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Pertwee, Chaplain to the lodge, and the hymn (from Ancient and Modern) "Thy will be done," was sung. At the close of the service at the grave-side, the Masons dropped their emblems upon the coffin.

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 Unity 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. Besley, Q.C., P.M. 66; E. J. Castle, Q.C., P.M. 708; E. R. Bartley Dennis, 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).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

The VOTES and INTEREST of Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

KATHERINE POWELL,

Aged 7 years.

The father of this candidate, WILLIAM ARTHUR POWELL, was initiated in Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury, and was one of the Founders of St. Alkmund's Lodge, Whitchurch, No. 2311. He was killed whilst crossing an uncompleted railway line in July last, at Fort, William, N.B., where he was stationed as Inland Revenue Officer, leaving a wife and eight children—the eldest being 11 years and the youngest three weeks old—almost totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury, together with the brethren named below, who heartily support the case and earnestly invite your fraternal aid—

Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. (Vice-Patron), 47, Botolph-lane, London, E.C.; J. Aird, M.P., P.G.D. (Vice-Patron), 14, Hyde Park-terrace, London; *Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W. (Patron), Guildhall, London, E.C.; Sir Olley Wakeman, Bart. (Patron), Prov. G.M. of Shropshire, Yeaton Peverly, Shrewsbury; R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. of Shropshire, The Lodge, Ludlow, Salop; F. R. Spaul, P.P.G.R., Lyndholme, Arlington Park Garden, South Chiswick, W.; E. Wood, P.P.G.D.C., Pabo Hall, Conway; W. Belton, 117, 2311, P.P.G.W., Mountfields, Shrewsbury; *W. Adams, 117, 2311, P.G. Director of Ceremonies, High-street, Shrewsbury; *V. C. L. Crump, 117, 2311, P.P.G.W., The Crescent, Shrewsbury; Hon. George Ormsby Gore, P.P.G.W., Whitchurch, Salop; *E. Caffin, Sec. Shakespeare, 99, and Prince of Wales Chapter, P.G. Std. Br., 24, Rood-lane, London, E.C.; W. Cock, P.P.S.G.D., 147, Queen's-road, Peckham, London; W. C. Joyce, High-street, Whitchurch, Salop; Arthur Joyce, P.M., High-street, Whitchurch, Salop; *Barrow Jones, W.M. 2311, Bull Ring, Whitchurch, Salop; H. F. Newman, W.M. 117, High-street, Shrewsbury; and W. Baxter, 117, 2311, P.A.G.D.C., Cherry Orchard, Shrewsbury.

Voting papers will be gratefully received by those marked * and by the widowed mother, Mrs. W. A. Powell, 24, Dodington, Whitchurch, Salop.

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, Chriss-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'Tentosama (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.

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THE King of the Belgians has conferred the Order of Leopold with the rank of officer on Sir John E. Millias, Bart., R.A., and Sir James D. Linton, P.R.T.

BRO. J. C. PARKINSON left Paris on Sunday night by the Orient express for the petroleum territories of Ropienka and Wankowa-Brelkow, in Austrian Galicia, and is expected to be absent from England about four weeks.

THE CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193, will hold their fourth annual ladies' banquet and ball at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. A dispensation has been granted permitting ladies and visitors, non-Masons, to be present.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Queen's Westminster Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, will be held at the Criterion, on Friday, the 5th prox. Tickets may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Bro. Walter Wood, 35, Brixton-road, S.W.

BRO. W. G. KENTISH has very kindly consented to deliver a lecture entitled "An Account of my Rambles in Switzerland," and illustrated by oxy-hydrogen light, with numerous views, at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, this (Friday) evening, at 6.45 for 7 p.m.

THE INSTALLATION MEETING of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, which usually falls on the last Friday in January, will take place on Friday next, the 29th inst., when Bro. W. H. G. Ball, P.M., 45, and last year's J.W., will be installed in the chair. The function will be held, as usual, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet.

BRO. LORD AND LADY HALSBURY, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Bro. Lord and Lady Amptill, and Bros. Sir William Marriott, O.C., Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., and Mrs. Halsey, were among the guests at the evening party given by the Countess Stanhope, on Saturday evening last.

THE ANNUAL DINNER in aid of the London and Suburban Railway Officials' Association was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. Col. North. The Association was established in 1876, and has a strong roll of members. It has disbursed in aid nearly £4000, and still has a subscribed fund amounting to £2700.

