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## ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

There are but few Provinces, we imagine, which, in proportion to their Craft strength, can boast of so formidable an array of Royal Arch Chapters as West Yorkshire. Its lodges are 76 in number, and of these no less than 42 have chapters attached to them. The average membership, too, must be high, seeing that the number of those who have been exalted to this Degree amounts in the aggregate to 1335 or upwards of 30 per chapter. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that at its recent annual convocation there should have been a large attendance, and that the report of the chief executive officers should have testified to the existence of a stronger feeling of attachment to this branch of constitutional Masonry than is to be met with generally throughout England. Unfortunately, there is a heavy grief weighing upon this Province at the present time owing to the comparatively recent death of its beloved Grand Superintendent, Comp. THOMAS W. TEW, who, though, in consequence of failing health, he had found it necessary to resign the more onerous duties of Prov. G. Master, had retained in his hands the superintendence of its numerous chapters, and the companions gave expression to their sorrow at their first gathering after his demise by passing a resolution recording the deep sense of the loss they had sustained by his death and their sympathy and condolence with his widow and the members of his family. Comp. HENRY SMITH, too, who, in his capacity of Prov. G.H., presided at the convocation, referred in sympathetic terms to the same mournful event, at the same time expressing it as his belief that "his (Comp. TEW'S) gracious and noble services to the Craft and this Supreme Degree will not soon be forgotten." However, Comp. SMITH felt himself in a position to offer the companions some slight consolation by adding, "We have now to look for his successor, and I believe it will be shortly announced that our distinguished companion the Right Honourable WILLIAM LAWIES JACKSON has been appointed as our future ruler." We do not for one moment imagine that our worthy companion would have given utterance to this belief in open Prov. G. Chapter if he had not felt there were good grounds for the statement, and therefore we may anticipate that in November next, when the usual half-yearly convocation of Prov. G. Chapter is held, the new G. Superintendent of West Yorkshire will be formally installed in office, and the direction of the Royal Arch, as well as of the Craft Degrees, again entrusted to the hands of one and the same ruler. We heartily congratulate our West Yorkshire companions on the prosperous condition of their affairs, and we have every confidence that under their new, as under their late respected chief, this condition of prosperity will be maintained and even strengthened and extended to other localities in the Province.

## THE FUTURE INFLUENCE OF FREEMASONRY.

The proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Gloucestershire, as was to be expected in the case of such a well-ordered Province, proved a great success. Gloucestershire is by no means strong numerically. It has but 16 lodges on its muster-roll, and if we assign to each of them a fair complement of members, we shall, in all probability, find that the aggregate of subscribing brethren does not exceed, or, at all events, does not greatly exceed 800. But if it does not occupy a place in the front rank of our Provinces in respect of its numerical strength, it is unquestionably entitled to the very highest commendation for the excellent manner in which its

lodges carry out their appointed duties, and the enthusiasm it consistently exhibits for the fundamental principles of the Craft. No one has ever had the slightest reason for calling in question its loyalty to the powers that be, neither has it occurred to any one to suggest that it has ever wittingly allowed its charitable instincts to remain dormant. Indeed, there have been many notable occasions on which it has extorted the admiration of the whole body of English Freemasons, by the exceeding generosity of its contributions to our central and other Masonic Institutions. Hence, as we have said, it is not surprising that its recent annual meeting should have passed off so satisfactorily. But there is one part of the proceedings to which we desire to call attention. The brethren, as is their custom at these provincial gatherings, attended divine service, which, on this occasion, was held in Gloucester Cathedral, and they enjoyed the privilege of hearing one of the most eloquent expositions of the good that has been done by the Craft in bygone days, and the beneficial influence it is calculated to exercise on the future of our country. The preacher was none other than our V. Worshipful and V. Rev. Bro. DONALD M. SPENCE, D.D., Dean of Gloucester, who in April last was appointed to the office of G. Chaplain of England. In his sermon, which deserves to be most attentively studied by all who love the Brotherhood, our Very Rev. Brother, in speaking of the Masons in England described them as a body of brethren numbering many thousands which was knit together by the most solemn vows "to be true and loyal, generous and pure, chivalrous and brave"; "to be servants of God, devoted to our Queen and Country"; "a goodly company, a very bulwark, indeed, of the land we love." Having described the English Freemasons of to-day in these terms, our distinguished brother traced their origin to the "Guilds of Masons" which, "in association with the great building Abbots of the Middle Ages," erected the many stately, matchless, ecclesiastical edifices, which are happily still preserved to us in so many parts of England. These edifices he designated as "books of stone," which in the days "when few could read, when printed books existed not, and written books were rare and costly," taught the fundamental truths of Religion by means of a "symbolic language, partly plain and obvious to the simpler man, partly shrouded in not less attractive mystery," and therefore comprehensible by men of learning and culture. Then addressing the non-Masonic members of his congregation, he asked them what the secret was which had "the strange power of drawing together all sorts and conditions of men. What," said he, "is the magnet which attracts the sovereign prince and the peasant, the highly-cultivated scholar, the thoughtful merchant, the great statesman, the learned ecclesiastic of our Church of England, the lawyer and the doctor, the artisans of our people? What magnet draws all these together and welds with one great company the old man nearing the city which has foundations, and the younger man just stepping over the mysterious threshold of life? What draws them here together? What fills the ranks of our Masonic Brotherhood of England with so many willing faithful companions?" And the answer to these questions was at once supplied by the DEAN himself in the following words: "It is something, believe me, nobler, grander far than mere enjoyment; something more far-reaching than good-fellowship; it is, I think, the initiation into that Divine sympathy which is the secret of our Order, which so wonderfully, so happily, finds an echo in so many hearts, and draws us so many and such varied recruits."

