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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The first step in the way of preparation for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was taken on Friday, the 5th instant, when the brethren who have volunteered their services as Stewards for the occasion held their inaugural meeting, constituted themselves into a Board with the usual acting and honorary officers, and made such arrangements as they deemed necessary or desirable at so early a stage in the proceedings. It is gratifying to learn from what passed at the meeting in question, and what has reached us since, that the Board has been considerably augmented in point of numbers since we last drew attention to the subject, and that it now comprises over 260 ladies and brethren, with the certainty that between now and the 8th May—the day appointed for the celebration—several further additions will be made. We may, therefore, anticipate that the total number of Stewards who will give their services in support of the Chairman, Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMRE, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, will be not far short of 300, and if only these brethren succeed in raising an average—the very moderate average—of £40 per list, there will be no doubt as to a sufficiency of the ways and means being forthcoming for the maintenance of the Institution at its present strength, or rather let us say, that the governing body will be in a position to maintain it on its present footing without either incurring debt with its bankers or trenching upon its very limited reserve of invested moneys. Thus there ought to be no difficulty in obtaining the requisite sum of between £11,000 and £12,000 which, as we have been at the pains of showing in former articles is required for the service of the current year. In the first place, the Institution is popular with the Craft because of those whom it takes under its charge. Boys and girls of tender years are alike helpless to assist themselves in obtaining a livelihood. They must have some kind of education to begin with, and the better the character of that education, the more likely are they to make a good start in life. But the Girls, as the weaker sex, naturally appeal more strongly to our sympathies. They are not framed so strongly as boys to encounter the difficulties which are the lot of all orphan children or the children of people in reduced circumstances. On this ground, then, the Girls' School appeals to our support, and the appeal is invariably responded to with alacrity, if not always to the extent that may be necessary. In the next place, there can never be any question as to the manner in which the affairs of the Institution are administered. We had evidence of this only the other day when the results of certain public examinations, in which sundry of the pupils had presented themselves as candidates, were published, and it was found in the case of the Cambridge Local Examinations that all had passed the prescribed ordeal, while many were placed in the Honours Classes, and still more of them had special distinctions awarded in one or more subjects; and that in the College of Preceptors' Examination only a very few were unable to satisfy the Examiners of their proficiency in the prescribed subjects. But in addition to this particular and more recent evidence of the excellence of the training at this Institution there is the general, and therefore the more important, evidence which has been regularly forthcoming for a long term of years—indeed, ever since the present Head-Governess was appointed—that there is no need for our Girls' School to look outside the limits of its own ex-pupils in order to obtain the services of capable teachers and governesses. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the educational or domestic staff, there is always a pupil who has left, or who is on the point of leaving, who is ready and willing, and, be it added, thoroughly competent to fill it. This has been the case for a long time, and we have no doubt this plan of recruiting the staff of teachers from the senior pupils, which has been found so beneficial, will be continued. At all events, the successes won by the girls in certain examinations which are open to the general body of our middle-class schools, and the fact of the educational staff being, with the exception of Miss DAVIS herself, composed entirely of former pupils, is evidence enough that whatever moneys are contributed at our Festivals will be usefully and beneficially expended. There is yet another reason why the sum necessary to maintain this Institution should be regularly forthcoming, and that is, the very great increase in the number of children on the establishment which has taken place within the last 20 years. In the year 1871 there were only about 100 Girls in residence at Battersea Rise; now the number is 263, so that in but little more than the period mentioned, the number of children in receipt of the training which has been proved to be so excellent has been augmented by more than 150 per cent.

Under the circumstances we have described, we again most earnestly appeal to the Craft generally for that measure of support at the approaching

Festival which is so necessary for the Institution, and which it so fully deserves. It is possible, and indeed most probable, that the Board of Stewards will ultimately consist of about 300 ladies and brethren, and, as we have said before, if these succeed in raising the modest average of £40 per list, the sum required for the year will be forthcoming. But the Returns have fluctuated very considerably since the year 1888, when the Institution celebrated the centenary of its foundation, and the immense sum of £51,600 was raised. In 1889, as was to be expected, the Festival yielded only £5354. In 1890 there was a recovery, and the total announced and realised was £11,010. In 1891, however, there was a very serious falling off, and the amount obtained was £8017, while even in 1892, when the Duke of CONNAUGHT presided as Chairman, the Returns only just exceeded the sum of £10,000. That a greater recovery from the fall in 1891 was not achieved was no doubt owing to the occurrence of the Benevolent Jubilee in the February preceding the Festival of this Institution, but whatever the cause, the smallness of the total in 1892, when compared with the average total attained in the years preceding 1888, was a serious disappointment to those responsible for the management of the Institution, who found that the beneficial results of the Centenary Festival were in a fair way to be neutralised by the diminished Returns which had since been obtained. However, in 1893, under the auspices of the Earl of EUSTON, the Festival produced upwards of £14,000, while, last year, when the Earl of LATHOM presided, a total of £18,056 was realised. This has gone a long way towards restoring the fortunes of the School, but on comparing the average for the six years that have followed the Centenary year with that of the six years which preceded it, we find the advantage is on the side of the latter. The total for the years 1889-1894 was £67,050, giving an average per year of £11,175; for the six years 1882-1887, the total was £75,759, giving an average per year of £12,626. Hence, if there is a very serious diminution next month as compared with the total raised in May, 1894, the average for the years which have succeeded the Centenary will compare still more disadvantageously than it does now with the average for the years preceding it. Add to this that the School is stronger by 20 pupils than it was before 1888, and our readers will realise still more clearly the necessity for raising a goodly average total. The permanent income is about £2000, the expenditure over £13,000. Let the deficit be made good, and we may be sure the authorities will be both satisfied and gratified not less than the distinguished brother who has undertaken to preside, and the Stewards who are so loyally working in support of his advocacy.

PROGRESS.

During late years the Order of Freemasonry has had more attention paid to its outer expressions and visible signs than it ever had, and this is sure to continue. There is suspicion everywhere, and many clear-headed Masons fully recognise the fact that if we cannot stand fair criticism there is a screw loose somewhere. Beyond this, in these days, Societies cannot afford to treat public opinion too cavalierly; and if the avowed principles of any philanthropic Society be irreconcilable with the conduct of its members, it cannot avoid either the attack of enemies, or the effects those attacks may produce on that opinion. Meanwhile, Masons themselves express a belief (in which, however, we do not share to anything like the same extent) that Freemasonry is losing its character—inwardly suffering acutely, they say, from canker-worm, which is sapping its vitality and threatening its very foundations.

Writers, more or less qualified, both in this and other countries, have raised an alarm, and naturally the public papers around the seat of your Masonic parliament have not been slow to take it up. Masons, we are told, have joined in, and actually confirmed unfriendly criticism in those papers, thus drawing, unfairly, as we think, the attention of a curious but indiscriminative public to matters it cannot even superficially understand without special knowledge. School-tales generally give but one side of a question is an old saying; and whether this be literally true or wholly or partially false, such tales are best kept within the school; for even in the playground they often lead to scimmages.

After all, the physician who knows the cause of a disease is half way advanced towards its cure if that be possible; and this may be said of ours. We have known all about both for eight or nine years, only, not very widely believing in the disease, but a comparatively small section ever expected having it to cure. The "wise men" who pooh-pooh'd the warning in 1887, did so at least honestly, and simply could not understand it at that time. Most of these have since done yeoman service by boldly dealing with the disease immediately it threatened to enter their own lodges, which is a far more practical appreciation of the warning than any other they could show. We are now alluding, of course, to the indiscriminate admission of candidates.

Bro. CARVER's letter last week testifies to the opinion of "many members of the Craft" with whom he is associated, as to what kind of advance Masonry has to make before it can claim that its members walk consistently with their Masonic professions.

This is quite a different matter. While admiring the spirit of that letter, and possibly, if we knew all the particulars, while in actual accord with objects such as he would attain, we cannot endorse Bro. CARVER's idea for bringing about that advancement. It is, in fact, a clearly well-meant, but crude, conception, as even Bro. CARVER will admit, if he asks himself the simple question—"Are my objects impossible of attainment (that is, in a reasonable degree) in *all* lodges, and, if so, what influence will the reputation alone of my proposed lodge have on the rest?"

Bro. CARVER's theory is, we presume, that he could form a lodge which on his lines (not stated yet, but immaterial) would be perfect. Our idea is that it is impossible! However much we, along with Bro. CARVER, may desire that all Masons should act up to their professions, we must say, inasmuch as it rests more with the *man* than the Mason to do this, such a hope would be foolish and vain. Further, there never was a time in the history of the Craft when good men and true were more needed than now. To withdraw 20 such men from, say, 10 lodges in which their influence is lost, and hide those 20 lights under the bushel of one lodge, however near perfection it might attain, does not commend itself to our judgment as likely to advance the best interests of "Freemasonry in general." Bro. CARVER has our sympathy, and will receive the moral support of thousands of right-minded brethren, so far as his expressed objects are concerned; but the impracticability of his scheme to attain those objects will be almost generally recognised amongst those who have had much experience of our lodge life.

RECORDS OF THE "HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE," 1777-1821.

A very interesting ceremony took place on June 28th, 1893, at Brighton, which is duly described in the *Freemason* for July 8th. A number of documents belonging to the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," No. 56, Littlehampton (formerly of Arundel, and before then, of London), had come into the possession of Bro. Salter, through his grandfather, and these were presented to the W.M. (Bro. Walter Goss) on behalf of the lodge by the R.W. Bro. Earl of Warwick (then Lord Brooke), Prov. G.M. of Essex. Bro. Salter spoke at length on the character of the volumes thus returned to their rightful owner, and the W.M. expressed his thanks for these most valuable gifts.

Most of these books have been sent to me for examination by Bro. Walter Powell, P.M. 142, &c. They date from 1777 to 1821, and consist of several folio and quarto volumes, in excellent condition, and of special interest and value to No. 56, being continuous records from the year 1777 onwards.

According to Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," the lodge was formed at the "Black Dog," Castle-street, Seven Dials, London, 21st December, 1736, as No. 151, becoming 136 in 1740, 85 in 1755, and 71 in 1770, meeting in several places in the interim, but alas, was erased in 1775. The lodge was reinstated 5th February, 1777, and the sum of two guineas is credited on that date from "71, Star, Coleman Street," in the Transactions of the Grand Lodge.

The oldest minute book presented—one of those returned as noted—begins Feb. 17th, 1777, and is headed "*Blue Boar*, in Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury" so that the members must have changed their place of meeting between February 5th and 17th of that year, though the record reads as if the lodge had assembled at the "*Blue Boar*" before the 17th. Apparently only three members were present, viz.: Bros. Browning, R.W.M.; W. Whitehead, as S.W.; and Butter, J.W. Seven joining members—who were present—were proposed and elected there and then, one being elected the R.W.M. on the resignation of the chair by Bro. Browning. A candidate was elected and "passed the 2 first degrees of Masonry and paid £1 16s. 6d."

The lodge is called "*Brotherly Love*" on June 6th, 1777. At least it is then first noted. A removal to the Bedford Arms, Charlotte-street, Bedford-square, took place on April 15th, 1782. The R.W.M. informed the members Jan. 20th, 1783, that "the registering Fees had not been paid to the Grand Lodge since Nov., 1778." Twenty initiations had taken place and 15 joining members elected during the previous four years, and the brethren were solicited to help in meeting the financial obligation, which they did at once by subscribing some four pounds.

A meeting was held by convention at the sign of the Two Blue Posts, Tottenham Court-road, 5th March, 1789, when it was agreed to remove the lodge to the Bedford-square Coffee House, Great Russell-street. The next meeting was held there, but the Secretary forgot to date the minutes, but the following lodge was on 19th April, 1784.

On 21st February, 1785, "It was agreed that there should be a Masonic Lodge conven'd at the 3 Kings, Orange-street, Bloomsbury, for raising the following Brothers into the third Degree of Masonry," but there is no record of the fact, though probably it took place.

"According to the ancient custom," it is stated, was the reason for the R.W.M. being voted a ticket for the "Grand Feast," which seems to have been an annual gift.

The lodge removed to the "Buffalo's Head," corner of Newman-street, Oxford-street, on 20th June, 1785, as per vote at the previous meeting. The last minute recorded in this volume is dated October 17th, 1785, the number of the lodge from 1780 being 55.

The next volume begins 21st November, 1785, and ends on 21st June, 1790, a goodly number of pages being left unused in the book. The

meetings were held at the King's Head Tavern, Holborn, from 19th December, 1785, and on 19th March, 1787, it is stated that—

"All Bus^s being over the lodge was closed At a Great Harangue ab^d Br. Preston by Br. Js. Smith."

A visitor, in same minutes is noted as "*Smith, R.W.M., T.L.*" Doubtless the "harangue" was about the William Preston incident, the difficulties being happily adjusted a little later.

The lodge was one of the earliest to support the "Cumberland Free Mason School," as the sum of one guinea was annually voted to that excellent Institution (now the R.M.I. for Girls) on 21st April, 1788.

Mr. John Bradley Merton, of Petworth, and Mr. William Keene, of Arundel (both in Sussex) had the three Degrees conferred on them, 15th December, 1788, "on account of residence being in the Country;" and on the 22nd of the same month.

"Bro. Terry moved that the lodge be remov'd to Arundel in Sussex, and the time of removing it be left to the R.W.M., Henley, so that the same be remov'd within six months from this time, which was unanimously carried."

Nine brethren were present on the occasion, but neither of the two Sussex residents admitted seven days before. The balance in the hand of the Treasurer amounted to £2 4 10, which (with any sums to be subsequently received), was to be at the disposal of the majority of the members, should "they remain in Town."

Two meetings of Emergency were held at the "R.W.M.'s Chambers in Clifford's Inn," on January the 16th and 19th, 1789, the final assembly in London being on February 9th, 1789, at the usual place of meeting ("King's Head Tavern"), when the minutes were confirmed of one regular and two emergent meetings; after other business being transacted, the lodge was "closed in due form and the meeting adjourned till further notice to be given by the R.W.M."

The lodge assembled at the "Crown Inn," Arundel, 6th May, 1789, with Bro. Henley still as the R.W.M.; Bro. Pecknell, S.W. *pro tem.*; Bro. Bradley, J.W.; Bro. Keen being also present, and three other brothers. The point to be settled is, was this a meeting of the old lodge, or the inauguration of a new one? My belief is, that it was a continuation of the old lodge of "Brotherly Love," London, for the minutes run on in the same book; the Quarterage Book is also continuous, and the removal, so far as evidence is afforded, was in accordance with the laws then in force, Book of Constitutions, 1784. Hitherto the evidence in existence tended in the other direction.

The R.W.M. paid 14s. Xmas, 1788, and 6s. at Mich, 1789; William Keen was initiated 15th December, 1788, and paid his quarterage later on; Bro. London, who was present, was one of the old members, and a Bro. Becknell, who was S.W. *pro tem.*, who poses as a member, apparently joined in the interim. Bro. William Henley joined from the Lodge of Happiness, No. 215, on 18th December, 1786, became the Secretary later on, and was the Master from June 16th, 1788. For certain there were two members present at this meeting, and possibly three or four, Bro. Bradley being also in attendance, who was admitted when Bro. Keen was. The others seem to have simply stayed away, and so were not continued on subsequent lists, but quietly dropped.

The Master was an Attorney in practice in London originally, and then removed to Arundel, hence possibly the explanation of the lodge following him! No purchase of the warrant is noted, even had such been intended, of which there is no evidence, for so far as I can judge, the removal was legitimately carried out from first to last.

The lodge was visited by Bro. James Galloway, P.G.W. of England, and D. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, on September 7th, 1789, and as all went on thereafter as vigorous as ever, the presence of that zealous Craftsman may be accepted as favourable to the removal and transactions of the members early in that year. Four meetings were held in September and activity prevailed. On November 2nd, 1789, it was resolved—

"That this Lodge in future be called the *Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love*, and that notice be sent to J^r G. S. that it may be entered in the new Calendar."

"At the particular request of Sir Geo. Thomas [Bart.] this lodge do meet at Bro. Tappers at the Dolphin [Hotel], Chichester, to-morrow evening for the Purpose of Initiating the above Gentleman." The meeting was so held, and Sir Geo. Thomas and four others were "initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in due form." How far such was regular it is not for me to say at this time; besides which permission may have been obtained for the purpose.

The minutes end on 21st June, 1790, though a third of the book is left unused, the members apparently preferring a new volume for the Records. The third book begins on 6th May, 1789, all the minutes being written in by the same hand from the old book to June, 1800; possibly by Bro. Holmes, the Secretary, so that there is a continuous record of the lodge doings at Arundel from the beginning in that town, in one and the same volume, to October 19th, 1804, when again a great number of leaves are left blank, and a new volume is opened.