WE ARE GLAD to hear that Bro. Stephen Abell, W.M. of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, has so far recovered from his recent illness since December last as to be able to attend the lodge duties on the 5th inst., having been obliged to forego the previous meeting. The brethren, to prove their satisfaction and pleasure at his return, unanimously elected him W.M. for the second year in succession.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK visited the schools of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick on Saturday last, for the purpose of distributing the prizes and certificates won by the children during the past year. Her Royal Highness was received on her arrival by Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, and conducted by his lordship to a dais in the Girls' School Room. When the distribution was at an end, a vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the Duchess for her kindness in attending.

ARRANGEMENTS for the forthcoming Art Loan Exhibition at Guildhall are almost complete. The galleries will be open to the public from April 23rd to July 13th, both days inclusive. The hours will be from 10 to seven every week day and three to seven every Sunday. The exhibition will mainly comprise works of the British and Dutch schools, a number of the latter being now publicly exhibited for the first time. A few fine examples by J. L. Gérôme will be included.

WITH much regret we announce the early death, in his 40th year, of Bro. Alfred John Dixie, P.M., of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453; a member of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge; P.Z. of the Duke of Cornwall Chapter, and P. Prov. G.D.C. of Essex. Bro. Dixie had also served well as Steward at several festivals for the Institutions, and was at all times a safe and perfect Preceptor. The funeral took place at Highgate Cemetery, on Saturday last, the 16th inst.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at Halifax, under the banner of the De Warren Lodge, No. 1302, on Wednesday, the 3rd proximo. Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, and his officers will attend. The meeting will take place in the Mechanics' Hall, and the banquet at Bank Field Mansion. In consequence of this visit the Halifax Town Council have decided to hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday, the 4th prox., instead of the 3rd.

THE LOSS, within the brief period of a single week, of three such capital entertainers as Mr. Alfred German Reed, Mr. Corney Grain, and Mrs. German Reed is serious and impressive enough, but it becomes more serious and impressive still when we reflect that they constituted by themselves almost the entire corps of artists which for more than 36 years had delighted the public with what has been known as the "German Reed" Entertainment. Mrs. Reed will be remembered by old playgoers as the Miss Priscilla Horton, who took a prominent part in the Shakespearean revivals of the late Charles Kean. Her theatrical experiences extended from 1834 to 1858. Subsequently she made the tour of the provinces with her husband, Mr. German Reed, to whom she was married in 1844, and, on returning to the Metropolis, they settled down, and gave the entertainment which was named after them, and only the memory of which will survive them.

A LOT OF MONEY is wasted every year by people who can ill afford to lose it. They buy what they do not want, or what afterwards turns out to be useless for the purpose for which they bought it; and so they are compelled to go without many things of which they stand in need. A man suffering from headache, loss of appetite, indigestion, or low spirits, will dose himself with noxious drugs, and waste his money on all sorts of useless medicines, when by taking a dose of Holloway's Pills he could immediately put himself right. Of course, if he has gout, rheumatism, lumbago, bronchitis, sore throat, or weak chest, he must use Holloway's Ointment, a world-famed remedy for all such complaints.

BRO. THE REV. J. STEPHEN BARRASS is, we hear, suffering from an aggravated form of gastritis, and, as a consequence, will not be able for some weeks to fulfil his public engagements.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW of the Royal Horticultural Society will, by permission of the Benchers, be held in the Inner Temple Gardens, on Tuesday, the 21st May, and two following days.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, attended by Lady Collins, was present at the annual meeting of the East-end Workers' Home, Commercial-road, held by invitation at Lowther Lodge, Kensington Gore, on Monday.

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK OF GERMANY will conclude her visit to England this week, a special train having been ordered on her behalf, to leave Charing Cross to-morrow (Saturday) evening, to convey her majesty to Port Victoria, where she will embark for the Continent.

MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE intend returning to England much sooner than was originally arranged, their departure from the Riviera having been fixed for the 24th inst. They are expected to arrive at the residence of their son, Mr. H. Gladstone, in Whitehall-place, on Tuesday the 26th inst.

A SPECIAL SERVICE in memory of the late Earl of Benborough was held in the Chapel of Harrow School on Sunday, when a large number of present and past Harrowians were present, among the latter being Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.; Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P.; Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P.; and W. Hume Long, M.P.