Having descanted on the "spirit of Masonry," without which he affirmed that England would be poorer; which he lauded because "it makes but little noise, it asks for no recruits. It silently does its own quiet work;" and "because it aids not only its own homes touched with sorrow, where the widow and the orphan are tenderly cared for, not only its own suffering sad-hearted brothers," but because "it whispers its noble maxims to many a heart," he went on to defend it against the charge of being a secret Order. "Yes," said he, "secret, chiefly because it never boasts; secret because, it carries out in silence the Lord's own sweet command, which, in good deeds, bids the right hand often be ignorant of what the left is doing;" concluding this part of his address by asking the non-Masons present if he was not right in saying, "with no uncertain wavering voice" that, "at least in our England these bonds of loyalty and religion are indeed sacred and precious to English Masons." "I affirm," said he, "that in our favoured land not a few of the most religious and most loyal among our citizens are brothers of our Masonic Order." Having said this much to the non-Masons, the DEAN again addressed himself to his brethren and expressed his belief that Masonry "has a noble future in front of it." He affirmed—what indeed is known to every one of us—that "throughout Europe there is now a painful anxious feeling of unrest and discontent," and that there are many people "who know not their right hand from their left," who, under the guidance "of unwise and reckless advisers" are becoming dissatisfied and themselves reckless. It is these who are striving "to disturb, to break up, to destroy the present order of things amongst us." "These poor souls," said he, "little think that if their wishes were granted and a great levelling of all classes was accomplished, they little think the sure result would be a poverty far deeper, a misery far more reaching than that which all pitiful loving men now deplore and long to relieve; for if wealth were shattered, shattered too would be work. The same fell blow which destroys capital must, at the same time, destroy labour." But against such pernicious doctrines and the terrible consequences which would follow their general acceptance, our brother holds that "our Brotherhood of Masons will surely be a noble bulwark of order, for we form a numerous company and a strong one; a company welded together by bands forged in no earthly workshop; a company made up of all sorts and conditions of men, from the Princes of the House of England down to the toiler living on a daily wage." And, in the event of days of trouble and anxiety coming upon us, he exhorts us to stand shoulder to shoulder, "resolutely teaching order and obedience, reverence for all that is higher, better, nobler than ourselves, holding fast those sublime teachings we Masons know so well, and prize so highly." If we do this, "then in coming days, whether of sunshine or of clouds, of quiet prosperity or of stress and storm, shall we be 'the noblest, truest patriot army of which men have ever dared to dream.'"

These are weighty words, which deserve to be well pondered by our readers. They describe truthfully the circumstances in which we are living. Whatever our political and religious opinions may happen to be, we cannot disguise from ourselves the fact that a spirit of unrest and discontent exists in all directions, that this spirit is being fostered by "unwise and reckless advisers" who consider it will be to their own advantage, if the foundations of society are uprooted and all men compelled to reduce themselves to the lowest level instead of being encouraged to aspire to the highest, best, and noblest that is within their reach; and it is because the teachings of Freemasonry incline its members to indulge in these aspirations that our venerable Order may justly be looked upon as a noble bulwark in the days of discontent and unrest which so many people consider, not without reason, are awaiting us in the future.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was holden in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on Saturday, the 8th inst., by invitation of Prosperity Chapter, No. 290. Present:

Comps. Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, Past G. Prin. Soj. Eng., Prov. G.H. in charge; Col. J. L. Hartley, D.L., P.Z., 495, P. as Prov. G.H.; William Harrop, P.Z. 290, P. as Prov. G.J.; Allen Jackson, P.Z. 521, P. Prov. G.J.; J. F. Tanner, P.Z. 337, P. Prov. G.J.; Capt. Herbert G. E. Green, P.Z. 154, Prov. G.S.E.; J. Cooper Malcolm, P.P.G.K., P.Z. 304, as Prov. G.S.N.; Henry Cowbrough, P.Z. 1042, Prov. G. Treas.; George Marshall, P.Z. 521, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Major G. Bolton, P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Reg.; George H. Robinson, P.Z. 275, D. Prov. G. Reg.; Thos. Richard Vaux, P.P.G.J., P.Z. 208, as Prov. G.P.S.; Henry Blackburn, P.Z. 827, Prov. 1st A.G.S.; John Hunt, P.Z. 139, Prov. 2nd A.G.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, P. Prov. G.P.S.; Thomas Riley, P.Z. 600, P. Prov. G.P.S.; Cornelius Wheawill, P.Z. 290, P. Prov. G.P.S.; James Lawton, P.Z. 337, P. Prov. G.P.S.; Lieut. H. S. Goodyear, P.Z. 495, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Harrison, P.Z. 265, D. Prov. G.S.B.; Reuben Williamson, P.Z. 521, P. Prov. G.S.B.; C. Newsome, P.Z. 264, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. Oddly, P.Z. 387, Prov. Asst. G. Std. Br.; W. Bingham, P.Z. 1042, P. Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. Metcalfe, P.Z. 600, Prov. G.D.C.; H. N. Crowther,

P.Z. 275, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. R. Dore, P.Z. 275, P. Prov. G.D.C.; E. Lord, P.Z. 495, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Thomas Gaukroger, P.Z. 307, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Alfred Gill, P.Z. 264, P. Prov. G.D.C.; John Roberts Fawcett, P.Z. 1214, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Jeremiah Dunnill, Org. 1019, as Prov. G. Org.; Thomas Chester, Janitor 904, Prov. G. Janitor; Joe Booth Whiteley, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Stwd.; John Dyson, P.Z. 306, Prov. G. Stwd.; John Cass, J.P., P.Z. 302, Prov. G. Stwd.; also Principals, Past First Principals, and companions from all the chapters in the province but five.

Apologies were received for unavoidable absence from the following Prov. Grand Officers: Comps. Col. J. E. Bingham, P.Z. 296, Prov. G.J.; Jose Rickard, P.Z. 304, Prov. G.S.N.; Alfred Verity, P.Z. 208, Prov. G.P.S.; W. D. Shoebridge, P.Z. 448, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Thomas Uttley, P.Z. 307, Prov. G.D.C.; Thomas Lawrence, P.Z. 1001, Prov. A.G.D.C.; F. Simpson, P.Z. 1019, Prov. A.G.S.E.; Dr. Samuel Jacob, P.Z. 837, Prov. G. Org.; the Rt. Hon. Wm. Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.Z. 289, and about 136 others, many of whom were Past Prov. Grand Officers and Present and Past Principals.

Comp. Henry Smith, Prov. G.H. in charge of the province, and the Prov. Grand Officers entered at 3.30 p.m., and Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in form. The acting Grand Superintendent and the acting Grand H. and J. were saluted, and the roll of chapters called.

The roll of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers was called.

The minutes of the annual convocation, held at Leeds, on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1894, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved by Comp. Wm. Harrop, seconded by Comp. H. S. Goodyear, and resolved "that the minutes be taken as read and confirmed."