The Annual Feast, 24th June, 1790, was celebrated by a Procession to Church, a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Mossop, Chaplain to the Royal Clarence Lodge, Brighton, and then the usual dinner. Similar Celebrations are also noted in subsequent years. Two guineas voted October 6, 1798, for "the Relief of the widows and orphans of the Brave men who fell in the service of the King and Country, &c." The lodge removed to the Norfolk Arms, from October 17th, 1800, by vote of the members.

A curious minute occurs on July 6th, 1799. Two brethren hailing from No. 121, Scotland, the "*Union*" wished to join the lodge, and were duly elected accordingly, but it was thought necessary, "after the death of their

late R.W.M., Bro. William Henley," to re-initiate them, in order that their names may be enrolled in the Grand Lodge Books, which was done. There is also a rough minute Book from November 2nd, 1799, to November 21st, 1800, in quarto, water-mark of paper, 1797.

Invitation from the Provincial Grand Secretary to take part in the constitution of the lodge at Lewes ("South Saxon," No. 311, from 1863), "as a Provincial Lodge," on 11th March, 1801, was read at the lodge held on the 27th ult., and likewise the information noted that the R.W.M. (Bro. T. Till) was to be appointed Prov. G.S.B. The lodge at Lewes was so constituted by special warrant of 7th March, 1801, but the reason is not apparent.

In 1804 it was resolved to place the daughter of the late Bro. Henley (so long the Master) in the "Royal Cumberland Free-Masons School," at the expense of the lodge. This was on October 19th, when it was also agreed—

"That, as this lodge has no regular Warrant to authorise them to Act as Regular Masons, that the R.W.M. do apply to get one if it can be obtained."

The lodge having been formed in 1730, would not have had a regular warrant, but only a certificate of its Constitution, which was doubtless lost. Had that document been preserved, it would have been quite sufficient authority for all purposes, and would have done duty as a warrant, as with the present No. 58, London.

The next minute book begins February 1st, 1805, and ends 14th January, 1812, right to the last page, and inside of cover is "*Finis. Vive le Roi.*" The succeeding volume (both in quarto size) runs on from 28th January, 1812, to 24th December, 1821. £3 voted to the *Acting Master*, as an annual grant for his services, there being also a R.W.M.

It was agreed September 1st, 1809, that "a Royal Arch Chapter be purchased, and Br. Finch come with the furniture . . . for the sum of 42 10 6." Fee for Degree 10s. 6d. for members, and one guinea for other brethren. Finch was a noted Masonic charlatan, expelled by the Grand Lodge of England, and traded on the Fraternity. Evidently he was found out, later on, at Arundel, for, on 13th August, 1811, the lodge resolved, in answer to a letter received from him, that "he be offered a five pound note in full discharge of his Bill." It seems, however, that the members did not succeed as they anticipated, for, on 14th February, 1815, it was decided to "defray certain expenses incurred in a late litigation with William Finch, amounting to £50 19 10."

From the minutes of "Mount Moriah" Chapter and other sources, we know the companions joined the "Moderns" Grand Chapter in 1811, which probably was due to the intimation received by the lodge 7th April, 1810, "that every Chapter of R.A. Masons must be licensed by Warrant from the Grand Chapter of England."

The reference to the "Red Cross" in the minutes of the lodge held 29th January, 1810, possibly refers to one of Finch's concoctions, as he dabbled in all manner of Degrees and ceremonies.

The minutes from 1818 onward refer to the removal of the chapter to Chichester, and also to other matters concerning that Degree, but these are all noted, more or less, in my brief article on the chapter in the *Freemason*, 23rd March, 1895.

The Lodge was opened in "the Excellent Degree," 5th Sep. 1818, and the ceremony duly worked; the lodge was also "opened in the Past Masters' Degree" 13th October, 1818, and the ceremony conferred on two brethren. It was again conferred "as a reward for zeal" in the same year. A slip is inserted of 14th Dec. 1819 "Chapter of R. Cross Knights. A Bro. Lee was this evening duly exalted a Companion of this Degree." What Red Cross this was is not apparent, but probably that of the "Red Cross of Babylon," as still worked in Scotland under the wing of the Royal Arch.

On the 22nd Aug. 1821, two brethren were "elected" to the "4th Degree," or "P.M. Degree," after the lodge was closed in the previous Degrees.

There are several references to the "Union," and the "Union Work." On the 11th July, 1815, "the Lodge was opened in the first Degree of Masonry, according to the new system adopted by the Grand Lodge," and at the meeting held August 15th 1815, special arrangements were made "for the purpose of communicating the late alterations in Masonry as directed by the Grand Lodge." The Records, however, from the Union of the two rival Grand Lodges in Dec., 1813, are not of sufficient general interest for me to say more about them, excepting by way of congratulation to the lodge on their recovery of these and the older and very valuable documents, which, to say the least, appear to have belonged to one and the same lodge, originally formed in London in 1736, erased in 1775, reinstated in 1777, removed to Arundel, in 1789, dormant between 1836 and 1859, revived once more, and has been at Littlehampton from 1892.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

There was a large gathering of brethren at Halifax on the 3rd instant, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. The proceedings took place at the Mechanics' Hall, and were held under the banner of the De Warren Lodge, No. 1302. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. H. Smith, many of the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, and representatives of nearly all the 76 lodges in the province. As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, a portion of the lodge furniture was draped in black.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in acknowledging the salutations of the brethren, alluded to the fact that the De Warren Lodge this year completes the 25th year of its existence, having been consecrated in June, 1870, by Bro. Bentley Shaw. He mentioned that during the past seven years

seven lodges in West Yorkshire had celebrated their centenary, and reminded the brethren that next month the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, Leeds, would attain the completion of its 100th year. Referring to the fact that the Charity Committee had recently appointed Bro. W. Harrop as its Chairman, and Bro. W. C. Lupton as its Vice-Chairman, Bro. Jackson commended the valuable work that had been done by that Committee for the Masonic Charities. As an illustration of the extent of the work that had been done by the three great Masonic Institutions, he stated that during the past 10 years no less than £621,400 had been contributed to those Charities, and said that in all such efforts West Yorkshire had always been to the forefront. The Prov. Grand Master paid a touching tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Tew, in whom, he said, the Order had lost one of its distinguished and most prominent leaders. Bro. Tew filled the various positions which he occupied with honour to himself and with satisfaction to every one with whom he was brought in contact. Whether they looked at his life and career in his commercial, magisterial, or Masonic capacity, they would find that in each of them he was actuated by the highest motives and by the tenderest sympathy. The Queen had no more loyal subject, the Church had no more devoted son, and Masonry had no stronger adherent and no more liberal and enthusiastic supporter. Bro. Jackson expressed his deep regret that it was impossible for him to attend Bro. Tew's funeral, but stated that he had taken the opportunity of writing to Mrs. Tew and conveying to her his sympathy and the sympathy of the brethren of West Yorkshire. He moved a resolution offering to Mrs. Tew and her family the earnest condolence and heartfelt sympathy of Provincial Grand Lodge in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of Bro. Tew.

This resolution was agreed to in silence.

In presenting the report of the Charity Committee, Bro. HARROP stated that last year the contributions of West Yorkshire to the three Masonic Charities were £6673 14s. 6d., including a "presentation" to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, amounting to 1200 guineas, given by Bro. George Heaton. Fifty-one persons connected with West Yorkshire were now receiving the benefits of the three Institutions.

On the motion of Bro. THOMAS RICHARDS, seconded by Bro. C. L. MASON, Bro. Major George Bolton, 154, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and was duly invested.

The Prov. Grand Master also invested the following officers for the year:

Bro. C. L. Mason, 304	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. J. Brook, 290	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Ven. Archdeacon Donne (Vicar of Wakefield) 1019	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. William Wilkinson, 2069	...	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" Isaac Kaberry, 910	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Herbert G. E. Green, 1019	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Alfred Stephenson, 2321	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" Walker Dyson, 2261	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Herbert Nixon, 1239	...	...	Librarian.
" G. H. Robinson, 275	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. C. Robinson, 1648	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" Fountain Read, 1034	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" William Dickie, 904	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" William Watson, 61	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. P. Sunderland, 1736	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Joseph Hartley, 495	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. Goldthorpe, 242	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. S. Sutherst, 1018	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Godfrey Woodhead, 1645	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Herbert Columbine, 1221	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Asa Fawthrop, 1302	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.
" W. M. Tate, 306	...	...
" Simeon Whiteley, 974	...	...
" Joseph Matthewman, 1019	...	...
" William Bingham, 1042	...	...
" Thomas Lawrence, 1001	...	...
" H. H. Bedford, 139	...	...
" James Sugden, 1301	...	...
" W. R. Bates, 1522	...	...
" H. S. Wood, 439	...	...
" W. R. Hinings, 600	...	...
" William Wilson, 1102	...	...
" Thomas Leighton, 139	...	...
" Thomas Chester, 904	...	...

Subsequently a number of the brethren assembled at dinner at Bankfield.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The 11th annual festival of this lodge of instruction in the Mark Degree was held on the 5th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, London, where an excellent company assembled to witness the performance of the ceremony of advancement and the delivery of the lecture on the tracing board. The offices were held by the following brethren: Bros. W. Vincent, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., W.M.; J. Reynolds Green, P.M., P.G. Stwd., S.W.; G. J. Thomas, P.M., Prov. G.O. Middx., J.W.; H. Sadler, M.O.; H. T. Lyon, W.M. 476, S.O.; J. W. H. Littleboy, W.M. 407, Prov. G.S.B. Surrey, J.O.; Rev. V. P. Wyatt, M.A., W.M. 434, Prov. G. Chap. Bucks, Chaplain; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., Treas.; W. J. Hakim, R. of M.; John Smith, S.W. 406, Sec.; G. E. Smith, S.D. 476, S.D.; C. J. Knightley, P.M., J.D.; W. Featherstonhaugh, D. of C.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G. Org., Organist; E. M. Money, P.M., P.G. Stwd., I.G.; and E. J. Mills, P.M., P.A.G.I.G., Grand Tyler, Tyler.

Among others, there were also present, Bros. Lord Amphil, P.G.W.; Rear-Admiral Markham, Maj. C. W. Carrell, Dr. Kempster, Dr. Mackintosh, Frank Richardson, Eugene Monteuis, and E. St. Clair. Bro. Metcalfe acted as candidate. The ceremonies were beautifully performed, and when the advancement and lecture were concluded, Bro. Lord AMPHILL proposed a vote of thanks to the workers, observing that the performance had been a most instructive exposition of the working of the Mark Masters' Degree. It would be presumption on his part to criticise or praise the ceremony they had witnessed, for what had been done was beyond criticism. For his own part he might say it had been a great pleasure to him to see the performance, and he was sure everyone would agree with him in expressing most cordial and hearty thanks to the brethren who had done the work. Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded.

Bro. Rear-Admiral MARKHAM, in supporting the vote, said that with Lord Amphil he entirely agreed. The evening had been most instructive and the ceremonies most impressive to everyone.

The motion was put by Bro. C. F. MATIER, and carried.

Bro. VINCENT acknowledged the vote. In the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction they endeavoured to work the degree as they thought it should be worked. They had followed the groundwork as it had been laid by Bro. Matier and those who were foremost in reviving the degree in its earlier days when the Grand Mark Lodge was first established in England. They had also endeavoured to spread the degree as much as they possibly could. Of those who had worked that evening there were only two instances of two brethren from the same lodge, so that the work which Lord Amptill and Rear-Admiral Markham described as so well done was being well spread by the brethren in their own lodges. They were trying to spread the Mark Degree in such a way as to make better working throughout all the Mark lodges; indeed, he knew that different officers in the provinces were doing good work in that direction, and that the efforts of the members of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction were bearing good fruit.

On the motion of Bro. C. F. MATIER, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Lord Amptill was elected a member of the lodge, a compliment which his lordship gracefully acknowledged.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where Lord Amptill presided over a choice banquet.

The brethren afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. Rear-Admiral MARKHAM responded to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," and regretted the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Dungarvan, who was ill. So long as Lord Euston and Lord Dungarvan continued to rule over Mark Masonry so long would it flourish in England and have good officers. Those who were present that evening had done their work satisfactorily, and they would do their duty well in the future as they had done in the past. All who were present were as much interested in the ceremony as he was himself, and had spent a most delightful evening. The W.M. in the chair had said that he hoped the way in which the work had been carried out that evening would be followed in other lodges. He sincerely hoped it would. The musical accompaniments enhanced the beauty of the ceremony, and, he believed, also added to its solemnity. He hoped the Worshipful Master's prediction would be verified, but that must depend on whether in other lodges they had a good musical accompanist. In proposing the present toast, Lord Amptill had referred to him as having travelled a great deal over the surface of the globe, and that was quite true. Among other places, he had visited the Arctic regions on more than one occasion, and on one occasion the cold was so intense—75 below zero, the lowest point ever registered—that everything froze under its influence except chloroform. Rum 45 degrees above proof froze to the consistency of honey; and whiskey, good old Scotch, and brandy were frozen hard, and as he had mentioned this to the Chairman that evening, they actually broke off pieces and ate them. What was Lord Amptill's reply? "Then you must have been hard drinkers."

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G.S., proposed "The Chairman." Although he had had the honour of proposing the toast in the 10 previous years of the existence of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, he had never had greater pleasure in doing that duty than on the present occasion. The brethren had in the chair a brother who had made himself prominent not only in the Mark Degree by having attained the position of S.G.W. in 1893, but who had also been honoured by the Grand Master appointing him as Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire in the Craft Degrees. The brethren were most delighted to see him among them that evening, and presiding so ably over them, and they would wish him God speed for the future. They all knew his indomitable pluck and perseverance for the three years that he rowed in the Oxford eight and won, and they were also sure that he would show the same pluck and perseverance in his dealings in Masonry. He asked them to drink heartily and sincerely success to the Chairman.

Lord AMPHILL, in reply, said it took him some time to get up from his blushing and reply to the far too flattering terms which Bro. Matier had used concerning him. Bro. Matier had given him more credit than he deserved; he said he made himself prominent in Freemasonry. Well, some men were born great, others rose to greatness: whilst others (and it was to this class he unfortunately belonged) had greatness thrust upon them. When one had greatness thrust upon him it took him a long system of hypocrisy pretending to greater virtues and merits than he possessed, and he had to preach doctrines and principles he had no time to practice. That was his case. On the present occasion for the purpose of keeping up the deceit, he would be perfectly candid and tell the brethren he was an extremely unworthy Mark Mason, and not fit to occupy that proud and pleasing position. He had done very little in Mark Masonry, and his position that night was that more of a learner and a listener than as one in authority. As he had said in lodge, it would be presumption on his part to criticise or to praise the work, but he would say it was truly a pleasure to him to see the admirable way in which the impressive ceremony was performed; it was absolutely unexceptionable. He would now venture on his usual course of preaching principles which he had not the opportunity though he would take credit to himself for the desire—to practise. There could be no doubt of the importance about cultivating Masonry on principle if they accepted the ritual of the Craft with its stern and simple beauty; but the Mark Degree stood a long way before all others for beauty and impressiveness, and the importance of the Mark Degree was witnessed by the ever-increasing number of lodges on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge, and the dignified position which was held by Grand Mark Lodge. He had never seen the advancement fail to produce an impression on candidates; there was a feeling of pleasure and surprise, and he had often thought that a great deal more than at first sight appeared depended on that ceremony. He believed a man's Masonry was made or marred according as he received his first impression, and he could not lay too much stress on the importance of making the ceremonies as impressive and solemn as they could be made. Any ceremony, whether social, or political, or religious, or of any other kind, lost its quality and effectiveness if not carried out with dignity and solemnity. Here in England they saw so many cases of hypocrisy in the ceremonies in Parliament and other places that they were simply ludicrous when gone through in a slovenly and half-hearted manner. It was often fitly said that we Englishmen should be the great Masonic nation of the world, that England was the home of Freemasonry, and that it should be universal. Of course the reason for it was that the ceremonies of Freemasonry were dear to their hearts; but it was also due to the fact in no small measure that here we had ceremonies which we did perform with dignity, with grace, and with reverence; and for that reason they impressed, and did not appear ridiculous. But there was another reason why the cultivation of the ritual was of the greatest importance. In days gone by the words of the ceremonies were handed down by oral tradition, and men had more time to acquire them; but unfortunately in these bustling days, men had not the same time, and it was impossible to give a constant attendance, and they had to acknowledge the necessity of cramming up their work just as all their acquisition of knowledge required to be stimulated by the process of cramming. But knowledge so acquired was not of a permanent character; knowledge acquired in haste and crammed was liable to be forgotten. To remedy this evil constant practice and rehearsal, such as was supplied by lodges of instruction like the Grand Master's Lodge was requisite. That was where the great advantage came in under the modern conditions of forcing, to acquire anything by halves and training the memory, relying so much as we did on that which was written, printed, and digested for us in every form. He claimed one more great advantage for the practice and cultivation of the ritual, and that on general grounds. In an age which was marked by a decay of reverence for old institutions and guidance of authority, of principles, of conduct of life and virtue, he took it that anybody who assisted to cultivate a reverence, especially for old

customs and institutions, was doing a great work and was aiding to retard the process of degeneration. He would not venture to criticise, as he had already said, the work which had been done that evening; but if he dared he should like to accord it the very highest praise. Perhaps what he had said so far would appear presumptuous, but he hoped the brethren would take it not from him as an individual, but from the chair in which he had the honour to be placed. However, there was one thing he could say without the slightest diffidence—he wished every success possible to the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, and that was a wish in which he was quite sure every one, whether a member of the lodge or a visitor, would most heartily concur. He proposed that as a toast.