IT IS GRATIFYING to note that the Registrar-General's Returns for last week show a great diminution in the number of deaths due to influenza and diseases of the respiratory organs. The former numbered 349 as against 473 the previous week, and the latter 1120 as against 1366, the general rate of mortality for the whole of the Metropolis having fallen from 41.2 to 33.4 per 1000.

THE DUCHESS OF LEINSTER, who had been in delicate health for some months past and spending the winter in the Riviera, died at Mentone, in the presence of her nearest relatives, on Tuesday. Her Grace was born in 1864, and in 1884 married the Duke of Leinster, who died in 1893, leaving three sons, of whom the present Duke of Leinster was born in 1887.

BRO. LORD HERSHELL, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Prime Minister, presided at the annual dinner, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Wednesday evening, in aid of the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Bro. Baron F. de Rothschild, M.P., being among the principal guests. In the course of the evening subscriptions were announced to the extent of £2550, including £1000 from Lord Rothschild, £500 from Messrs. Barclay and Perkins, and £50 from the Earl of Rosebery.

IT IS MORE than a year since the publication of "A Superfluous Woman," and a new novel in one volume, entitled "Transition," by the same author, is to be published by Mr. Heinemann on the 25th inst. The book has been written not as a direct attempt to emulate Mrs. Humphry Ward's achievement in "Marcella," but, it is believed, with the purpose of giving a more exact and intimate account of the workings of the minds and methods of the Socialists. A sketch is introduced of one of the most rising men in London in the earlier days of his advance in public life, and the individuality of his character will be easily recognisable.

THE CYNTHIA QUARTETTE has established for itself a high reputation for the variety and excellence of its programmes, and the admirable manner in which they are carried out. It consists of Bro. Fred Howard (alto), Reynolds Wood (tenor), Albert Rayment (baritone), and Arthur Johnson (bass). It is open to engagements at concerts, banquets, at homes, &c., either in London or the provinces, and its programmes embrace all the best known glees, madrigals, part songs, &c., &c. Full information as to terms, &c., may be obtained of the Secretary, Bro. Fred Howard Booth Hay, Christ Church Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.

TO THOSE of our readers who may be interested in the fortunes of the rapidly growing Colony of Western Australia, we are able to announce that there is now in the press a map of the gold fields in that Colony, in which the Murchison, Yilgarn, Coolgardie, East Coolgardie, and Dundas Fields are clearly delineated. It will be ready for issue by the end of the present month, and will be published, unmounted at 2s., mounted on canvas in book form at 3s., and mounted on rollers at 4s. It will be issued for the West Australian Gold Fields, Limited, by Sir Joseph Causton and Sons, 9, Eastcheap, E.C., to whom all orders for copies should be addressed.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.—At the March meeting of this lodge after the ceremonies of raising three brethren and initiating Mr. S. G. McCormick, the business of the lodge was concluded, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. In the course of the evening a handsome illuminated testimonial was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. B. D. Kershaw, P.M., Treas., in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge as Treasurer for 11 years, and for many years previous to that in connection with the Masonic Charities. Bro. Kershaw is the oldest initiated member of the lodge, and has always been distinguished by his punctual and regular attendance. The presentation, spontaneous and unexpected by Bro. Kershaw, was acknowledged by him in suitable terms.

THE DISLIKE of the Roman Catholic Church for Freemasonry has found expression in the publication of a series of violent attacks on Freemasons in a Lyons newspaper called "La France Libre," which has a Roman Catholic editor. Freemasons in Lyons have been the subject of personal denunciations. Lists of names have been given, and employers have been exhorted to have nothing to do with those who were thus denounced. Among the persons thus brought into prominence is an organist at one of the Lyons churches, and the result was that he was dismissed from his employment. In consequence of this he has brought an action for libel against the paper, claiming 3000 francs damages. A printer who is also aggrieved in the same way has brought an action to recover 2000 francs. The case, which attracted to the court a large gathering of priests and friends of the Clerical party, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiffs for the amount claimed, but judgment was postponed.—Daily News.

The University Boatrace will take place on Saturday, the 30th inst., about 4 p.m. The crews have been hard at practice during the present week, and have both of them rowed the full course in good time.

The Royal Botanical Society held a very successful exhibition of spring flowers on their grounds in the Regent's Park on Wednesday, the promenaders receiving additional pleasure from the presence of the band of the 2nd Life Guards.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of Manchester, Wakefield, and Bath and Wells, and Bishop Selwyn have chosen the Rev. John Reginald Harmer, M.A., for the Bishopric of Adelaide.