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address: Companions—I desire to assure you of the extreme pleasure it affords me to meet you to-day, the 50th convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter, our first being at Dewsbury, on 5th May, 1858. I cannot avoid emotion when explaining to you the cause of my presiding, viz., the severe loss we have sustained in the death of our Grand Superintendent, Comp. Thomas William Tew. He was taken from us on 29th March, and was interred at East Hardwick on 2nd April, in the grounds of the church of which he was chief founder. His gracious and noble services to the Craft and this Supreme Degree will not soon be forgotten, and I venture to assert that no man ever merited or obtained warmer sympathy or more hearty appreciation. We have now to look for his successor, and I believe it will be shortly announced that our distinguished Bro. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, has been appointed as our future ruler. There has been a sad fatality amongst our friends in Pontefract. About a week after Comp. Tew's death, viz., on the 6th April, Comp. W. H. B. Atkinson died, and was buried at sea. On April 7th, Comp. Isaac Kaberry, P.P.G. Reg., and then holding that office in the Craft; and on May 30th, our esteemed friend Samuel Slack. All the above-named companions were active members of Chapter 495, Wakefield, and had recently obtained a charter for a chapter to be attached to St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, Pontefract. Unhappily, this does not end our list, and, without detracting from the merits of the above-named, I must mention Comp. Thomas Bateman Fox, P.Z. 208, P.P.G.J., who succumbed to an attack of influenza, followed by rheumatic fever, on 10th May, after several weeks of great suffering. Comp. Bateman Fox had been a leading light in the Craft for some years, and had just retired from the chair of the Charity Committee after four years' devoted service. We are fortunate in obtaining the services of our esteemed friend, Comp. Wm. Harrop, to discharge the duties of the chair. Occupying as I do the office of Prov. G.H., the duty is cast upon me of discharging all the duties of Grand Superintendent, and until a successor is appointed and installed, which I can confidently assure you will not be delayed beyond our usual half yearly meeting in November, I refer you to Royal Arch Regulation, No. 40. It will be satisfactory to know that we have on our roll 1335 members, an increase of 37. During the year 101 new members have been admitted, an increase of six. The resignations, I am sorry to say, number 39; the deaths are 19, against 31 in previous years, a reduction, I am glad to say, of 12; the exclusions for non-payment number 17, about the same; the members in arrear are 58, against 56. By promptitude and diligence on the part of Treasurers and Scribes working together I am convinced this list might be easily reduced one half. I have frequently heard that an impression exists, perhaps to a very limited extent, however, that subscriptions can be paid any time within the year. The sooner Treasurers disabuse the minds of the negligent of this unreasonable idea the better. All Masonic contributions are due in advance, and if not paid within a week or two of the time should be applied for and secured. It is my pleasing duty to thank the retiring officers for their services, and to invest their successors whose appointment has been made on the lines adopted by our late Grand Superintendent. I will now ask your attention to the business of Prov. Grand Chapter.

Comp. Major BOLTON, P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Registrar, moved: "That this Grand Chapter desires to record on the minutes its deep sense of the great loss it has sustained by the death of its beloved and lamented Companion Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Assistant Grand Sojourner (Grand Superintendent of this Province from 1885 until his death on 29th March, 1895); also to record its sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Tew and the members of the family." He said: M.E. and Companions—In moving this resolution I am deeply conscious of the utter insufficiency of any words of mine adequately to express our high estimation of the noble character of our late Grand Superintendent, and the deep sorrow with which his death has filled our hearts. Comp. Tew may, without any exaggeration, be said to have been one of those who are 'the salt of the earth.' A man of the highest culture and mental attainments, and of unblemished character, he was fitted to adorn, and *did* adorn every sphere of life in which he moved. Blessed with a competency of this world's goods, he also possessed what, alas! does not always accompany the means, viz., a tender heart and a generous disposition, which prompted him to employ his wealth in alleviating the distress and promoting the happiness of all with whom he came in contact. Such being his disposition, he naturally threw himself 'heart and soul' into Masonry, and the world indeed saw in him 'one in whom the burdened heart might pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed might prefer their suit, whose heart was guided by justice, and whose hand was extended by benevolence. He not only subscribed liberally to the Masonic Charities, but Comp. Tew did not content himself with giving of his means, he gave, what was even more valuable, his time and talents ungrudgingly to Masonry, and was never wearied in working for its welfare. Our esteemed Comp. Henry Smith could, I am sure, bear witness to this, whilst the admirable addresses given from time to time by our late Grand Superintendent will ever remain testi-

monies as well to his cultured and well-stored mind as to his great zeal for the Craft. Companions, as time rolls on, no doubt the place of Comp. Tew will be filled by some worthy man, and the poignancy of our grief will be assuaged, but I hope and believe that so long as life endures many of us will bear within our breasts a loving memory of Comp. Tew.

Comp. G. H. PARKE, Z. 154, seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Comp. HENRY COWBROUGH, P.Z. 1042, Prov. G. Treas., presented his balance sheet, and stated that the balance in Messrs. Leatham, Tew and Co.'s bank to the credit of Provincial Grand Chapter now stood at £213 12s. 9d., being about £11 less than they started the year with, but this was accounted for by the vote of £52 10s. to the Boys' School. He moved that it be received and adopted. This was seconded by the PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR and carried.

The retiring P.G. Treasurer then, in complimentary terms, proposed Comp. John Dyson, P.Z. 306, as his successor.

This was seconded by Comp. JOHN RICHARDSON, P.Z. 1001, and, on the motion being put, Comp. Dyson was declared to be unanimously elected.