Bro. WILLIAM VINCENT, Preceptor, acknowledged the toast. For some years past it had been the Chairman's pleasure to say something kind about that lodge, but he thought the brethren never heard a more feeling, telling, or *à propos* speech than that made by Lord Amptill. The Managing Committee would feel very particularly with regard to that speech. Their lodge of instruction desired to see the Mark ritual better known and more equally worked. They tried year after year. Bro. Matier set the example when the lodge was founded by himself and other distinguished Masons, most of whom had passed away. Bro. Matier acted as Preceptor and Secretary, but as the duties of office grew around him he found it necessary to give up some, and he asked him (Bro. Vincent) to act as Preceptor. He never could hope to emulate the example of Bro. Matier, but he would endeavour not to disgrace his predecessor. Dr. Green assisted him when he (Bro. Vincent) was obliged to be absent. With his assistance and the assistance of the Committee they had carried on the work. From the experience he had had in moving about in lodges in and about London he was perfectly satisfied with the result, and they were encouraged to go on by the increased attendance of brethren who came in and did the work. But they had also to lament so many came in to cram for passing through the chair, and when they had passed the chair they did not come to the lodge of instruction again. Although they had had that night a good team to do the work, there were plenty of other brethren to go into another room and do it as well, and even enough to make a third team. Of the team that had worked that evening they all came from different lodges except two, and they were both members of one lodge. He appealed to the brethren to come up to the lodge when it resumed its work next October, and so assist in carrying on the good work. On behalf of the officers he thanked the chairman sincerely for his approval of the way in which they had done their work.

Bro. SIR SIMON STUART replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. JOHN SMITH, Sec., replied to a toast specially proposed in his honour by Bro. Lord Amptill. He said he had taken very great interest in the work of the Mark Degree, and anything he could do for it was done with pleasure. What the lodge of instruction had done before they hoped to do again.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE WANDSWORTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1044.

The 29th annual festival of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction was held on the 3rd inst., at the Municipal Buildings, Lavender-hill, Wandsworth, and as far as regards the number of brethren who attended, the enthusiasm they displayed, and the excellent working of the ceremonies was a close approach to the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. It had been arranged that the ceremonies of consecration of a lodge and the installation of a W.M., should be the work of the evening, and the Committee had, for the performance of this work, secured the able services of Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, while for the banquet they obtained for their president Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight. Nearly 200 brethren appeared in lodge, but the capacity of the stately rooms of the building was more than equal to the occasion. The arrangements for the meeting were complete, and they were perfectly successful, and the Committee and Stewards are to be congratulated on their efforts. The list of those brethren, most of whom were present, comprised the names of Bros. J. Carter, P.M. 1044; A. C. A. Higerty, P.M. 1044 and 1714, W.M. 2437, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Preceptors; Welch, P.M. 141, Treas.; W. D. Jessemann, P.M. 1044; J. W. Forrest, W.M. 1044; W. G. King, J.D. 2417, Sec.; J. A. Randall, P.M. and Sec. 2417, &c.; W. G. Boswell, W.M. 2417, &c.; J. Kingston, P.M. 1420; R. Clay Sudlow, Past G. Std. Br. of Eng., &c.; G. Alicatore, P.M. 1044; H. Baker, P.M. 2437, P.G.A.S. Berks; W. H. Ball, 1420; R. C. Bayne, J.W. 1044; J. Beer, 954; G. J. Brown, 902; C. J. Butler, S. 1044; Rev. A. Chambers, Chap. 1044; N. G. Churcher, 1744; R. R. Collick, P.M. 2417, P.P.G.D.C., &c.; A. Collins, S.W. 1044; B. Cooper, P.M. 1441; C. Donaldson, S.W. 1963; C. Ellis, P.M. 1044; G. Fawcett, 2417; W. Featherstonhaugh, 1963; C. Finch, S.D. 1044; H. Folkard, P.M. and Sec. 1963, 1585; A. Foley, 2417; G. W. Fortescue, D.C. 2437; L. A. Francis, J.W. 1194; G. Gale, 2346; H. H. Gandy, 946; R. Glindon, 2417; C. R. A. Griffin, S.D. 2317; T. H. Higerty, 106; T. Higgs, P.M. 106; G. H. Hills, P.M. 1420; A. F. Holland, 1326; T. J. Holmyard, 1963; F. G. Kewney, P.M. 1044; H. King, 73; F. W. King, 1614; W. G. Lacey, Org. 1044, &c.; W. Langdon, W.M. 2345; A. E. W. McCamley, 1585; R. R. Monger, P.M. and Sec. 1044; E. W. Morrell, J.W. 2417; C. W. Munslow, S.W. 2417; S. J. Norton, A.D.C. 1044; J. Owen, 1044; W. J. Patterson, 225; A. E. Pidduck, P.M. 1107; G. Pidduck, P.M. 1107; A. Pratt, 1044; W. Radway, 1056; W. Shopland, 2417; T. E. Smith, Stwd. 2417; J. Strong, J.D. 1044; J. S. Taverner, P.M. 1044; E. J. Turnbull, W.M. 1524; J. D. Vicar, S.D. 2417; M. D. Wills, D.C. 2417; G. B. Wood, 2417; and A. Woodley, 2417. Most of these brethren were present. Amongst the company were Bros. Dr. Kempster, P.G.S.; J. Hattersley, and H. Massey.

In lodge, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., acted as Consecrating Officer, having Bros. Dr. Kempster as S.W.; Parsons as J.W.; Tanner as I.G.; and F. C. Austin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., as D.C., while the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. W. Lacey, Org. 1044; R. R. Monger, Prov. G. Org. Middx.; and J. W. Tyler, 1752. Bro. the Rev. A. Chambers, Chap. 1044, acted as Chaplain.

Bro. Terry performed the ceremony with his usual fluency and care, and afterwards installed Bro. A. C. A. Higerty, P.M. 1044 and 1714, W.M. 2437, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Preceptor, along with Bro. J. Carter, P.M. 1044, of the lodge of instruction, as W.M. After the investiture of officers by the W.M., Bro. Terry delivered the charges.

Bro. TERRY and Bro. BEACH subsequently received the honour of membership of the lodge for which each returned thanks.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper in the Grand Hall, presided over by Bro. Beach.

The toasts which followed were interspersed with some fine singing by Bros. J. Orner, Monger, Woodley, Curtis, Norton, and Mr. Philip C. Macdonald, Organist of St. Paul's, Covent Garden.

Bro. BEACH (chairman) responding to the toast of "The Pro G. Master, the Earl Lathom; the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was proposed by Bro. Kingston, P.M., said the Grand Officers had won their high position by the services they had rendered to the Craft, and they had tried to justify the confidence reposed in them by the efforts they made on behalf of the Order. For himself he might say that from the moment he entered into Freemasonry he had taken an active interest in it. He made up his mind that Freemasonry was an excellent institution, and

having come to that conclusion he formed a firm resolve to try and do something for the benefit of the Order. How did that arise? He heard the lessons at his initiation, but it was when the W.M. said in open lodge that a Steward was wanted for one of the Masonic Charities, that an impression was made, for he asked what a Masonic Charity was. The W.M. told him, and he then sprang to his feet and told him he would serve. He was impelled then by a firm belief that the Masonic Charities were worthy of Masonic support, and that a Society which had such grand Institutions in it was one they ought to be proud of and support. During a pretty long Masonic career he had had the pleasure of appreciating the great influence Freemasonry had brought to bear—the number of friends made was one of the results. Some of these friends had passed away, but others succeeded, and the friendships contracted in Masonry were what they should be proud of. He could not too strongly impress upon every Mason, first to do everything he possibly could for the advantage of the great Charities; but charity did not consist alone in affording relief to those who were needy or in distress; there was another charity, which consisted in kindly feelings to everybody, not believing ill of one's neighbours, but trying to take the best view of people. If Masonry could bring that, not only into the Order, but into all the relations of daily life, it did something to bind society together and redeem it from human jealousy and discord, which might otherwise be productive of great ill. Masonry had this happy effect, and therefore all those who were devoted to the Order should do all they could in its favour.

Bro. Dr. KEMPSTER, P.G.S., proposed "The Consecrating Officer," and passed a high eulogium on Bro. Terry's working. Some 20 years ago he derived great benefit from it, for when he was practising the installation ceremony, and the form was not consolidated as it was now, there being so many different styles, he was confused by the variations he found in lodges of instruction. When he had only a week left to perfect himself, he heard Bro. Terry one night give the very form which he was learning, and after that he had no difficulty. He was sure the brethren that evening had had a great treat.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in reply, said he had forgotten the incident Dr. Kempster had referred to, but he was very pleased that he had been able to give him information which was useful, beneficial, and practical. Turning to what he had done that evening, he had endeavoured to render the ceremonies of consecration and installation correctly and to the satisfaction of the brethren. They were two important ceremonies, ceremonies of importance, as all ceremonies in Masonry were, and when they heard from their chairman that he, on the night of his initiation, resolved that he would do something for the good of Masonry, it showed the practical side of the ceremony he had gone through. So he (Bro. Terry) hoped, apart from the ceremonies he had rehearsed, that he, during the last 32 years of his life, had endeavoured by an exemplification of the principles laid down by the chairman on the night of his initiation to do something on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The Charities of Masonry were not numerous, but they were important; important in this sense, that within ten minutes' walk of the hall in which the brethren were now sitting they had perhaps one of the most magnificent educational Institutions in England. Under the roof of that building were 268 young girls, orphans, or the children of brethren who were not in the position they were in at the time of their initiation. The education given to those children was of the best character, as could be seen by the report of the last Cambridge Local Examination. On that occasion every girl sent up passed, many with honours. Could there be a more practical proof of the value of Freemasonry than that when a father was removed by death or was unable through adverse circumstances to educate his children as he would wish, the Craft took his place? If the brethren went to the northern part of London, to Wood Green, they would find a Boys' School where there were 278 sons of brethren, clothed, maintained, and educated as were the girls at Wandsworth Common. During the past five years owing to altered circumstances in the government of that school an advance had been made, and instead of picked boys being sent for examination, Masters were invited to come from the University to examine all the boys in the School to see whether the course of education was worthy of that Institution, and the result showed that the Boys' School could hold its own against any other educational institution. But when he passed to the other Institution at Croydon, that for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, it was impossible for him to talk to the brethren about education, or compare the Institution with what was done at the educational Institutions; he could not put the inmates through the calisthenic exercises shown at the Girls' School, or ask the old ladies to run races with the old gentlemen; but he could show them old ladies and old gentlemen who had borne the heat and burden of the day, who had travelled through many prosperous circumstances, but who, when old age had overtaken them were reduced to penury and poverty, and many of them from circumstances not within their own control. Therefore, he thought that although the Boys' and Girls' Institutions were magnificent, yet the setting sun had splendours of its own, and they rejoiced to see it when it was going down in its glory. By the benevolence, kindness, and generosity of the brethren, 475 old people of both sexes enjoyed the latter hours of their existence in happiness, comfort, and peace of mind—in a prosperity which enabled them to close their days in peace, harmony, and in sociability with the world and their friends. For the kindly support of the lodges in this district to the three Institutions, he, on behalf of himself and the Secretaries of the other two Institutions, thanked the brethren most sincerely. The Wandsworth Lodge had never been behindhand when the Institutions were in financial difficulties. The Earl Spencer Lodge had been a magnificent example of what a lodge should be in the cause of Charity. The Bolingbroke was coming on, and would emulate the example set by their father and mother in Freemasonry. For the compliment Bro. Beach had paid him by attending and presiding over that festival, he returned his best thanks, and with the brethren of the lodge he begged to say that at any future time he should be very happy to come and perform any ceremony.

Bro. BEACH proposed "The Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction," which had had 29 years of existence. He thought lodges of instruction were productive of the greatest good. They gave those who were unacquainted with the mode of conducting work, the very best example of the way in which they should conduct the work themselves. The work that evening had been excellent, and, as had been said, it had given brethren an opportunity of seeing what they had not seen before, as the consecration ceremony was not often witnessed. The lodge of instruction was deserving of support, and of the greatest possible encouragement. All who were concerned in its management deserved the highest possible credit. Under the banner of the W.M. and the Committee, the brethren had had a festival which had been extremely successful. The attendance was most creditable, and it showed the zeal infused into brethren who became members and rallied round the lodge on such an interesting occasion. He trusted the lodge would flourish in the future as it had in the past; that it would deserve increased support; that it would give equally good instruction as it had given; and that those who attended would derive benefit from its instruction. He congratulated the lodge and its W.M. on its success.

Bro. HIGERTY, in acknowledging the toast, said it was quite true, as Bro. Beach had told them, that the lodge had been in existence 29 years. It had worked uninterruptedly from that period, and had done good work in the Wandsworth district. It had been up to a few years ago the only lodge of instruction in the district. It still maintained its place for good work and for its integrity in Masonry. Bro. Carter, who was not then present, was one of the Preceptors for 21 years—a very good record—he was one of the best of Masons, and he (Bro. Higerty) was proud of being his colleague. He thanked Bro. Beach for presiding;

he had followed Col. Money, whose loss they all felt. He also thanked Bro. Terry for attending. He (Bro. Higerty) had stood Steward for the Wandsworth Lodge and for his own lodge, the Downshire Lodge, and he had been well supported by that lodge of instruction: members had supported him, and others had promised to support him in the future: they would give their shillings, their guineas and their five guineas. That lodge of instruction, like the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, worked the sections as well as the ceremonies, and had a Benevolent Fund. Although they had not had the Sections that night, he could assure them the Sections were not forgotten. He hoped the lodge would always be conducted on the same lines as those on which it had been hitherto carried on.

Bro. KINGSTON drew the brethren's attention to the fact that a great part of the success of the present festival was due to Bro. Welch, the Treasurer, and Bro. King, the Secretary, on which two brethren all the work of making the arrangements had fallen.

The Charity-box realised £5.

Bro. FORREST, W.M. Wandsworth Lodge, and Bro. BOSWELL, W.M. Bolingbroke Lodge, replied for those lodges, and Bro. MCCARTHY, Queen's Advocate, Sierra Leone, replied for "The Visitors," and after the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated.

THE FIRST LADIES' BANQUET OF THE SELWYN CHAPTER, No. 1901.

The first ladies' banquet of this prosperous South London chapter was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on Thursday, the 4th inst., under the able presidency of Comp. J. Lightfoot, M.E.Z. The chapter was previously opened, there being present Comps. J. Lightfoot, M.E.Z.; C. H. Stone, H.; E. Gauntlett, I.P.Z., acting J.; T. Grummant, P.Z.; Wm. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; B. Morgan, S.E.; Ford, P.S.; Dr. Thomas, 1st A.S.; Dr. Adams, 2nd A.S.; J. Evans, Org.; Aggleton, Stwd.; Bailey, Janitor; J. May, Barton, Cornford, Gay, Hayward, Mills, Beecroft, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The election for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, which in all cases proved unanimous, the three Principals elect being respectively Comps. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z.; B. Morgan, H.; and Wm. Wills, J. A Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. J. Lightfoot for his able services rendered during the past year. A dispensation having been granted by the G.Z. to wear Royal Arch clothing, it was read, after which the chapter was closed.

The companions, with their ladies, adjourned to the banquet hall, which was most tastefully decorated, the tables presenting a very pretty appearance and profuse with flowers, the whole having been arranged by Comp. F. Pow, the host, ably assisted by Mrs. Pow, who also provided the banquet of a most *recherché* kind, giving the greatest satisfaction.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z., in very forcible and well-chosen remarks, presented the loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were most graciously received by all present.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was next presented by Comp. E. GAUNTLETT, I.P.Z. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. W. Davies, P.Z.), who remarked that the unfortunate absence of Comp. Davies was a gain to him as he had the honour of placing so important a toast before the ladies and companions. He (Comp. Gauntlett) stated for the information of the ladies that the M.E.Z. was the Prince of the people, and Comp. Lightfoot was their prince. He had known their M.E.Z. for 17 or 18 years, and the more he knew of him the better he liked him. He might say it was the universal opinion among all those who met him. Their M.E.Z. had arranged that most happy gathering, for which they all were greatly indebted to him. He had presided over the chapter during the past year with exceptional ability, and as that was the last occasion he would have that same position they one and all gave him a most hearty welcome.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically, and with musical honours, coupling the name of Mrs. Lightfoot with it.