THE GOVERNING BODY of Rugby met on Thursday afternoon in London, and appointed the Rev. Herbert Armitage James, B.D., principal of Cheltenham College, as the new head master of Rugby, in succession to the Rev. Dr. Percival, elected to the Episcopal Bench.

BROS. SIR F. FITZWYGRAM, Bart., Admiral Field, Abel H. Smith, and E. M. Boord, and Lord Edmund Talbot, Sir John Kinloch, Sir R. Paget, and Sir F. Mappin were among the guests at the Speaker's fourth Parliamentary full-dress dinner on Wednesday.

BRO. S. COCHRANE, the Prime Warden, presided at the dinner of the Worshipful Company of Dyers, held in their hall on Dowgate Hill, on Wednesday. This Company—like that of the Vintners—enjoy the exceptional privilege of keeping swans on the upper reaches of the Thames.

A CONCERT will be given at the Finsbury Institute, South-place, Moorgate-street, E.C., on Monday next, under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Mr. R. K. Causton, M.P., in aid of the Phoenix Orphanage Building Fund which is in great need of help at the present time.

MR. GEORGE WYATT TRUSCOTT has been elected Alderman of the Ward of Dowgate, in succession to his father, the late Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, but in accordance with the wishes of the new alderman, the usual presentation banquet will not be held for the present out of respect to his deceased father.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN (Bro. Lord Carrington) gave a dinner party at his residence in Grosvenor-street, on Wednesday, the guests including Mr. Arthur Arnold, Chairman of the London County Council, Bro. the Earl of Cork (Master of the Horse), and Bro. Lord Kensington (Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard).

THE ANNUAL Council dinner of the National Artillery Association was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Earl of Stradbroke. Among the guests were the Earl of Waldegrave, Sir W. Lennox Napier, Sir J. Goldsmith, M.P., and Lieut.-General Keith Fraser.

NEW VICAR OF ST. BOTOLPH.—A meeting of the parishioners of St. Botolph Without, Aldersgate, took place on Thursday evening at the School House, 181, Aldersgate-street, for the purpose of considering "the question of the appointment of a new vicar to the parish," having regard to recent events, and to pass such resolutions thereon as the meeting may consider necessary and proper. Mr. B. Norman (senior churchwarden) presided over a large attendance. Mr. T. H. Ellis moved: "That it is the earnest wish of the inhabitants and ratepayers of this parish, who justly appreciate the valued services of the Rev. T. Selby Henrey during the past six years, that he should be appointed to the vacant living, as they feel assured that the spiritual needs of the parish will be amply and properly provided for by such appointment, and the parishioners respectfully hope that the dean and chapter will give effect to their unanimous desire." Sir Albert Altman seconded the resolution, which was carried with perfect unanimity, and amid loud cheering.—The Morning.

MASONIC BALL.—A ball took place in the Victoria Hall, Dunblane, on Friday, the 15th inst., in connection with the bi-centenary of Dunblane Lodge, No. 9. The lodge has a long and interesting history, having written records back to 1695, and these records pointing to a period of existence prior to that date. Many names eminent in Scottish history are enrolled in its minute-books. For some years before 1886 the lodge was not in a very thriving condition, but Bro. Col. Stirling, of Kippendavie, being appointed Master, it has since been very prosperous, and now numbers nearly 100 members. The present R.W.M. is Bro. C. Murray Stewart. Among those who accepted invitations were Bros. Colonel Stirling, P.G.M., West Perthshire; Sir John Stirling Maxwell; Colonel Home Drummond, P.P.G.M., West Perthshire; Lieutenant Haines, P.G.S.B., and others. The hall was beautifully decorated by the gardener from Kippendavie, while the east end of the hall was tastefully done up with Masonic emblems by Bro. Wedderspoon. Over 60 couples stood up to the first dance, and dancing was continued with great vigour till 3.30 a.m. During the evening the R.W.M. made a short speech, recounting the long history of the lodge, and called for three hearty cheers for the Provincial Grand Master, for his presence among them, and the great interest he always takes in Freemasonry. Bro. Colonel Stirling, in thanking them for their kindness, said that he would never forget that No. 9 was his mother lodge, nor the many pleasant hours he had spent among the brethren. It is intended to more fully celebrate the bi-centenary year by a grand banquet later on.

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