The Acting Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z. 302	...	Prov. G.H.
" John Shaw, P.Z. 139...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Capt. H. G. E. Green, P.Z. 154	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Joe Booth Whiteley, P.Z. 290	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" John Dyson, P.Z. 306 (elected)...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Harold Thomas, P.Z. 296	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Cass, J.P., P.Z. 302	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" J. Richardson, P.Z. 1001	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" G. T. Schofield, J.P., P.Z. 337	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" T. Ibbetson Walker, P.Z. 448	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Francis Fleming, P.Z. 61	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Dr. W. F. Watts, P.Z. 208	...	Prov. D.G.S.B.
" William Cockcroft, P.Z. 307	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Rev. Canon W. S. Turnbull, P.Z. 1462	...	Prov. A.G. Std.Brs.
" W. E. Smithies, P.Z. 1283	...	
" Tom Tomlinson, P.Z. 289	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thomas Heaton, 265...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" J. Kenworthy Blakey, 1214	...	
" Arthur Wm. Gration, 1513	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Jeremiah Dunnill, Org. 1019	...	
" Alfred Leach, P.Z. 495	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Thomas Chester, Janitor 904	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" P. Bancroft Coward, P.Z. 904	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Wm. Aked Statter, 154	...	
" Theo. Bates, 308	...	
" Thomas Norfolk, 600...	...	

Comp. Malcolm, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Reg., moved, Comp. John Shaw, P.Z. 139, seconded, and it was resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Comp. Edward Haigh, Z., and the companions of Prosperity Chapter, No. 290, for their kind invitation and for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the companions.

There being no invitation for the November meeting (when it is expected that the Grand Superintendent's installation would take place), Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

Tea was provided in the banquet-room, to which about 60 companions sat down, the Acting Grand Superintendent presiding.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

The number of lodges in the vast province of E. Lancashire has been augmented by still another which we are inclined to believe will prove a great acquisition to the many already in existence, namely, the Manchester Lodge, No. 2554, consecrated on the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The new body owes its origin principally to the following brethren: Bros. W. B. Akerman, P.M., W.M. designate; C. H. Arnold, P.M., who will act as I.P.M.; Thomas Plumpton, S.W.; Wm. Charlton, J.P., J.W.; Wm. Boyer, Treas.; A. C. K. Smith, Sec.; F. L. Lane, S.D.; E. A. Eason, J.D.; A. B. Smith, I.G.; and W. E. Davies, Stwd.; who are the founders and have signed the warrant.

It was announced on the summons that Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, would perform the consecration ceremony, and the installation by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P. Prov. G. Warden E. Lancs.; but owing to the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sillitoe was appointed to act as his deputy *pro tem.* to perform the whole of the consecration ceremony; and never have we seen it more effectively rendered. All who had the pleasure of listening to it joined in one unanimous chorus of praise and delight; in fact, it was a most intellectual treat. He appointed as Consecrating Officers, Bros. Arthur Middleton, P.G.D., as S.W.; Dr. T. D. Foreman, P.P.G.D., as J.W.; Revs. J. Kelty and J. W. Challenor, P.G. Chaps.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; A. H. Duffin, Prov. G.D.C.; Thomas Wolstenholme, P.G.O.; and W. Allier, Prov. G. Purst.

The musical arrangements were excellent, the following brethren taking part: Bros. W. H. Kershaw (alto), Cuthbert Blacow (first tenor), J. Robinson, P.M. (second tenor), A. S. Kinnell (bass), under the direction of the Prov. G. Organist.

The brethren assembled in the magnificent lodge room, which had been specially decorated for the occasion. The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Sillitoe, with his assistants, together with such other Grand and Prov. Grand Officers as were present, entered in procession, admirably marshalled by Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.G.D.C. The Presiding Officer took the chair. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. A hymn was then sung.

The PRESIDING OFFICER addressed the brethren in regard to the object for which they had met together,

After which Bro. Rev. J. KELTY, P.G. Chap., offered up prayer.

The founders were placed in order, and Bro. SUTCLIFFE, P.G. Reg., read the petition and the warrant which had been granted by the M.W.G.

Master authorising the formation of the Manchester Lodge, No. 2554, in answer to the prayer of the petition and designating Bros. W. Baker Akerman, P.M., W.M.; Thomas Plumpton, S.W.; and William Charlton, J.W.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER inquired of the brethren ranged before him whether they approved of the officers named in the warrant, and the brethren having signified their approval in Masonic form, the CHAPLAIN, at the request of the Presiding Officer, gave the following admirable oration:

Masonry is not an invention of the 19th century, nor is it a mere organisation for social purposes; but a living organisation founded on the very purest principles, and having as its aim above all things the moral and social welfare of its members. No one can listen to the charges which are delivered at our lodge meetings without recognising this, and surely we are bound by the ties of fraternal interest, by the common welfare of the Craft to do our utmost to assure the carrying out of those principles upon which our Society is based. It is because our fathers acted on these principles, that Masonry has become what it now is, a power in the land. Its Charities are unrivalled and its membership sought and valued by the very highest in the land; it seeks to promote the glory of God, peace on the earth, and good-will among men. It instructs us as brethren to dwell together in unity. It teaches us to imitate the innocence of the lamb, and the peacefulness of the dove; to let the head, the tongue, and the heart be united, as they ought to promote each other's welfare and to rejoice in each other's prosperity. It admonishes us to be candid to a brother's faults, and never to condemn until we are thoroughly convinced of his unworthiness. These are the genuine principles of our Order, and they may well arouse in us a greater enthusiasm for the Craft, a greater interest in the common welfare of our brethren, a more unbounded Charity, and a determination to show to the world that we are animated by that true spirit of brotherhood, which has been the guiding star of Masonry throughout the ages, and which alone under the direction of the Great Architect of the Universe can bring about the full realisation of the brotherhood of man.