In reply, Comp. LIGHTFOOT, who received quite an ovation, said he most heartily thanked the company for such a cordial reception, and he felt quite diffident in replying to Comp. Gauntlett, from whom came the first idea of a ladies' banquet. It was a disappointment, he knew, to the ladies when it was found impossible to have a ladies' night in the Selwyn Lodge, and in order to compensate for that he had, with the able assistance of the two other Principals, been enabled to arrange that little happy family gathering, which had proved such a splendid success. He could not refrain from remarking a little conversation, which took place at a City lodge, to the effect that the brethren said, "You don't get this down in East Dulwich, do you?" He would reply that Freemasonry was quite as much at home in the log cabin as in the gilded palace. It was cosmopolitan. High and low were all included, and even in the wilds of East Dulwich they were able to carry out the splendid principles of all that was grand and true. From the ripple of laughter that had permeated the whole of the meeting, he felt that the companions had gratified the ladies. Once more he most cordially thanked the company for such a greeting, and he felt very sorry indeed that it was, through the course of events, his last night of presiding over them, but the M.E.Z. elect had whispered that he hoped to repeat a similar event during his year.

The toast of "The Ladies" was next given by the M.E.Z. remarking that the evening would have been a great blank without them, and whenever the ladies could be included in any of their gatherings it was the pet object of every Mason, he believed. They must all confess that the ladies did know much, and a little gathering as the present whetted their appetite for more, and on another point they must all agree, the older they became the ladies got shrewder than the men. Most of their successful men were those who had taken the ladies into their confidence; men of science, art, and literature had made their position through having such good seconders. That one idea had taught him to look up to the ladies and appreciate them as being all that was beautiful, artistic, and noble. He would ask the companions to drink to the toast, which was done most enthusiastically.

Comp. Dr. W. THOMAS replied that he was able to assure the M.E.Z., on behalf of the ladies, that the evening to them had been most enjoyable. He, as a poor weak man, could not reply as the toast of the evening deserved, but henceforth he thought the ladies would overlook some of their shortcomings at home when they understood (as they did then) what an amount of labour they performed, and how they occupied so much of their time in endeavouring to promote the good of others. For the future, he thought, the ladies, whenever they (the members) digressed a little more than usual, would receive them more in sorrow than in anger.

"The Health of Comp. Hook, Treasurer," was next presented by the M.E.Z., who remarked that he (the Treasurer) dwelt in the love and esteem of all the companions, as also the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge, of which he was the father. Comp. Hook had just celebrated his golden wedding, and had received congratulations from all around, and also signal acknowledgments. All knew his excellent qualifications and the appreciation he was held in by all who knew him, being one of the best men in the world.

In reply, Comp. Hook said it was most gratifying to know he lived in their love and esteem, and the sorrow it would cause him if he felt he did not. The one great object of his life had been to make other people as happy as himself, which had enabled him, with the help of T.G.A.O.T.U., to live a long life, even

over 50 years, with his dear wife, and still their love was as great for each other and unchanged. He did not think he had made an enemy, and the friends he had made he trusted would be lasting for many years to come.

The toast of "The H. and J." was given in excellent terms by the M.E.Z., and duly responded to by Comp. STONE, H., M.E.Z. elect, thanking the companions for the great honour done him, and pledging to do his utmost for the chapter and emulate their excellent M.E.Z.

Comp. E. GAUNTLETT, I.P.Z., acting J., also suitably replied.

The toast of their worthy "Comp. Pow, Proprietor," was duly honoured and replied to most forcibly by him, giving the greater amount of praise to Mrs. Pow, who had been most indefatigable in her exertions to make the meeting a success.

The company included Comp. J. Lightfoot and Mrs. Lightfoot; Comp. C. H. Stone and Mrs. Stone; Comp. Gauntlett, Mrs. Gauntlett, and Mrs. Barrow; Comp. T. Grummant and Mrs. Grummant; Comps. Hook and Morgan; Comp. Frazer and Mrs. Frazer; Comp. Wills and Mrs. Wills, and Mrs. Eagle; Comp. Beecroft and Mrs. Beecroft; Comps. Skates and May; Comp. J. C. Skates and Mrs. Skates; Comp. Mills and Mrs. Mills; Comp. Dr. Thomas and Miss Thomas; Comps. Gray and Snell; Comp. Shelvey and Mrs. Shelvey; Comp. Cornford and Friend; Comp. Barton; Comp. Turner and Mrs. Turner; Comp. Aggleton and Mrs. Aggleton; Comp. Ford and Miss Ford; Comp. Dr. Adams and Mrs. Adams; Comps. J. Evans and Stephens; Madame Lovenez and Mr. Lovenez; Comps. Bentley and Pow; Miss Motterway and Mr. Mottley.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Comp. Jonah Evans, Organist. The artistes were Madame Lovenez and Miss Motterway, both of whom were rapturously encored, also Comps. Hook, Arthur Bentley, Fred. Stephens, and Jonah Evans rendered excellent service; as also Comp. T. Grummant in a Nauti-Horti Yarn (recitation.) The accompanist was Mr. A. G. Motley, who ably presided. The menus, &c., were very much admired and were the gift of Comp. E. Gauntlett, I.P.Z.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful night.

CONSECRATION OF THE PICCADILLY LODGE, No. 2550.

The Piccadilly Lodge, No. 2550, was consecrated at the Cafe Monico, Regent-street, W., on Monday, the 8th inst., by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary, in the presence of a goodly number of founders and visitors. The new venture is an offshoot of the Eccleston Lodge, and, with a strong body of founders, officered by several Past Masters of experience, should have as successful a career as the parent lodge.

The Grand Secretary was assisted in the ceremony by Bros. Ralph Clutton, P.G.D., as S.W.; H. A. Hunt, P.G.S. of W., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The founders present included Bros. F. Arnold, P.M., W.M. designate; W. F. Bates, P.M., S.W. designate; J. Russell, P.M., J.W. designate; A. J. Bignold, P.M.; C. Arnold, A. W. Beckham, W. C. Clark, T. B. Tipton, J. Leigh, A. A. Jordan, T. Parry, R. Bearcroft, J. Strange, G. J. Charlton, J. Hicks, C. P. Wyatt, H. Norman, and E. Glover.

Visitors: Bros. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; F. Lerner, W.M. 2054; E. W. Browning, J.D. 2455; J. Wade, 860; L. W. Bride, P.M.; W. Haydon, W.M. 2395; G. B. Spier, 1891; W. J. Norman, 1624; F. Penn, 1381; Burgess Perry, 28; H. J. Chapman, 1964; J. B. Sackville Evans, 1818; W. R. Ingram; L. H. Price, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; J. Grist, P.M. 1624; J. W. Mash, P.M. 73; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; E. Corrington, 1287; G. P. Pointer, 1613; J. L. G. Pugh, W.M. 255; W. Gibbs, 1716; C. A. Anderson, W.M. 781; J. B. Taverner, 1364; R. C. Mayor, 1624; G. E. Saunders, 1928; J. H. Wood, P.M. 145; G. J. Smith, P.M. 1623; W. Salt, 889; F. Buxton, 1891; F. R. Kinkee, 1316; W. G. Churcher, 2464; N. Goldstein, P.M. 1572; W. Hoggins, P.M. 1891; J. Stait; R. B. Bradley, 1694; J. Dickinson, 1694; R. Rae; E. Belhomme; T. Coulthard, 1624; H. S. Thomas, 1962; Dr. Bickle, P.M. 14, South Australia; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and others.

Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressing the brethren on the object of the meeting, said it could not fail to enlist the sympathy and evoke the good wishes of all who had at heart the interests of the Order. They had met for a very solemn purpose—to consecrate a new lodge and dedicate it to the services of the Almighty. He was expressing the wishes of all present in hoping that the lodge might have before it a career of great prosperity, and worthy in every respect of the lodge of which it was an offshoot.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, and an interesting oration having been delivered by the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, the Piccadilly Lodge was duly consecrated and dedicated in solemn form.

The Grand Secretary installed Bro. F. Arnold, P.M., as the first Master, and the following officers were invested: Bros. A. J. Bignold, P.M., acting I.P.M.; W. F. Bates, P.M., S.W.; J. Russell, P.M., J.W.; C. Arnold, Treas.; A. W. Beckham, Sec.; W. C. Clark, S.D.; F. B. Tipton, J.D.; J. Leigh, Org.; A. A. Jordan, I.G.; T. Parry, D.D.; R. Bearcroft, A.D.C.; J. Strange and G. J. Charlton, Stwds.; and Evenden, P.M., Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed for the impressive manner in which the ceremony had been conducted.

The GRAND SECRETARY acknowledged the compliment, and several propositions for initiation and joining were received before the lodge was closed.

A choice banquet was served in the Egyptian Room, and was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

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

"The W.M. proposed 'The Grand Officers,' and said that never had there been a better disciplined or better officered army than the vast army of Masons that existed at the present day. That army had had a great deal to do in promoting the peace of Europe they enjoyed at the present time. The more that Freemasonry was spread the more united would men become, for they acknowledged neither creed nor race, and but one brotherhood. Their one object was the welfare of their fellow creatures—and they were attaining that object by supporting the old men and women and children, which must have a beneficial effect upon society in general. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hunt, who was the first Master of the mother lodge—the Eccleston.

Bro. H. A. HUNT, P.G.S. of W., in response, said the Grand Officers had arduous duties to perform, and he had no hesitation in saying they performed them to the entire satisfaction of the Craft. There was no greater

pleasure for them than to be present at such a ceremony as they had witnessed that day, and they trusted the new lodge would bring a great deal of credit on the Craft, and satisfaction and pleasure to the members. He felt it a great compliment to have his name coupled with the toast, for as the first Master of the Eccleston Lodge he seemed to be associated with this Piccadilly Lodge. He was an extremely young Mason—only six months old—when he was by warrant appointed W.M. of the Eccleston Lodge which had grown not only in numbers but in efficiency until it was in such a condition that it was not expedient it should be enlarged. It had done most excellent work in the lodge and in Charitable contributions it was second to none in London. He looked forward with satisfaction to the future of this Piccadilly Lodge, which would supply a want for many who now wished to join a lodge of that kind. He could not impress upon them too strongly that circumspection was necessary; many men wished to join Freemasonry for what they could get from its benefits. It was the brethren's task to assist those who had been overtaken by misfortune, but they must see that amongst those they admitted there were no impostors. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked them most heartily for the reception given them and which he had always experienced in the Eccleston Lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said that those who had not previously witnessed the consecration ceremony, and indeed those who had, must have been impressed with its solemnity. It was certainly one of the most beautiful and solemn in Freemasonry, especially when rendered as they had seen it that evening. He would ask the brethren to heartily drink the toast, coupling with it the name of the Grand Secretary.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Sec., said that, as the unworthy mouthpiece of the Consecrating Officers, he returned thanks for the kind reception given the toast, so kindly proposed in far too flattering terms by the W.M. He could assure them it had afforded one and all the greatest possible pleasure to be present and assist in launching into existence that new lodge. He much regretted that Bro. Brownrigg, to whom they all listened with a great deal of pleasure, was compelled to leave, and he equally regretted that Bro. Richardson, to whom he was always deeply indebted for the admirable manner in which he performed the duties of D.C., was obliged to leave for Scotland on Masonic business. It was a satisfaction to feel he was supported by such good Masons as Bros. Clutton and Hunt. They had also Bro. Bywater, a host in himself, and Bro. Sadler, in whom he recognised a most respected colleague. They wished that lodge a future of great prosperity, and ventured to believe that prosperity would be attained when he looked round and saw the brethren by whom it would be supported. He would propose the next toast, and ask them to join in drinking "The Health of the W.M.," whom it had been his privilege to install into the chair of that lodge. He most heartily congratulated the members of the Piccadilly Lodge on having selected as the first Master one so able to undertake the management during this most critical period of its existence as Bro. Arnold. They knew how well Bro. Arnold discharged his duties as W.M. of the Eccleston Lodge, after being a member for many years. They would all join in wishing the W.M. a most prosperous and pleasant year of office.

Bro. F. ARNOLD, W.M., in reply, said he felt at a loss to know how to thank the Grand Secretary for the cordial way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their reception of it. He thoroughly appreciated the honour conferred upon him in selecting him to be the first Master of that lodge. He would always do his utmost and work hard to make the lodge a success. Judging from the number of propositions received, it would be a great success, and would be one of the most popular in London, and subscribe handsomely to the Institutions. He intended representing his mother lodge at the next Festival for the Girls' School, and had already over £400 on his list. As this lodge had selected him to be the first Master, he hoped they would select him to be the first to represent the lodge. He had a very successful year as Master of the Eccleston Lodge, with 18 initiates, and, as they were practically limited to 100, they were prevented from taking any more candidates. Many more were anxious to join, and the thought struck some of the brethren to found a new lodge. At his first interview with the Grand Secretary he met with little encouragement, but was delighted when he ultimately received an intimation that the warrant was granted. He had no doubt the new lodge had a great future before it.

Bros. Dr. BICKLE, P.M. 14 (South Australia); J. H. PRICE, P.P.G.D. of C. Surrey, HAYDON, and COULTARD, P.M., replied for "The Visitors," and "The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. F. R. Kinkee presided over the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Bros. Walter Churcher, H. Lewis Thomas, Wilfred Stracey, Sackville Evans, and Bob Rae.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL AND FREEMASONRY.

ENGLISH FREEMASONS AND THE ADORNMENT OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Pall Mall Gazette."

Sir,—May I briefly outline an idea which has been formulated with regard to a contribution from the Freemasons of England towards the fund for decorating the great metropolitan Cathedral. I need not here dilate upon the architectural merits of "the finest Protestant Cathedral in the world," with a grand interior left in its cold nakedness for two centuries, and which led Dean Millman, in response to a letter addressed to him in 1858 by the Bishop of London regarding the decoration of the church, to use the following eloquent words: "I should wish to see such decorations introduced into St. Paul's as may give some splendour while they would not disturb the solemnity or the exquisitely harmonious simplicity of the edifice; some colour to enliven and gladden the eye, from foreign or native marbles, the most permanent safe modes of embellishing the building exposed to the atmosphere of London. I would see the dome, instead of brooding like a dead weight over the area below, expanding and elevating the soul towards heaven; I would see the adornment carried out in rich and harmonious (and as far as possible from gaudy) style, in unison with our simple form of worship."

Since that date various attempts have been made to deal with the decoration, and during the last few years some progress has been made which has led the present Dean and Chapter to renewed and hearty attempts to carry the great work forward to completion. Towards this most worthy end they are appealing to the public for support, and I have every confidence that when the subject is duly brought before the Freemasons of England they will show in the usual practical form their sympathy with the Dean's efforts, and their recognition of the peculiar connection they themselves have with the masterpieces of Sir Christopher Wren.

In 1666 Wren was appointed Deputy Grand Master under Earl Rivers, and "distinguished himself beyond any of his predecessors in legislating for and promoting the success of the lodges under his care." He was Master of the St. Paul's Lodge—now the Lodge of Antiquity—(of which his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex was a Past Master), and attended their meetings regularly for upwards of 18 years. In 1685 he was elected Grand Master, and appointed Gabriel Cibber, the sculptor, and Edward Strong, the Master Mason at St. Paul's, his Wardens. So that Freemasons, operative and speculative, are to some extent bound up in this appeal to complete the work of their distinguished predecessor in the Craft. We are now approaching an interesting date. On the 2nd of December, 1697, the choir of the new Cathedral of St. Paul was opened for Divine service, on the Thanksgiving Day for the Peace of Ryswick, and the Bishop of Salisbury (Gilbert Burnet) preached before the King and a great Court which was held at Whitehall, the evening concluding with grand illuminations and fireworks, and this was the first service in the church since the fire in 1666. The practical suggestion which I venture now to put forward for the consideration of English Freemasons is as follows—namely:

1. That every lodge in England forego one banquet this year and devote to the decoration fund the amount which would probably have been expended on such banquet.

2. That a grand Masonic ceremony, with his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales at its head, take place this year in St. Paul's, to further direct attention to the needs of the Cathedral, and to aid the Decoration Fund.

3. That inasmuch as the contributions resulting from these efforts would probably not be sufficient to complete the scheme of decoration, a certain portion—say the dome and transepts—be set apart as that with which the Freemasons would be particularly associated, and that the work be completed before December, 1897, the bi-centenary of the opening of the choir for service.

In asking you, Sir, to be good enough to allow this matter to be ventilated in your columns, permit me to add that I am not in any way, directly or indirectly interested in the decoration work, except as one who earnestly desires to see our magnificent church completed in a way worthy of its grand architect, and in a manner commensurate with the opulence and dignity of the nation.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

WM. WOODWARD,

13, Southampton-strand, Strand, Associate Royal Institute of British Architects, Fellow Surveyors' Institution.

We are indebted to the *Daily Telegraph* for the following comments on the previous letter: "Freemasonry, like every other system of abstract philosophy, has heretics as well as orthodox believers. The latter place implicit trust in what is told them and ask no questions, while the former are continually finding flaws in tradition. Some of them even go as far as to assert that the story of the assassination of Hiram Abiff is to be found in the Scandinavian story of 'Balder the Beautiful.' It is to be feared that Mr. R. F. Gould, of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, is one of the heretics, for in a letter forwarded to us he traverses all the interesting facts adduced the other day by Mr. W. Woodward to prove Sir Christopher Wren's connection with Freemasonry, and to show why, therefore, members of the Craft should now aid the completion of the interior decoration of St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. Woodward alleged that Wren was Grand Master of the Order in 1685, and Mr. Gould writes: 'May I be permitted to say that the office of Grand Master was created in 1717, and that there is not a particle of authentic evidence to show that Sir Christopher Wren was a Freemason at all. It is quite true that in various silly 'Histories' of Freemasonry, Nimrod, Moses (with Joshua as Deputy and Aholiab and Bezaleel as Grand Wardens), Solomon, Nebuchadnezzar, and Augustus Cæsar, are mentioned as having been Grand Masters among the Ancients: and St. Augustine (founder of the English Church), St. Swithin, Alfred the Great, Edward the Confessor, William of Wykeham, Cardinal Wolsey, and Sir C. Wren among the Moderns. The first of these 'Histories'—from which all the nonsense about legendary Grand Masters has been derived—was written by Dr. James Anderson, a Presbyterian minister, in 1738. It is there that the popular delusion which makes Wren a notable Freemason and a Grand Master had its origin; and the pilgrimage which Mr. Woodward suggests should be made by the Freemasons, with the Prince of Wales at their head, to St. Paul's, in order to do honour to Sir Christopher, might with equal propriety be made to Hampton Court, in memory of Cardinal Wolsey, whose 'Grand Mastership' was quite as much a reality as that of Wren or of Nebuchadnezzar.'

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Prosperity (No. 65).—The installation meeting of this old established lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 28th ult., and was well attended. There were present Bros. D. Harlow, W.M.; W. C. Thomas, W. J. Greig, Chas. Martin, G. T. Kinipple, S. Spencer, W. M. Graham, J. Roberts, P.M.; H. J. Harris, P.M.; G. Schadler, P.M.; C. Daniel, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; C. J. Rich, P.M.; G. Haller, P.M.; F. J. Ruse, P.M.; E. C. Talbot, P.M.; W. Chicken, J. Chambers, H. T. Brooks, F. Green, W. H. Newman, J. Cohen, W. Evans, Col. J. Meurice, W. J. Downs, J. Biss, H. Cox, R. Martin, G. Brown, G. Chivers, J. Huckell, J. Smart, E. Gray, jun., W. H. Montague, S. Rudd, G. Shepherd, W. Haynes, J. J. Foyer, F. King, W. J. Tidder, R. Portwine, J. S. Ledbury, H. C. Betts, E. Johnson, T. Cole, C. W. Rix, G. Davidson, W. E. Knight, H. Napier, B. Reave, W. Huckell, C. T. Miller, T. White, W. J. Grantham, G. Greig, J. R. Bowen, J. Jasper, F. Howard, B. Crosbie, J. Goodrich, T. Chivers, M. J. Harris, R. C. Harris, C. J. Rich, jun., J. Savage, C. Jackson, A. J. Kirk, S. Wormsley, A. H. Sargeant, G. Berkenfeld, H. W. Miles, J. C. Higgo, G. Warwick, C. H. Fuller, C. Hargreaves, and W. Lane, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. R. Robson, 1310; E. Mileson, 2484; M. Attwood, 1343; C. J. Holmes, 1306; H. Wood, P.M. 1472; G. L. Olive, 441; G. H. Ferry, 209; W. E. Lane, 167; B. Ferry, 1743; F. Woods, 1707; R. Clowser, P.M. 23; J. King, 2435; H. Jay, P.M. 174; G. E. Highland, 1563; P. Reynolds, 1563; A. Townsend, 1563; S. Moore, 1625; T. A. Tidy, 538; R. Thomson, W.M. 1597; T. Thomson, P.M. 1597; W. Sargeant, 1769; E. G. Denton, 913; C. V. Burgess, P.M. 206; B. C. Kirby, 228; H. Sillis, W.M. 2365; C. Rawle, W.M. 2369; W. Harris, P.M.; J. T. Kinipple, P.M. 1866; M. Angel, P.M. 2398; G. F. Weige, P.M. 860; J. W. Baldwin; J. B. Munday, 2398; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and the balance sheet adopted, the W.M. passed Bros. C. Martin and W. H. Newman, and afterwards initiated Messrs. W. J. Tidder, R. Portwine, W. Haynes, F. King, and J. J. Foyer. The working of Bro. Harlow, W.M., was performed in an excellent manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. C. Thomas, was then presented, and installed into the chair by Bro. Harlow in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M. for the ensuing year: Bros. W. J. Greig, S.W.; C. Martin, J.W.; J. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Harris, P.M., Sec.; G. T. Kinipple, S.D.; S. E. Spencer, J.D.; W. Graham, I.G.; G. Schadler, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Kirk, A.D.C.; J. Smart, and A. G. Grantham, Stwds; and W. Lane, Tyler. The usual addresses were given by Bro. Harlow with marked effect, and he won for himself the hearty approval of the brethren. A splendid address on vellum was presented to Bro. J. Roberts, P.M., Treas., as a small memento for his great services to the lodge. Bro. Roberts acknowledged the gift, remarking that it was a great surprise to him, and that what he had done in the past he hoped to do in the future so as to further the interests of the lodge. A Summer Banquet Committee was appointed, and a substantial

sum having been voted to the widow of a deceased brother, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The W.M. gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but happy terms. In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Tijou stated that it was not the first time he had attended the Lodge of Prosperity, the last occasion being about 12 years ago, but at that time he was not privileged to wear Grand clothing. Perhaps he had attained that distinction for his work on the Board of Benevolence, and that body were only too happy to support genuine cases. It was a pleasure for the working Grand Officers to do everything for the Craft.

Bro. D. Harlow, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He stated that the members thought a great deal of Bro. Thomas, because he was an excellent worker of the ritual, and had been a very active member from the first office he took in the lodge, and it went without saying that he would be a very great success as their ruler and an acquisition to the lodge.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and

Bro. W. C. Thomas, W.M., who had a very hearty reception, in response, said that his best thanks were due to Bro. Harlow for his kind words in proposing the toast, and to the brethren for the welcome they had accorded him. It was his earnest wish to discharge his duties with satisfaction to himself and to the members.

In giving "The Masonic Institutions," the W.M. stated that he would represent the "Boys," and he hoped to take up a list large in amount, and he urged the members to give liberally in order to sustain the well-known character of the lodge for its support to the Charities, and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. McLeod, who had honoured them that evening with his presence.

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., who had a most enthusiastic reception, responded in a very eloquent speech, giving elaborate details of the three Institutions. It has fallen to our lot to have had the pleasure on very many occasions to hear him respond to the toast of the Charities, but on this evening he certainly excelled himself, and we venture to think and hope that the result of his oration will be that the W.M.'s list for the Boys' School will be very much augmented in amount.

In submitting the toast of "The Installing and I.P.M., Bro. Harlow," the W.M. observed that he had been a great success as W.M., and his work that night as Installing Master was excellent, and could not have been done better, and they were proud to have so able a member. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel as a small return for the great services he had rendered to the lodge, and he also handed him a splendid timepiece which had been subscribed for by the members as evidence, if any was needed, of their appreciation of his many sterling qualities.

Bro. Harlow, who was received with much warmth, stated, in reply, that it was far easier to speak for another than for himself. The way that the W.M. had proposed the toast was exceptionally nice, and he appreciated his kind remarks. He had striven to do his work as their Master, and his term of office had been one of the happy years of his life, and he should never forget it. He was honoured by having the jewel presented to him, and also the members' handsome present, which would remain with him so long as the Great Architect gave him life.

The timepiece bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. D. Harlow by the members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, as a token of their esteem, and in appreciation of the efficient manner he discharged the duties of W.M. 1894-5."

In appropriate terms the W.M. gave the toast of "The Initiates," remarking that it had often been said before that they wanted only good and true men, and he thought that those who had been made that day were of that character, and that they would turn out trusted members of the lodge and of the Craft.

The whole of the Initiates responded.

"The Visitors" having been honoured,

Bros. King, Rawle, G. A. Ferry, and Thompson replied, all bearing testimony to the excellent working, and the way they had been welcomed and entertained.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary." He said that the Treasurer had threatened to resign, but he hoped he would think better of it. Their Secretary was one of the best, and as to the Past Masters, they were so well known that no words of his were necessary to explain the splendid services they had rendered to their happy lodge.

In response, Bro. Daniels, P.M., stated that the W.M. was the 28th Master he had witnessed installed into the chair in the lodge, and during that time he had seen many changes.

Bro. Roberts, P.M., Treas., said that the W.M. had "collared" him for another year, and he was not sorry. He would see that the lodge did not get into debt. He again referred in feeling terms to the handsome presentation made to him that evening.

Bro. H. J. Harris, P.M., Sec., said that one of the first principles in Masonry was brotherly love. He hoped to follow in the footsteps of his able predecessor, and if he was able to do that he felt sure the members would be satisfied.

"The Officers" were duly honoured, and suitably responded to by Bro. C. Martin, J.W.

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

Bros. J. L. Haddon, D. James, Sidney Galey, W. Hiles Smith, Downs, The Celia Quartette, and Mr. Harry Hudson vocally entertained the brethren.

Bedford Lodge (No. 157).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Layton A. Richardson, W.M., presiding. He, in a very effective manner, initiated Mr. Harry Rogers, whom the brethren welcomed as having been amongst them during their last summer outing. In the course of the meeting it transpired that the wife of the W.M., who was known to the majority of the members, was lying seriously ill, whereupon Bro. Bruton, I.P.M., proposed, seconded by Bro. W. Liddall, P.M., Sec., and carried, that the greatest sympathy be, and is hereby given to our W.M., in so ably discharging his duties under the painful circumstances, and the brethren, one and all, sincerely trusted that T.G.A.O.T.U. would watch over him and his wife in their present great affliction.

After passing a vote of Charity, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Hall, where they were honoured by the presence of the Grand Treasurer. The brethren received this great honour with distinguished fire and song, and in reply,

The Grand Treasurer assured the members present that that was nothing unusual, he having been an old visitor through the kindness of his many friends, not forgetting Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas. His ambition, thanks to those among his many friends, had now been reached. He had the pleasure of initiating the W.M. of that lodge in his mother lodge, and foreshadowed great success might attend the efforts of the I.P.M. and the W.M. in adding prosperity to the old Bedford Lodge. Nothing should be wanting on his part, if it lay in his power, to assist the brethren.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. N. P. Lardner, I.P.M., as W.M., in the unavoidable absence through illness, of Bro. Herbert Herbert; C. Bachoffner, S.W.; J. Young, P.M., as J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Murphy, S.D.; J. Evans, J.D.; J. D. Webb, I.G.; D. Lott, P.G. Org. Eng., Org.; Dr. Hinton, M.A., P.G. Org. Middx., Asst. Org.; W. R. Witt, Stwd.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Stwd., G. Std. Br.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; and Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; A. E. Purkis, P.M. 1314; and T. O. Harding, M.A., late 859.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Beach was passed to the Second Degree. It having been officially announced that Bro. Henry Joseph Lardner, P.M., had been nominated as a Grand Steward of England, 1895-6, it was carried with acclamation—"That the apron, collar, and jewel (suitably inscribed) of his distinguished office should be presented to him." Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Herbert, W.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; and others. Bro. C. Bachoffner, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., Treasurer; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., and the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed. The I.P.M. presided in an able manner.

Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in the course of his speech, he said that, while regretting the absence, through ill-health, of Bro. Herbert Herbert, yet it was satisfactory to know that his place had been taken so efficiently by Bro. N. P. Lardner, I.P.M., who had followed so well in the footsteps of his distinguished brothers, H. J. and E. S. Lardner.

The I.P.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors," to which toast Bros. E. S. Lardner, A. E. Purkis, and T. O. Harding eloquently responded.

Bros. Young and Simpson replied for "The Past Masters."

During the evening Bros. Dr. Lott, Dr. Hinton, J. Young, E. Schultz, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

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The 107th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place on WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY next, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. THE EARL OF MOUNT-EDGECUMBE, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being urgently needed.

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To consider the following Notices of Motion, given at the Quarterly Court held 11th January, by the V. Wor. Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, Patron and Trustee, on behalf of the Board of Management:—

(1) "That in recognition of the Valuable Services so generously rendered to the Institution by the V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P. Pres. B. of G. Purposes, Vice Patron of the Institution; the rank of Honorary Patron be conferred upon him under Law 15."

(2) "That in recognition of the eminent services so generously rendered to the Institution during the past 32 years as Honorary Surgeon-Oculist, the Vice-Presidency conferred upon the W. Bro. Jabez Hogg, F.L.S., M.R.C.S., &c., P.G. Deacon, on October 14th, 1892, he extended to an Honorary Vice-Patronship in accordance with Law 15."

(3) "That, in recognition of the eminent services so generously rendered to the Institution during the past 27 years as Honorary Medical Officer, the Vice-Presidency conferred upon Bro. Wharton P. Hood, M.D., on October 14th, 1892, he extended to an Honorary Vice-Patronship, in accordance with Law 15."

Also, by W. Bro. JOHN BODENHAM, P.A.G.D. of C., Vice-President (given at Council held 29th March)—

"To insert after the word 'entertained,' in Law 95, the words 'unless recommended by the Board of Management.'"

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The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys and for members of the Board of Management will open at one o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at three o'clock precisely.

By order.

J. M. McLEOD,

6, Freemasons' Hall,
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The ninety-seventh ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held in July, 1895, under the distinguished patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W. Prov. G.M. for Cheshire. The services of Brethren representing Lodges or Provinces, and of Ladies as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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Masonic Notes.

We have been requested to announce that the names of two boys—A. F. Cooper, No. 19, and Laurence T. Evans, No. 31—have been withdrawn from the list of candidates for the approaching election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Saturday, the 20th instant. This reduces the number of competitors from 47 to 45, and slightly improves the chances of those remaining on the list.

The mention of these withdrawals reminds us of the necessity of impressing it upon our readers, but more especially upon those among them who are interested in the approaching School elections, that the Quarterly General Courts at which they will take place will be held in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 19th, and Saturday, the 20th inst., the Boys' School Court being fixed for the former day, and the Girls' School Court for the latter. We have already drawn attention where necessary to the leading points in connection with the several candidates. We shall therefore content ourselves with appealing to all Governors and Subscribers who have not yet promised their support and influence, to do what they can to secure the election of those boys and girls whose names will be removed from the lists if they fail at these elections. The following are the last cases in question, viz., No. 9 (Shropshire) and No. 12 (London) on the Girls' list; and No. 11 (New South Wales), No. 16 (London), No. 30 (Northern China and Japan), and No. 32 (Berkshire) on the Boys' List. It must be remembered that the claims of these six children to be admitted into the Institutions for which they are severally candidates, have been approved, and it is for this reason—not because we have any interest in, or even knowledge of, the merits of the several cases—that we

are anxious for their election. Others can wait, but these poor children cannot; they must win places in the Schools at this election or their names will disappear from the lists.

Elsewhere will be found a letter which was recently addressed to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, on the subject of the renovation of St. Paul's Cathedral, and in which the writer, Mr. W. Woodward, proposed that the Freemasons, out of respect to Sir Christopher Wren, who is included by Dr. James Anderson in the list of former Grand Masters of the Craft, should subscribe towards the cost of such renovation, and that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., attended by his Grand Officers, should visit the Cathedral with the state befitting the head of the oldest Grand Lodge in the world. In connection with Mr. Woodward's letter we have further quoted a paragraph from the *Daily Telegraph*, of Tuesday, the 9th inst., from which it appears that Bro. R. F. Gould has written to our contemporary traversing all the statements made by Mr. Woodward as to Wren's alleged membership and Grand Mastership of the Craft. We shall take an early opportunity of referring to the proposal which Mr. Woodward has thus unexpectedly brought to the notice of the public in the columns of a non-Masonic journal. In the meantime, however, and without pausing to consider whether Wren was or was not a Grand Master, or even a Mason at all, we see no reason why the Freemasons of England, but more especially of the Metropolis, should not contribute as a body towards the cost of restoring St. Paul's Cathedral, and why, in the event of their raising a sum sufficient to defray the cost of a particular section of the work, the Craft, as a whole, should not take part in any ceremonial that might be considered appropriate when the Cathedral was restored.