The Presiding Officer proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, after which an anthem was sung. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. Baker Akerman, W.M. designate, was presented by Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.G.D.C., and duly installed first W.M. of the Manchester Lodge, No. 2554, and in that capacity was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and the working tools presented. The W.M. then invested his officers being the 10 founders as follows: Bros. Charles Henry Arnold, P.M. 645, I.P.M.; Thomas Plumpton, 317, S.W.; William Charlton, 317, J.W.; William Alderley Boyer, 317, Treas.; Arthur Clowes Knight Smith, 317, Sec.; Francis Laurence Lane, 1009, S.D.; Edward Adolph Eason, 645, J.D.; Alfred Blades Smith, 635, I.G.; William Edward Davies, 1403, Stwd.

The INSTALLING MASTER presented the warrant and Book of Constitutions, and also gave the addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren.

Bro. Boyer, Treas., was elected Charity Representative for the ensuing year.

We have pleasure to record the fact that each of the 10 founders of the lodge has qualified as Steward and Life Governor for the forthcoming Festival of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, to be held on July 3rd. This speaks volumes in itself, and shows at once the object of the formation of such a lodge, and we heartily wish them every success.

Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. expressed his regret for the absence of the P.G.M., and said he could not allow that occasion to pass without remarking upon the admirable way in which Bro. Sillitoe performed the very important ceremonies of consecration and installation. He said he was sure all who witnessed them could not fail to be deeply impressed by the perfect and efficient manner in which they were rendered, and desired to propose a hearty vote of thanks to him and the other Prov. G. Officers, who had so very efficiently assisted him.

This was seconded by Bro. THOS. PLUMPTON, S.W., and carried with applause.

The Prov. Grand Master and Bro. Sillitoe were elected honorary members.

All other business being at an end, the lodge was closed.

Each of the promoters wore a founders' jewel of unique design, in gold and enamel, with the Manchester coat-of-arms, emblazoned upon the front, whilst the circulette in the centre bore the name and number of the lodge. Depicted, in enamel, on the top of the ribbon is fixed an elegant bar, with the word Founder beautifully worked in, the whole being beautifully finished, and very much admired.

At the banquet which subsequently followed, the Worshipful Master presided, having the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Sillitoe, on his right, and Bro. Arnold, the I.P.M., on his left hand. The vice-chairs were occupied by the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

After the toast of "The Queen,"

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England; the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." He said the fact that his Royal Highness was the head of their Order must show to those people who did not belong to their ranks at the present moment, that if he could conscientiously occupy that position, there must be something good in Freemasonry. It was now some years since he took that office, and he sincerely trusted he would long be spared to occupy it.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., briefly responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then submitted the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie." He said it was a very deep source of regret to the founders of the Manchester Lodge that Colonel Starkie was not able to be present, his engagements being so numerous. It was now some 25 years since he was installed as Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, and when they saw the large increase there had been, not only in the number of lodges in the province, but also in the number of members, it must show the great popularity of Colonel Starkie and the way in which he was esteemed. He (the W.M.) sincerely trusted he would long be spared to reign over them, and that his career in the office he so worthily held would be as successful in the future as it had been in the past.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. George Mellor," and expressed regret that a

recent illness and his advanced age prevented his presence amongst them. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Sutcliffe, P.G. Reg., and A. Middleton, P.G.D.

Bro. SUTCLIFFE, in responding, said it had been a great pleasure to the Prov. Grand Officers to discharge the duties placed upon them by the Prov. Grand Master. The brethren would be pleased to know that that was not the only consecration to take place in the province during their year of office. Similar service to that which they had performed that day would have to be undertaken in the case of three other new lodges.

Bro. MIDDLETON said the W.M. of the Manchester Lodge held a unique position, which he could not hope to hold for long. No doubt at the present moment he was the youngest Installed Master of the youngest lodge in England, and possibly in the world. But in the state of prosperity which marked the Order he could not long hold that distinguished position. He hoped the Manchester Lodge would progress with giant strides under the care and fostering attention of the W.M., and the zeal and assiduity of the brethren he had around him, and that it would become a credit to the Order and a source of pride among the Masons of Manchester, the name of which city it had taken, not in vain, but as an earnest of the intention to be amongst the most esteemed lodges in the city.