It will be in the recollection of our readers that when some years ago the diocese of St. Albans was constituted, and the famous Church in that City was transformed from an Abbey into a Cathedral, the Masons of England generally, and Hertfordshire in particular, subscribed a sum of nearly £800 towards the restoration of that venerable edifice. The money was employed in the erection of a new and very handsome pulpit, and when it was completed, Bro. T. F. Halsey, Prov. G. Master of Hertfordshire, attended by the Officers of his Provincial Grand Lodge, visited the Cathedral, unveiled the pulpit, and formally placed it in charge of the chapter. The proposal that the Masonic body should thus assist in the restoration of this Abbey Church had its origin—we are speaking from memory, and subject, therefore, to correction—in the legend which, according to the same Dr. James Anderson, ascribes the formation of the first Masonic lodge in Britain in 287 A.D. to St. Alban. No objection was raised to the proposal, nor was any ridicule thrown upon it, because of the mere legendary connection of St. Alban with the English Craft; and similarly we do not regard it as a valid reason against the English Craft taking a prominent part in the renovation of our great Metropolitan Cathedral, that very grave doubts have been raised as to Wren, its architect, having been a Mason.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has had the misfortune to lose one of the ablest and, at the same time, one of the kindest and most genial of its Past Grand Officers. Bro. the Hon. Richard Vaux, who was initiated in Lodge No. 3 on the roll of this Grand Lodge, on the 20th December, 1842, was installed W.M. of Lodge No. 121, to which he had affiliated the year previous, in 1845, and, after serving successfully as Junior and Senior Grand Deacon, Junior and Senior Grand Warden, and Deputy Grand Master, and, after acting as Grand Master for a few months, in consequence of the Grand Master's death, was elected and installed in the chair of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in December, 1867, and re-elected the same month in the following year. Thus our deceased brother had been a member of our Society for upwards of 52 years, and a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania for over a quarter of a century, while during the long period of his membership he had rendered such valuable services to the Craft as it falls to the lot of but few brethren to render. He died on the 22nd ultimo, in the 79th year of his age, and at the funeral, which took place in the South Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, three days later, there were present the Deputy Grand Master and many of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, of Pennsylvania, as well as Bros. T. J. Shryock, G.M., and John W. Carter, Past G.M., of Maryland; Bros. C. Belcher, G.M., and R. W. Moore and C. H. Mann, Past G. Masters of New Jersey.

Bro. Vaux, as we have said, rendered most valuable services to the Craft in Pennsylvania, among the most important being the part he took as one of the Committee appointed to revise the Ahiman Rezon of 1857. He greatly distinguished himself in connection with the difficulty which existed between 30 and 40 years ago between the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New York, and was the representative of the latter Grand Lodge at the former from 1863 to 1893 when the representative system was abolished. During the first year of his Grand Mastership he laid the foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 24th June, 1868, while after having previously served as Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence for several years, he was again appointed to the same office in December, 1875, and retained the post till the very day of his death. Lastly, since the death of Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, he had regularly contributed leading articles to the *Philadelphia Keystone*, to which we are indebted for the foregoing particulars of Bro. Vaux's Masonic career.

From this brief outline of his achievements in Masonry, it will be seen that it is no ordinary loss which our brethren have just sustained, but on the contrary that of the most learned and most experienced of their most trusted leaders, and one which for some time to come it will be difficult, if not impossible, to repair. His addresses were always delivered with the utmost dignity and grace, and were as valuable contributions to the Masonic literature of our time as they had proved impressive to the brethren privileged to hear them. We deeply sympathise with both the brethren of Pennsylvania at the death of so eminent a Mason, and with the family and friends of our deceased brother.

Correspondence.

MASONIC VAGRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read with great interest your article in the *Freemason* of the 30th ult. on this very complex question, and am pleased to find Bro. Little has initiated a movement on this subject, and trust it will bear good fruits.

Though there are sure to be difficulties to contend with in any scheme put forward, still I do not see much difficulty in having a meeting of Almoners in each province (or where there is no Almoner, a representative of each lodge), and let them talk the matter over and make suggestions, and choose one of their number to represent them at a conference or central meeting, to be composed of delegates from each province.

There is one suggestion on this subject which I should like to make. Though it will not meet all that is necessary, still it would be the means of tracing the movements of vagrants, and likewise give Secretaries of lodges an opportunity of contradicting untrue statements of impostors. This is, to get every Almoner (let every lodge appoint an Almoner) in each week to send a report of any applications he has had during the week, and let these appear in a page of your widely-circulated *Freemason* set apart for the purpose, and ruled off under the following, or some such, headings, viz., name, No. and name of lodge; whither travelling and for what purpose; age and general description of applicant; No. and name of lodge sending report, date, general remarks.

I would further suggest that this page be a loose leaf sent cut to subscribers only, so that it would not get into the hands of the public through bookstalls, &c., and would also enable Almoners to paste in a book for future reference.

Of course, to make this plan a success, it would require comparatively all Almoners to join, which I think they would readily do, after it has been well started, for their own benefit.—Yours fraternally,

W. FLINT, J.W. 2450.

April 4th.

THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The proposal to do away with the Colonial Board and delegate its functions and powers to the Board of General Purposes, will no doubt give rise to the question in the minds of many brethren whether the Masonic interests and requirements of the several Colonies would not be better and more effectually served by a thorough re-modelling and reconstruction on a more liberal basis of the existing Colonial Board. Consisting, as it has done for years past, of a very limited number (10) of irresponsible brethren whose acquaintance with and actual personal experience of Colonial Masonry is of the most superficial character it is not surprising that from a wrong apprehension of facts or other causes, mistakes have been made in the past in dealing with Colonial matters, and our brethren in other parts of the world consequently complain—not without a cause—that the Colonial Board as at present constituted is not "in touch" with them.

To ensure efficiency and satisfactory results under a reconstructed Colonial Board, a *sine qua non* for membership should be a lengthened residence and Masonic experience—say at least 10 years—in one of the Colonies; and, of brethren eligible for a seat in Grand Lodge who possess this qualification there must be many among the London and provincial lodges. A register of brethren with Colonial experience should moreover be kept in every lodge; and, in order to make the Board a fairly representative one, the number of members elected by Grand Lodge should be increased, and not only collectively represent the principal Colonies, or groups of Colonies, but be thoroughly up to date in a knowledge of and personal acquaintance with the Masonic conditions and exigencies prevalent therein.

From a retrospect of my own Masonic experience in one of the Colonies, this appears to me to be the basis upon which the Colonial Board might, with advantage, be re-modelled; and, having briefly outlined my views on the subject, some more experienced and influential brother will, no doubt, be enabled to elaborate the scheme.—Yours fraternally,

THOMAS WILLIAM KITT,
P.M. 655 (late of 1530), &c.

Brixton, April 5th.

W.M. IN THE CHAIR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I, as an old P.M., and one who has done "Some service" to the Craft, express a word or two on the above subject referred to by the brother who signed "D.C."

I have never seen a ceremony performed with the W.M. in the chair, and he not conducting the ceremony. I cannot conceive it being at all practicable, and I think, would not be conducive to that smooth working which one expects to see on any of these occasions, but rather, would cause confusion to both the brother working the ceremony, the Wardens, and other officers, more especially when any of these brethren had occasion to address the W.M., and would have a tendency to make the W.M. (in the chair) feel in a very uncomfortable position as the "figurehead" only, whilst the *real captain* was commanding the "noble Craft." I should like to see the opinion of the brethren on the subject.—Fraternally yours,

J. WARDLEY, P.M.,

Darwen, 2nd April.

P.P.G.D.C., East Lancs.



"THE MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAMBRIDGE FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1895."—This nicely printed annual is edited by Bro. W. P. Spalding, assisted by the Prov. G. Sec., &c., and this year's issue is one of the best of this very useful series, the frontispiece being devoted to an excellent likeness of the esteemed Prov. G.M. (Colonel Caldwell, M.A.), and an appreciative review is added. A sketch of "Royal Arch Masonry in Cambridgeshire" by Colonel Caldwell, Grand Superintendent, will be acceptable to the province. Royal Arch Masonry began in 1792 at Cambridge, with No. 85, and the province, it is said, in 1810. According to Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite," however, the first Grand Superintendent was appointed in 1802, viz., Bro. G. D. Harvey, the second being in 1807, Bro. W. R. Wright, the Rev. G. A. Browne coming on the scene in 1810. A good idea is the list of "Chief Events during 1894-5," the one for Cambridgeshire being by Bro. Oliver Papworth. There are six lodges in the province, with 430 members, full particulars being afforded as to these and all the other Degrees worked in the county.

"PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA."—Vol. III., Part V., 1893-1894. Winnipeg: McIntyre Bros., Printers. This part of Vol. III. contains the account of the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Melita, on the 10th August, 1893, when the corner-stone of the Melita Public School was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Richard D. Foley, acting G. Master on behalf of Bro. David J. Goggin, M.W.G.M.; and a full report of the 19th Annual Communication, which was held in the Pavilion, Banff, in the District of Alberta, on the 13th June, 1894, under the presidency of Bro. David J. Goggin, G. Master. At the latter meeting there was a full attendance of Grand and Past Grand Officers, as well as of the representatives of lodges on the roll. The G. Master's address dealt with matters of local interest, and it is satisfactory to learn on such high authority that in Manitoba the Craft is in a flourishing condition, both financially and numerically. The Reports of the Dist. D.G. Masters, of the Grand Treasurer, and of the Grand Secretary show this, those of the Deputy District Grand Masters relating to the lodges under their supervision, while as to the finances, there appears to be a balance to the good of nearly 1500; and as to the lodges, the 48 in active work have an aggregate membership of 2275. Various other Reports were presented, and the proceedings terminated with the election and installation and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months, the new G. Master being Bro. Thomas Tweedy, and the G. Secretary, Bro. W. G. Scott, who was re-elected to office. The rest of the Part is occupied with statistical tables and memorials to deceased brethren, but there is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

"SKETCH OF THE ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD." By S. Stacker Williams, Past High Priest. Urbana Publishing Company, Urbana, Ohio.—Comp. Williams has collected together within the compass of a modest

pamphlet the leading particulars so far as they are obtainable, as to the origin and nature of this Order. He has arranged them carefully and methodically, so that his readers will have no difficulty in acquiring the knowledge they desire. We commend Comp. Williams for the manner in which he has treated the subject.

"REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF OHIO."—At the annual convocation held at Columbus on the 10th September, 1894. By S. Stacker Williams, Dayton, Ohio, The Goodwin Printing Company, 1894.—This collection of Reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters is prefaced by an Introductory Chapter in which Bro. Williams gives sundry particulars relating to the Degree, his authority for the earliest evidences as to the existence of Royal Arch Masonry being derived from Bro. W. J. Hughan's well-known work on the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry." Other particulars as to the doings of the Royal Arch in America are also furnished, and though these are for the most part familiar to us, we have no hesitation in saying that they will add largely to the interest with which the Report will be read. As to the series of Reviews of Proceedings, they relate to 43 Grand Chapters in the United States, and six others, for the year 1893 and 1894. They seem to have been written with great care, while the criticisms passed by Comp. Williams appear to be characterised by considerable judgment. In every case the names of the G.H.P.s. and Grand Secretaries are given, and there is also a fair amount of statistical information scattered throughout the volume.

"THE NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN"—Bro. Arthur Cleave, Masonic Printer, City Press Office, Vulcan-lane, Auckland.—The January number contains—we may almost say, as a matter of course—an article in which it is conclusively shown that, sooner or later, the Grand Lodge of England will feel it to be its duty to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. This may or may not be so—we are not gifted with insight into the future, and are, therefore, unable to express any opinion on the justice or otherwise of this conclusion. But even should the Grand Lodge of England, out of its regard for Freemasonry, consent ultimately to recognise this intruder upon its rights and privileges as the supreme authority on Masonry in this colony, this act of grace will not have the effect of wiping out the recollection of the great wrong done to the Craft by the latter. A wrong may be forgiven, but it cannot be undone, and so long as Freemasonry exists, there will exist the memory of the disunion and disorder to which the establishment of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand gave rise. As for the reports and other news contained in the number, they are of the usual character, while there is for a frontispiece a portrait of Comp. H. L. Michel, Grand Superintendent of Marlborough and Westland.

THE SOUTH NORWOOD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1139.

The inaugural meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms (adjoining the Jolly Sailor Hotel), South Norwood, on Monday, the 8th inst., when there were present, Bros. Beddall, W.M.; Callam, S.W.; Dear, J.W.; Moger, S.D.; Hamsher, J.D.; Livingstone, I.G.; Henry, Stwd.; Gurney, T. R. Gallworthy, and W. R. Gallworthy. The visitors were Bros. Wm. Eckersall, P.M. 217, acting I.P.M.; C. H. Stone, P.M. 507; H. Hardman, P.M.; Ayris, and Giraud.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Beddall in a very perfect manner, Bro. Gurney personating the candidate, who also gave the explanation of the second tracing board very commendably. Bro. W. Eckersall was elected a joining member. Bro. Callam, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. P. Horley, W.M. of the mother lodge, in his illness, wishing him speedy recovery. The lodge of instruction is to be congratulated upon having such brethren as Bros. Beddall, Preceptor, P. Horley, Treas., and Hamsher, Sec., who have been most assiduous in the formation of the above. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

Moir Chapter (No. 92).—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Comps. W. H. Hooker, M.E.Z.; R. F. Gould, P.Z., as H.; Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., J.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.Z., Treas.; G. Greiner, P.S.; F. K. Gramshaw, I.P.Z.; Wickham Noakes, P.Z.; Bertram Noakes, P.Z., S.N.; and R. W. Tweedie, P.Z., A.S. Visitor: Comp. W. L. Poole, S60.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Emile Daniel Oppert, of the Moira and Ryde Lodges, Nos. 92 and 698, and P.M. 1027. This proving favourable, the first chair was taken by Comp. Wickham Noakes, who, assisted by the other Principals, and by Comps. Bertram Noakes, S.N., and Gramshaw, as P.S., performed the ceremony of exaltation in a manner which left nothing to be desired.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The usual Royal Arch toasts followed, and were given briefly but effectively by the M.E.Z.

Comps. T. L. Wilkinson, P.Z., D.G.R., responded for "The Grand Officers"; Wickham Noakes, P.Z., for "The Past Principals"; and W. L. Poole, for the visitors.

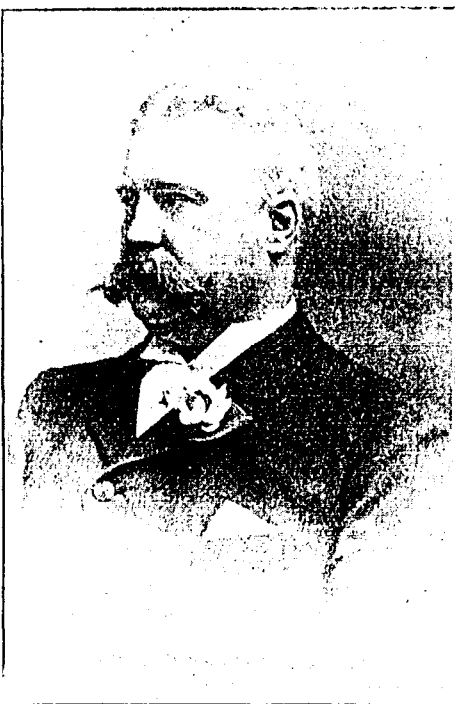
"The Health of the Newly-exalted Companion," was next proposed in terms of great eloquence by Comp. Sir N. Pringle, J., and very feelingly acknowledged by Comp. E. D. Oppert, who, in the course of his reply mentioned that Comp. R. F. Gould, who had assisted that evening at his exaltation, was also present at his initiation, in 1864, at Shanghai.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. GUY WEIR HOGG.

Who was installed W.M. of the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, in December last, is the managing partner of Messrs. Solomon, Hogg, & Co., the leading firm in St. Helena. He also holds the posts of consul for Sweden and Norway, consul for Portugal, and other consular appointments. Although a very busy man, he devotes all the time and energy he can to forwarding the interests of Freemasonry in every way. Besides being W.M. of St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, he is also a member of the Old Rock Lodge, No. 912, and of the Outer Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. In Mark Masonry, he is Master Overseer in the Jamestown Lodge, No. 370, and has already served as Principal Sojourner in the St. John's Chapter, No. 488, and has been recently installed Principal J. This year he is acting as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.I.B., on behalf of the two St. Helena Lodges.



BRO. R. HARGREAVES ROGERS

was initiated in the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, in 1872, and is a founder and first Senior Warden of the North Kent Lodge, No. 2499, Bexley Heath.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Lodge Acacia (No. 2321).—The regular meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th ult., at the Masonic Hall, but owing mainly to the prevailing epidemic of influenza there was only a moderate attendance. Bro. C. H. Ellis, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Morton, S.W.; J. B. Fearnley, J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Robinson, Sec.; A. E. Harris, S.D.; R. S. Hie, J.D.; Paul, as I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; S. A. Auty, P.M.; John Niven, P.M.; John Haigh, P.M.; R. B. Nicolls, and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Niven, P.M., Charity Representative, gave notice of a motion for the next

meeting of a grant from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Hird, J.D., also gave notice of a motion for obtaining and suitably framing the portraits of the Past Masters of the lodge. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of Bros. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. T. Laist, I.P.M.; and several other brethren from indisposition, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards supped together and spent a quiet evening.

ENFIELD.

Enfield Lodge (No. 1237).—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the George Inn. Present: Bros. Ernest J. Tilley, W.M.; W. Marshall, S.W.; Albert Monk, J.W.; Hy. V. Clements, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; A. G. Fidler, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; Walter Humphreys, S.D.; H. E. Brown, Stwd.; Chas. W. Offord, Org.; Jas. Very, Tyler; Hy. Woodley, I.P.M.; Jno. Hicks, P.M.; G. C. H. Jennings, P.M., P.G. Reg.; T. H. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. Taverner, P.M.; C. S. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. B. May, P.M.; E. H. Jones, E. T. Brough, A. Millbourn, J. B. M. Meyers, and Geo. Vale. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Mills, 1550; Jno. Randall, 1707; E. W. Rollings, 1695; and E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Subsequently Bro. Vale was raised to the Third Degree, and the manner in which the ceremony was performed by the W.M. entitled him to the congratulations, which he received, from those present. There being no other business, the lodge, after "Hearty good wishes," was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Some excellent singing rendered the evening particularly pleasant, which was brought to a conclusion by the Tyler's toast.

HULL.

Installed Masters' Lodge (No. 2494).—The regular meeting of this lodge (a public night) was held in Freemasons' Hall, Osborn-street, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. W. Tesseymann, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., W.M.; M. C. Peek, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., I.P.M.; G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D., S.W.; John Bilson, J.W.; H. Woodhouse, LL.D., P.G. Reg., Chap.; T. B. Redfearn, P.A.G.S., Sec.; Colonel H. Fawcett-Pudsey, P.P.G.D., S.D.; J. R. Ansdell, P.P.G.S.B., J.D.; Thomson Foley, P.P.G. S. of W., D.C.; J. F. Watson, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Henderson, P.P.G.W., I.G.; R. Beevers, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Stwd.; H. Preston, P.P.G.D., Tyler; M. J. Martensen, W.M. 57; J. Wildbore, I.P.M. 57; J. T. Belt, W.M. 2134; Mark Scott, P.P.G.W.; W. A. Hutchence, J.P., G.D.; J. Mackaill, P.P.G.S.B.; T. A. Haigh, P.P.G.S.B.; T. T. Davis, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and many visitors.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, also the Treasurer's balance sheet. A ballot then took place when four Past Masters were admitted as joining members, and the visitors were then announced. The W.M. stated that that meeting had been called as a public night, to which all Master Masons were invited, for the purpose of hearing a lecture from our distinguished Bro. George Wm. Speth, P.M., Secretary of the celebrated Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, upon "The Folk-lore of Operative Masonry in relation to Foundation Stones and the Master Mason's Degree." Unfortunately, however, Bro. Speth had been prevented through illness from attending, and his valuable discourse had to be postponed. Doubtless a very large assembly would have been present that evening, but the W.M. had felt it his duty to make the fact of the brother's inability to attend widely known, lest brethren should be disappointed. Fortunately, moreover, several members of the lodge were well able to instruct and interest the brethren, and he should, therefore, call upon the I.P.M. (the Prov. Grand Sec.) to address the brethren. The I.P.M. then gave an impromptu lecture, indicating the objects and tendencies of the Three Degrees, and their bearing upon studies of an archaeological and literary character. He referred to a large collection of old aprons, certificates, and other Masonic curiosities which were displayed upon a table in the centre of the lodge, and communicated the particulars of the recent discovery of an old engraved apron in the demolition of Pease's Bank at Hull. This relic he believed to be of local origin, as he showed two other examples of the same design also found in this town. He earnestly recommended the study of the Craft, for amongst its numerous ramifications each brother would find one or more departments suited to his tastes and opportunities. The address, which occupied half an hour, was received with the greatest attention. The Senior Warden, who is the happy possessor of the most extensive collection of Masonic medals known, then described a number of interesting works upon medals, freely illustrated, and pointed out their special peculiarities. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bros. Peck and Shackles, and suitably acknowledged. Three Past Masters were proposed as joining members of the lodge. The I.P.M. then alluded to the recent decease of Bro. Thomas Wm. Tew, late Past Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who was loved and revered when alive, and is greatly lamented now that he has been taken from us. He was the model of an English gentleman and a most perfect Freemason. His liberality and munificent donations to the library of our sister province can never be equalled, and his universal kindness and courtesy will never be forgotten. The I.P.M. then proposed "That a letter of condolence be addressed to the widow and family of our late distinguished brother," which was duly carried.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. Driver, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There was a large amount of business on the agenda, which was duly carried out. The ceremonies of initiation were respectively performed by Bros. E. Webb, P.M.; B. Eckersley, P.M.; and A. H. Duffin, P.M., who also passed a brother and closed the lodge. Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., presided at the organ. The following brethren were present: Bros. H. Waterhouse, S.W.; R. W. Martin, J.W.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; J. Green,

S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, W.M. 2359, J.D. W. H. Browne, I.G.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; E. Webb, P.M.; Ben Fekersley, P.M.; John Ogden, F. Curtis, F. H. Gregory, M. Oliver, G. O. Samuels, and P. W. Jarvis. Visitors: Bros. F. E. Boden, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. S. Derbyshire, E. Ramsbottom, John E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Peacock, and A. B. Wood.

SALFORD.

St. John's Lodge (No. 325).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., when Bro. Alfred Hibberd, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. W. R. Sharp, I.P.M., for installation, who performed the duties in a highly creditable manner, being ably assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. J. Higson, S.W.; G. W. Howe, J.W.; T. Powers, P.M., Chap.; H. Lord, P.M., Treas.; T. S. Deakin, Sec.; S. Sharpley, S.D.; F. Dicks, J.D.; E. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., D.C.; H. Rushworth, Org.; A. K. Seville, I.G.; J. Irving, W. Gibson, G. W. Bell, and J. Ainsworth, Stwds.; and J. H. Moore, P.M., Tyler. Among the visitors present were Bros. Harrop, P.P.G.D.; R. Collinge, P.M. 54, P.A.G.D.C.; Sinclair, P.P.G.D.; and Jas. Newton, P.M. 37, P.A.G. Sec.

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

Mark Masonry.

BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Bro. F. D. Harrison, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. T. E. Greenough, I.P.M.; J. T. Last, S.W.; W. Laycock, J.W.; G. Martin, M.O.; R. H. Bonsor, S.O.; John Ingleby, J.O.; S. A. Auty, Chap.; Geo. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; Thos. Norfolk, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. C. Gamble, S.D.; J. Clifford, J.D.; R. A. Pullen, as I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; E. Foulds, as R. of M.; S. Whiteley, P.M., Org.; E. H. Pattinson, P.M.; Hudson, J. Niven, J. Dewhurst, P.M.; L. Crossley, and F. H. Jones. Visitors: Bros. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M.; John Barker, D.P.G.M.; and Joseph Matthewman, Prov. G. Sec.

The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., after which the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Secretary were received in due form, and saluted. The ballot was then taken for Bros. T. M. Lawson, 600; H. Holland, 1018; James Conchar, 1648; Wm. Woodiwiss, 408; and Geo. Whitaker, 408, who were respectively duly elected, and Bros. Lawson and Holland, being in attendance, were regularly advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers, and Bro. S. Whiteley, P.M. For want of time, the lecture and working tools were postponed to the next meeting. The P.G.M., in acknowledging the salutation accorded to him and his Deputy, expressed the pleasure it had given him to visit the lodge, and to find that it was in such a prosperous condition.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

The P.G.M., Bro. Mason, in responding to the toast of his health, congratulated the W.M. on presiding over such a flourishing lodge, which, he stated, was one of the dozen oldest lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Mason continued his remarks, and gave a most interesting address on the antiquity of Freemasonry, and the spiritual and moral teaching of the Mark Degree. The remarks of the P.G.M. were listened to with the greatest attention by the brethren.

"The W.M." and other toasts were also given and acknowledged, and a very pleasant evening spent.

DONCASTER.

Danum Lodge (No. 398).—The customary meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. S. Pegler, W.M.; F. Webb, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; W. Langbridge, P.M., P.P.G.R., as S.W.; R. Bridge, S.W.; J. F. Hanson, M.O.; F. Duff, J.O.; C. H. Woodhouse, as S.O.; Theo. Barber, Sec.; W. W. Peacock, S.D.; P. Jenner, Org.; S. Lester, I.G.; J. Mason, Tyler; and H. Foster.

A Past Master's jewel in gold was presented to Bro. F. Webb, in consideration of his services to the lodge in raising a voluntary fund amongst the brethren to clear off a deficit, which had been most successful. Bro. Webb very feelingly responded, and thanked the brethren for their kindness and consideration.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 141).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Rymer, W.M.; Marriott Matthews, S.W.; Ham, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Holland, P.M., S.D.; Lightfoot, J.D.; H. J. Thompson, I.G.; Smith, Sharpin, Thomas, McLelland, Nicholls, A. W. Thompson, Murdock, and Calle.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McLelland being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Royle, who had previously answered the usual questions, and was entrusted, being the candidate. Bro. Murdock answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Sharpin being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Murdock was elected a joining member of the lodge. After the three risings the lodge was closed. Bro. Mathews was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the

Frascati, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. A. Terry, W.M.; W. Parker, P.M., S.W.; M. Beedle, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; George Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; B. Dukas, S.D.; F. Jackson, P.M., J.D.; L. Gunzel, I.G.; J. Mason, Org.; Thomas Smale, P.M.; C. J. Smith, P.M.; G. A. Sturgess, A. Gibelli, S.C. Cross, and C. Girennell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Mason, and the 2nd by Bro. G. Hill, Treas. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sturgess being the candidate. The 5th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Dukas. The W.M. rose for the first time when Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. 1623, was unanimously elected a joining member. The dues were then collected. At the second rising, Bro. W. Parker, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

EALING.—WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Feathers Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. Kington, W.M.; J. Alsop, S.W.; A. A. Hardy, J.W.; W. A. Cocks, Sec.; J. Hamilton, S.D.; C. Mead, J.D.; G. H. Gabb, I.G.; Porter, P.M. 1612; Prince, P.M. 209, Preceptor; Harper, P.M. 2163; Timpson, W.M. 1612; and Jordan.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Harper having answered the usual questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Harper was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lecture on the tracing board was given by Bro. Cocks, Sec. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times respectively, and it was agreed that the annual dinner, to wind up the session, should be held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 7.30 p.m.; tickets 5s. each, to be obtained of the Secretary. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or this lodge in particular, the lodge was closed.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. E. Gratwick, W.M.; W. Jenkinson, S.W.; H. Potvine, J.W.; H. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; P. Good, S.D.; L. Stansell, I.G., and J. Gowen, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Jenkinson was voted to the chair for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 5th inst., when there were present: Comps. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z.; Cureton, H.; Telling, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; North, P.Z., acting S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; W. Dawson, P.S.; Eckersall, Cope, Salmon, Towers, Meierhoff, Bowers, Willcox, Belchamber, Addington, and Elgar.

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. Comp. Cureton, H., was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, the 19th inst. It was resolved that the chapter stand adjourned over Good Friday. Comp. Grummant, Preceptor, was elected an hon. member of the chapter.

SONNET.

IN MEMORIAM.

Bro. Thos. Wm. Tew, Past Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

Died on the 29th March, 1895.

A stately presence late from hence has passed,
By the hard test of pain and weakness tried,
Like a brave Knight, his armour laid aside,
He, weary but unshrinking, rests at last.
Cultured, high souled, in mould heroic cast,
Active in worthy deeds, nor satisfied
With a half-hearted zeal, it was his pride
To render true Knight-service, holding fast
To the attested landmarks old or new.
We comrades in the Craft he loved so well
And ruled with rare acceptance, we can tell
How, to each canon of our Order, true
And firm he stood, how fully kept in view
Our mystic teachings. Brother, Friend, farewell.

WILLIAM FLOCKTON.

Leeds, Province West Yorkshire.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES returned to Marlborough House from visiting the Earl and Countess of Londsdale at Barleythorpe, on Monday, and in the evening dined with the Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, at their residence in Portland-place.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

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

DAISY ISABEL SHAW,

Aged 8½ years.

The youngest Daughter but one of the Six Children of the late PATRICK DUNLOP SHAW, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes,

Madras, since March, 1893, Member of the Perfect Unanimity Lodge, No. 150, who, having filled the offices of Secretary and Junior Warden of that Lodge, and of District Grand Registrar, died on the 8th May, 1894, leaving a Widow and Six Children (one son 9 years old, 5 daughters, aged respectively 15, 14, 12, 8, and 5 years), totally unprovided for. Bro. Shaw was a Subscribing Member of his Lodge for upwards of eighteen years, up to the day of his death.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; the Right Hon. Lord Herschell, G.C.B., P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, C.M.G., P.G.W.; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Pat.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., Dep. G.M. Essex; Thomas Lean Wilkinson, D.G. Reg.; Ralph Daniel Makinson Littler, C.B., O.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., O.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, O.C., P.M. 66; E. J. Castle, O.C., P.M. 708; E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.M. 1460, 2459; Edmd. Macrory, O.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).

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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

WILLIAM LORRAINE 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 (1892), O'Entosama (1263), Nippon (1344), and Tokio (2015) Lodges; also of the Yokohama R.A. Chapter (1892), 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.

ELECTION OF SHERIFF.

R. H. & S. ROGERS,
Manufacturers, 9, 10, 11, & 12, Addele-st.,
Hderton Works, Rotherhithe, Wood-street,
and London, E.C.,
Coleraine, Ireland. March, 1895.

Dear Sir,

I beg respectfully to solicit your influential support at the ensuing Election for the high office of Sheriff of the City, for which office the Lord Mayor has kindly intimated that he will in due course nominate me to the Court of Aldermen.

I beg to state that I am a Citizen by parentage and birth, having been born in the premises where I now conduct my business, in which my firm employ 1500 hands.

I am descended from Liverymen of two past generations, and have been myself a Member of the Livery for nine years.

I have represented my Ward (Cripplegate Within) in the Court of Common Council since 1886, and have been Deputy to Alderman Sir HENRY E. KNIGHT since 1890. I filled the position of Chairman of the Committee of the Guildhall School of Music in 1891, and was Deputy Governor of the Hon. the Irish Society in 1894.

If I have the honour to be elected Sheriff, I undertake to devote all necessary time and attention to the duties of the office—in every way to uphold its prestige—and by all means in my power to maintain the ancient rights and privileges of the Livery and the Corporation.

I shall feel honoured if you will permit me to add your name to the first list of my supporters, which will shortly be published. I enclose a card for reply at your convenience, and beg to subscribe myself

Your faithful and obedient servant,

R. HARGREAVES ROGERS,
Deputy for Cripplegate Within,
Spectacle Maker & Liner.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, April 20, 1895.

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

MONDAY APRIL 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

1. Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
8. British, Freemasons' Hall.
21. Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185. Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
997. Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1500. White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1094. Imperial, Cloat's Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1306. Highgate, Gate House Tavern.
2090. La France, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGES.

173. Temple, London Tavern.
239. Royal Naval, Mark Masons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

131. Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
 Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
 Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Marquess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
 Neptune, Garden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
 Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
 Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance)
 St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
 St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
 Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
 Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
 Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
 Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
 Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
 Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
 Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

39. United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
95. Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
192. Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
104. St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435. Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
1399. Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1065. New Finsbury Park, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2022. Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
2045. Wharton, White Hart, Willesden.
2101. Anglo-American, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1017. Montefiore, Cafe Royal.
1064. Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

284. High Cross, Liverpool-street Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
 Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
 Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
 Epyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, at 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
 Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
 Kingston, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
 Mount Edgecumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
 Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
 Prince Frederick, William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
 St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8.
 St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
 St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.
 Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17.

Board of Benevolence, at 5.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- Grand Stewards', Freemasons' Hall.
7. Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
174. Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
109. Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700. Nelson, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
990. Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1514. Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel.

1150. Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1340. Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1382. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
1073. Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1881. Lowdesborough, Cafe Royal.
2348. Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2409. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

102. Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
554. Yarborough, London Tavern.
1085. Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
2100. Savage Club, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
 Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
 Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 44, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
 Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8.
 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney. 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
 Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
 Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.
 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Londonborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
 London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
 Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
 Mitchell, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
 Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tavern, 7, Newington Causeway, 8.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
 Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
 Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
 United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
 Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

6. Friendship, Criterion.
23. Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
49. Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
55. Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63. St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
100. Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
170. Manchester, Anderson's Hotel.
957. Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.
733. Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
1320. Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel.
1475. Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1508. Ley Spring, Anderson's Hotel.
613. Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
1710. All Saint's, Office of Board of Works.
1001. Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

6. Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
70. Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.