Bro. DUFFIN, P.G.D.C., in response to loud calls, also responded to the toast, and expressed his best wishes for the success of the new lodge.

Bro. ARNOLD, acting I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said he had known Bro. Akerman for some little time, and was fully cognisant of his many qualities. He had no doubt that under his guidance the new lodge would not only be a credit to himself, but a credit to the province and to the city whose name it bore. However good a man might be, he was more or less dependent upon the loyal support of his officers; and from the knowledge he (Bro. Arnold) had acquired of those officers, he had every confidence in saying that in attention to the work and the ritual, and attention to the duties of Freemasonry, that lodge would be *par excellence* in the province. He should do all he possibly could to assist the W.M., and he did not doubt that every founder and officer of the lodge would do the same. Their W.M. occupied a unique position. As time went on he trusted they would none of them regret the selection they had made in appointing him their first Master, but that they would all with pleasure remember the time when they saw him installed.

The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm, and Bro. Kinnell sang, in splendid style, "Here's to his Health."

The W.M. was warmly received on rising to respond. He said that had he been a nervous man the reception they had given to the toast would almost have overwhelmed him, because he had no idea he was held in such high appreciation by the brethren and the founders of the new lodge. That was not the first time he had responded to the toast of his health as a Master in that Degree and in others. He was proud to say, however, that he felt that night that he had taken upon himself an office which included many grave responsibilities. As the head and as a founder of that new lodge, it was his duty to see that it had a good start. He believed in the founders they had brethren who had their hearts in the work, and that the lodge would be worthy of the name of the city of Manchester, and of the Order to which they belonged. He was obliged to the brethren who had been present at the consecration, and who had assembled at that social board. He hoped the lodge would go on and increase in numbers and prosperity, and be a credit to Freemasonry. The object of the founders was that it should do so, and in that they would have the hearty support of their W.M. He trusted that his health would be spared to carry out the duties appertaining to the office which he entered upon with a great deal of pleasure. He trusted the Manchester Lodge would never have to regret placing him in the proud position he occupied that evening.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating and Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe." His name, he remarked, had been a household word in Masonic matters, as far as Manchester and East Lancashire were concerned, for many years. No brother had done more to advance the Craft than he had, and few brethren had attained the high position he now held. That day he hoped he had arrived at the zenith of his Masonic career, in doing an act of kindness, in the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., in consecrating that lodge. It had not been his (the W.M.'s) privilege to be present at many consecrations, but he had never seen the work done in anything like the way it had been done that day. It was, in fact, carried out without a hitch, and he thought they would all agree that Bro. Sillitoe would be able to look back upon that day with a very great deal of pleasure. He could assure him that the brethren of the Manchester Lodge felt very much indeed the act of courtesy he had performed in taking upon himself the onerous duty of consecrating the lodge. They would all wish that he might be long spared to be a shining light in that province. The high position which he held as chairman of the East Lancashire Benevolent Fund, the great interest he had taken in it, and the almost, he might say, enormous success that had attended his efforts, made him worthy of their esteem. Indeed, at the commencement of next month, when the amount raised was announced at the Festival, Bro. Sillitoe would be one of the proudest men in Lancashire because he would have done something at which every Mason might rejoice, and one of the brightest acts that had been achieved in East Lancashire or elsewhere.

Bro. SILLITOE, in responding, thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of his past services to the Order, and of the services he had been able to render that day. Let him assure them that it had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and to take the place of the P.G.M. in consecrating that lodge. It was something like 24 years ago that he became an Installed Master in that very room, and from that day to the present he had had a pretty good experience of Masonic work, not only in East Lancashire, but in Cheshire, Derbyshire, and Cumberland and Westmorland. That day he had had the experience of his first consecration, and if the ceremony had been done to their satisfaction he was very well pleased. He had for a long time had a great ambition to consecrate either a lodge or a chapter. His pleasure was much enhanced because he had had the gratification of meeting brethren in the new lodge whom he knew, and it was always a pleasure to him to come across old friends and to do all he could to promote their interests in Freemasonry. The W.M. had mentioned his connection with the Charities, and nothing had given him greater pleasure that evening than to see around their social board many who were intimately associated with him in the working of those Charities. There were his predecessor in the chair, Bro. Harwood; the Vice-chairman, Bro. Kershaw, one of the oldest and most valued friends on the Committee; and their Secretary, Bro. Newton, who devoted so much time and hard work to the cause. He trusted that the new lodge, which it had been his privilege to bring into the

world, if he might use the term, would go on and prosper. The Manchester Lodge had amongst its number brethren who were possessed of energy and ability, and they had given evidence of their Masonic feeling in the fact that the whole of the ten founders had given their names, not only as Stewards of the forthcoming festival, but as Life Governors of the Benevolent Institution. That was a record that any lodge might be proud of, but more especially was there cause for pride when a new lodge, which only numbered ten members, had all its members occupying the position. In thanking them for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health, he assured the members of the Manchester Lodge that they might always rely upon his services.