MARK LODGES.

357. Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew.
411. Ubique, Criterion.

Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

154. Shadwell Clerke, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Counts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
 Derby Alford, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
 Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
 Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 4.30.
 Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
 St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
 St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
 Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
 Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
 Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
 Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
 Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
 North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, at Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.
 Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

975. Rose of Denmark, The Horns, Kennington.
1092. London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel.
2157. St. Mark's, College, Holborn Restaurant.
2340. Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1538. St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.
1591. Studholme, Cafe Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, at 8.
 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grave, Notting-hill, 8.
 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
 Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
 Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.30.
 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
 Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
 Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
 The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
 Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
 Dagmar Chapter, Horse Shoe Tavern, 7, Newington Causeway, 8.
 Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
 Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.30.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

715. Panmure, Balham Hotel.
1185. Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1304. Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1041. Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2041. West Kent Volunteers, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

142. St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
1572. Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, April 20, 1895.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15.

CRAFT LODGES.	Manchester	Liverpool
Gravesend	77	1170
Warrington	148	1109
York	236	1208
Whitby	312	1238
Southampton	350	1255
Kidderminster	377	1257
Gateshead	424	1337
Kettering	455	1443
Stamford Baron	466	1477
Dewsbury	527	1502
Whitehaven	572	1502
Tewkesbury	600	1502
Birmingham	925	1502
Croston	980	1502
Heaton Norris	1030	1502
Menai Bridge	1113	1502
Horsham	1141	1502
Swanage	1149	1502
Stevenage	2080	1502

TUESDAY, APRIL 16.

CRAFT LODGES.	Barrow-in-Furness	Dartford
Norwich	213	829
Bangor	384	1225
Wareham	386	1270
Nottingham	492	1351
Henley	418	1351
Venstor	551	1351
Stourport	500	1351
Liverpool	607	1351
Dukinfield	830	1351
Jersey	958	1351
St. Day	1009	1351
Farnham	1049	1351
Ramsey	1075	1351
Sheerness	1089	1351
Basingstoke	1094	1351

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17.

CRAFT LODGES.	Canterbury	Barnmouth
Wigan	178	972
Scarborough	200	1010
Bolton	221	1040
Guernsey	243	1136
Taunton	261	1161
Worcester	280	1212
Shepton Mallett	285	1249
Salford	325	1301
Burslem	451	1323
Openshaw	581	1334
Cirencester	592	1353
Bristol	619	1351
W. Bromwich	662	1351
Newport, Mon.	683	1351
Stafford	720	1351
Fleetwood	950	1351



H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has very graciously promised to lay the foundation-stone of the new Lower School for the Royal Medical Benevolent College at Epsom, in June next.

BRO. THE DUKE OF ATHOL has left town for Blair Athol, Perthshire, to spend the Easter recess, but the Duchess of Athol, whose health, we regret to say, is still unsatisfactory, remains for the present abroad.

THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL (Bro. Sir F. Lockwood, M.P.), has kindly undertaken to preside at the 32nd anniversary festival which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on the 18th May, in behalf of the Newspaper Press Fund.

THE DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG GOtha, accompanied by his son, Prince Alfred, will arrive at Clarence House, according to present arrangements, on Monday, the 22nd inst., and will be joined by the Duchess and the Princesses somewhat later.

MADAME ADELINA PATTI left town for Nottingham on Monday, and took part in a concert in that city. On the following morning, she left for her place in Wales, where she will remain until she returns to London for the opera season, the second week in June.

BRO. BARON HENRY DE WORMS M.P., who has been suffering for some time past from a severe attack of influenza, but is now happily recovered, visited the House of Commons for the first time since his illness on Monday, and was very warmly greeted.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., has been ordered by his medical adviser to leave England on a prolonged holiday, and will in consequence leave England to-day (the 11th inst.), for Gibraltar. His place as President at the annual banquet of the Royal Academy will be taken by Sir John Millais, Bart., R.A.

MESSRS. GEORGE ADAM YOUNG AND CO., Bible publishers, Edinburgh, have still a few copies left of the pamphlet "Variations of three most Ancient MSS. of the Greek New Testament," as edited by Tischendorf. They are one shilling each *net*, and embrace all the differences noted by that lamented scholar in the Tauchnitz edition of the New Testament.

THE GRAND CHAPTER of the District of Columbia, U.S.A., held its annual convocation in Washington on the 24th December, 1894, when Comp. Frank L. Campbell was elected and installed G.H. Priest, and Comp. Lewis G. Stephens, G. Sec. There are 10 chapters on the roll with an aggregate membership of 2141. The report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. W. R. Singleton.

SIR KNIGHTS WILLIAM H. MARTIN and John H. Miller were elected G. Commander and G. Recorder respectively of the G. Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland, at its annual conclave, in Baltimore, on the 27th and 28th November last. According to the statistics presented on the occasion there are nine commanderies on the roll with an aggregate of 997 members.

THE LORD MAYOR (Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals) has remitted to Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, the sum of £2121 11s. 10d., being the net result of the recent Mansion House Appeal in behalf of the widows, orphans, and dependent relatives of the colliers who perished through the terrible accident at the Audley Pit, near Stoke-upon-Trent, and whose bodies have not been recovered. The local subscriptions were also considerable.

THERE ARE 16 Councils with an aggregate membership of 1858 on the roll of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for Maine, while Comp. Algernon McRoak is Grand Master, and Comp. Stephen Berry Grand Recorder. The Grand Council of Arkansas has a far less numerous membership, there being 14 councils on the roll of the Grand Council, and only 373 members. Comp. Antonio B. Grace is Grand Master of the latter body, and Comp. James Austin Harvey, Grand Secretary.

BRO. LORD CHARLES BRESFORD was present at a meeting held in the Cambridge Hall, Southport, on Saturday evening last, when the prizes were distributed to the successful pupils of the Southport Physical Training College. His lordship laid great stress on the importance of children being educated physically as well as mentally, and expressed a hope that the time would come when the Government of the day would see that steps were taken to include outdoor exercises and gymnastics in the training at all schools under their supervision.

THE LORD MAYOR (Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals) presided at the 28th anniversary festival, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday, in aid of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association. The Association at the present time is supporting 262 persons, the sum expended on whom is about £4700 per annum, and of this quite £3000 is raised by voluntary subscription. The amount which the Charity has expended in past years is about £60,000, and it is well worthy of support.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL in aid of the Royal Hospital for Incurables will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 23rd May, when the chair will be occupied by Earl Compton, M.P., President of the Hospital. It is in contemplation to raise a Dinner Fund of not less than £5000 by way of inaugurating his lordship's presidency, with a view to replacing the amount of stock which it was found necessary to sell out in August last, in order to meet the current expenditure of the institution. We trust the festival will prove as great a success as the most ardent supporter of this important charity can desire.

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WE ARE asked to state that the first night of "The Ladie's Idol" is postponed to Thursday, April, 18th, instead of Wednesday, April 17th, as originally intended.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK has left Warwick Castle with Lord Brooke for Biarritz, having been ordered complete rest after the severe attack of influenza from which she recently suffered.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Bro. Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, Bart., to be Governor of South Australia in the place of Bro. the Earl of Kintore, G.C.M.G., whose term of office has expired.

THERE are at the present time no less than four vacancies in the House of Commons, namely, for Mid-Norfolk, through the retirement of Mr. Clement Higgins, Q.C., for Oxford by the death of Sir George Chesney, for Warwick and Leamington by the retirement of the Speaker, and for East Wicklow by that of Mr. John Sweetman.

BRO. F. J. HORNIMAN proposes to give up his residence at Forest Hill, and to reside at Brighton. The museum, however, will remain open to the public as heretofore. The collections recently made by Bro. Horniman when travelling in India and Ceylon are now being arranged, and will most likely be ready for public inspection during the Easter Holidays.

A MEETING of the Warwick Town Council was held on Tuesday, at which Bro. the Earl of Warwick announced that the Prince of Wales would visit Warwick on the 17th and 18th May, on the occasion of the centenary of the Warwickshire Yeomanry Cavalry, and inspect the regiment. His Royal Highness will be the guest of his lordship at Warwick Castle during his stay.

THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL (Bro. Sir F. Lockwood), accompanied by Lady Lockwood, opened the sixth annual exhibition of the Royal Drawing Society at Queen Anne's Gate, on Saturday last. The collection of work exhibited has been shown as the best from about 120 schools in Great Britain, and the judges report a general improvement in the standard of merit attained.

AT THE regular meeting of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, Bro. C. Alexander, W.M., presented Bro. J. G. Jordan, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, and in a few well-chosen remarks congratulated him on the respect in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Jenkins, on behalf of the 19 initiates during the past year, presented Bro. Jordan with a Past Master's apron. Bro. Jordan thanked the brethren for their very handsome presents.

ON TUESDAY, at Marlborough House, the Prince of Wales presented Sir Joseph Lister, Bart., with the Albert Medal, awarded to him by his Royal Highness as President and the Council of the Society of Arts, for his "discovery and establishment of the antiseptic method of treating wounds and injuries." Among the members of Council present on the occasion were Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, Sir G. Birdwood, Sir Courtenay Boyle, Sir Frederick Bramwell, Lord Belhaven, Bro. William H. Preece, Bro. Sir Geo. Hayter Chubb, and Sir O. Roberts, and Bro. Sir H. Trueman Wood, the Secretary.

THE CHITRAL EXPEDITION, under Major-General Sir H. Low, has been making considerable progress since the opening campaign. The Malakand Pass has been forced, the enemy's loss being estimated at about 1000, while the casualties on our side amounted to between 40 and 50. Since then several small actions have been fought, in all of which the enemy has been worsted. News, moreover, has been received of Dr. Robertson and Lieutenants Fowler and Edwards, the latter of whom are prisoners in the hands of Umra Khan, but are said to be well treated, while the former is still holding his own at Chitral.

THE BRETHREN of the Lodge of Relief, No. 42, gave a social on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at the Grey Mare Hotel, Bury, Lancashire, to which they invited their wives and sweethearts. A knife and fork tea was partaken of, after which Bro. S. Cox officiated as Director of Ceremonies. Songs were rendered by Bros. Matthews, Chadwick, P.M., Buxton, Gregson, Lonsdale, J. W. Kenyon, P.M., Worsley, 128, and Carter, the two latter also playing the accompaniments. Mrs. Wild played a pianoforte solo, and Misses M. Duckworth, Spencer, and Chadwick gave songs. Mr. Halsall contributed Lancashire recitations. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

THE FUNERAL of Bro. John Walker, of the Criterion, Retford, took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Retford Cemetery. The deceased was a Past Master of the Vernon Lodge, Past Principal of the Royal Arch Chapter, and a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Nottinghamshire. A large number of the brethren attended the funeral, and all the principal shops in the town were closed. The first portion of the service was held in the parish church, the Rev. Canon Ebsworth being the officiating clergyman. At the grave side, after the chief mourners had retired, the Freemasons passed by the head of the grave and cast sprigs of acacia on the coffin. There were numerous beautiful wreaths with Masonic devices. The coffin bore the inscription, "John Walker, born September 30th, 1841, died March 29th 1895."

BRO. JAS. STEVENS, P.M. 1426, writes a Glasgow correspondent, is at present in Scotland lecturing on the "Fruit Groves of Australia," in connection with the Australian Irrigation Colonies. He has had a most gratifying reception, and on a spare evening during his stay in Glasgow visited the Gael Lodge, 609, where he was warmly received, and in recognition of his services to Freemasonry, and in appreciation of his visit to Gael Lodge, he was created an honorary member. The following evening he was entertained at supper at the annual meeting of Athole Lodge, 413, and there greatly delighted the brethren with his remarks when called upon to respond for the visitors. On Monday, 1st inst., he was the guest of Bro. Major F. W. Allan, the Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in Glasgow, and with him visited the Princes Lodge, 607, where the city magnates do delight to congregate. Here, Bro. Stevens, in his address to the brethren, said he felt more at home as a Freemason than he had done since he came to Scotland, the work being conducted on English lines. He expressed gratification with the truly Masonic welcome extended to him among the Scottish brethren. Bro. Stevens has, we understand, since visited Edinburgh and Kirkcaldy, and during next week will visit Dundee and Aberdeen.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that the Festival dinner in aid of the funds of the East London Hospital for Children, will take place on the 30th May, instead of on the 29th May, as previously arranged.

A REPORT of the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in the Mechanic's Hall, Halifax, on the 3rd instant, will be found elsewhere in our columns, but the address in full of Bro. the Right Hon. W. J. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, has been held over till next week.

WE ARE requested to announce that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180, at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 20th instant, when the chair of W.M. will be occupied by Bro. R. Sandland. Those who may desire further information will readily obtain it from Bro. Edwin P. Luke, the Hon. Secretary. Bro. Ernest Farwig, P.M. 180, is the Preceptor.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Old Masonians will be held at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 6.30 for 7 p.m. The chair will be occupied by Bro. George Everett, Past Grand Treasurer, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management, and Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, who will be supported by Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, Secretary and Vice-President of the Institution. Tickets and full particulars may be had on application to Mr. C. P. O'Doherty, Hon. Sec., at Anderton's Hotel.

WE REGRET to announce the death this week of Bro. Walter E. Gompertz, P.M. 869, P. Prov. S.G.D. Hertfordshire. Bro. Gompertz was 70 years of age, and for some time past had been in failing health. He was initiated in the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, as far back as 1865, and was father and senior Past Master of the lodge, of which he had written a short history, and which he had faithfully served, till within about a year of his death, as Secretary, for some 25 years. His loss will be greatly lamented by the members of his mother lodge.

THE FIRST of a series of inquiries ordered by the Local Government in consequence of the complaints made as to the deficiency of the water supply in connection with the late frost was opened at the offices of the Wandsworth District Board of Works on Tuesday. Major-General Scott, R.E., conducted the inquiries, which were restricted in this instance to the complaints by residents in Clapham Park and its vicinity. Several of the complainants gave evidence, and the inquiry was ultimately adjourned to Thursday, the 25th instant.

THIS YEAR is the jubilee of the Duke of Cambridge as a Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George of which his Royal Highness is Grand Master; and to celebrate the anniversary the members of the Order intend entertaining the Duke at dinner at the Imperial Institute. The Prince of Wales will preside, and the Grand Master will hold a levée of the Order before the banquet. Tickets and further particulars may be had by members of the Order of Bro. Sir Somers Vine, C.M.G., at the Imperial Institute.

THE RIGHT HON. A. W. PEEL took his leave as Speaker of the House of Commons on Tuesday, having intimated the day previous his intention of resigning his office. The leaders of the House and opposition (Sir W. Harcourt and Mr. A. J. Balfour), as well as Mr. Chamberlain for the Liberal Unionists and Mr. Justin McCarthy for the Irish Nationalist party, expressed their regret at his retirement, and the hope that the right honourable gentleman might long be spared to enjoy the respect and esteem in which he was held by members of all the different political parties in the House. Subsequently the House unanimously passed a resolution in which it was agreed that an humble address be presented to her Majesty praying that she will be pleased to bestow some mark of her Royal favour upon the Right Hon. the Speaker for his eminent services during the years he had presided over the House, and the dignity with which he had comported himself in the chair, and assuring her Majesty that any expense which she may think proper to be incurred will be made good by the House.

BRIGHTON SMUGGLER'S CLUB.—A most enjoyable dinner in connection with the above club was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the club premises at 130 and 131, King's-road Arches. About 60 members sat down to dinner under the genial presidency of the chairman of the club, Bro. T. Shrivell. This club, which has only been founded about 20 months is at the present time in a most flourishing condition. Originally started with 15 members, it now numbers over 200 and daily its membership is increasing. Naturally, with such an increasing membership the committee found that the one arch which they originally started with did not provide sufficient accommodation and therefore arch number 131 was taken and the two have now been knocked into one. It was to celebrate the extension of the club premises that the dinner was held. A capital repast was served by Bro. Mutton, and after this had been done full justice to, speeches and songs were the order of the evening. The loyal toasts were enthusiastically received and accorded musical honours. "Success to the Smugglers Club" was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Wickham, and Bro. Hart in responding, mentioned that if the club continued to make the headway it was at present doing they would have to take further premises. During the evening the Chairman was presented by Bro. Kent, jun., on behalf of the committee, with a capital portrait of himself in a handsome gilt frame, with Masonic Symbols engraved upon it. Accompanying this was a list of the names of the committee. The presentation was made in recognition of Bro. Shrivell being the first President of the club, and the able and untiring work he had always done in its behalf. Bro. Shrivell, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the donors from the bottom of his heart, and said that he would always continue to do his utmost for the welfare and prosperity of the club. During the evening songs were contributed by the members of the club. Bro. N. Roe carried out the duties of accompanist in his usual able manner.

BRO. F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M., P.Z., &c., author of "The Noble Soul," "The Submerged City," "Toujours Perdrix" (poems), "A Novel Vengeance," and "The Four Henries" (prose), recites his original productions at musical entertainments, smoking concerts, &c. For terms, address 62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.