Bro. NEWBOLD, Vice-President of the East Lancashire Charity Committee, submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He said in connection with those Charities the Manchester Lodge had created a record, as Bro. Sillitoe had pointed out. He did not think any similar case could be found. With respect to the Masonic Charities themselves, they had been instituted for more than 100 years. During that period they had been tried by time, and time, like fire, had purified and proved them. What was good had been tempered and improved, and what was bad had been utterly destroyed. The remark applied to the London Masonic Charities, which, having come out purified and strengthened, were growing year by year, and taking a position in which they were enabled to do great good. What better Institutions could they have than those which not only educated the young for the battle of life, but made the world easier for those who were going out of it. No one among them could regret the support he gave to the Masonic Charities. In connection with the London Institutions there were about 1000 men, women, and children receiving assistance. In their own East Lancashire Institution they hoped, by means of the approaching festival, to place it on an even stronger basis. The distinguishing characteristic of the East Lancashire Benevolent Institution was that it took up the cases and gave relief immediately. *Bis dat qui cito dat*, might almost be taken as the motto of their Institution. They gave quickly as aid was required, and thereby they did twice the amount of good that might otherwise be done.

Bro. NEWTON, Secretary of the East Lancashire Charity, also responded. He said that for the forthcoming festival they had 358 Stewards, and he hoped that number would be increased. While advocating the local Charities he did not desire to depreciate the value of the London Institutions. He contended, rather, that the East Lancashire Charities supplied a gap which the London Institutions did not fill. It was found that there were many cases which could be better relieved than by sending them to London, and especially in the case of children, they could educate them often to better advantage to their families in their own immediate neighbourhood.

Bro. ARNOLD, acting I.P.M., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. LEES, P.P.G.T.; S. MOORE, P.M.; KERSHAW, P.P.G.D.C.; UTLEY, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Yorkshire; MILLS, P.M.; ROCHESTER, P.M. 541; WILLIAMS, P.M. 645; and SWINN, P.M., responded.

Bro. SILLITOE proposed "The Health of the P.G. Officers who had assisted in the Consecration," and referred in particular to the valuable help he had received from the P.G.D.C.

Bro. DUFFIN, P.G.D.C., replied, and expressed his pleasure at being enabled to take part in the ceremony to the satisfaction of the brethren.

The toast of "The Newly-Invested Officers" was honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought a memorable day's proceedings to a close.

The following brethren were present:

Bros. H. J. Strong, 1616, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; John E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Wrigley, P.M. 210, P.G. Treas. E. Lancs.; Thos. D. Foreman, P.M. 210, P.S. G.D.; E. G. Harwood, P.M. 1723, P.P.G.W.; R. T. Sutcliffe, P.M. 1064, Prov. G. Reg.; John Marshall, 61, P.P.G.P. W. Yorks.; James Newton, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Arthur Middleton, P.M. 645, P.S.G.D.; W. H. Norton, 1534, P.G.D.R.; J. T. Newbold, P.M. 1010, P.P.J.G.D.; F. W. Wollaston, P.M. 44, 2363, P.A.G. D.C.; James Andrew, P.M. 1219, P.P.S.G.D.; James Kershaw, P.M. 300, P.P. G.D.C.; Jno. Cliffe, P.M. 204, P.P.G.D.C.; J. N. Woolmer, P.M. 678, P.A.G. D.C.; Thomas Rigby, 42, P.G.S.B.; J. W. Millward, P.M. 992, P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Kershaw, P.M. 266; F. Ramsey, P.M. 2387, P.J.G.D.; J. W. Kenyon, P.M. 42, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Other, P.M. 935, P.A.G.P.; James Bromley, P.M. 210, G.S.B.; G. D. Pochin, 1375, P.P.G.R. W. Lancs.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; James Frost, 2320, P.D.G.D.C.; Thos. Wolstenholme, P.G.O.; Geo. Jackson, 1077, G.S.B.; F. W. Lean, P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Barritt, 101, P.J.G.D.; Geo. R. Lloyd, 1730, P.P.G. Treas. W. Lancs.; William Bee, P.M. 1459, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Thomas Utley, P.M. 2464, P.P.G.D.C. W. Yorks.; Peter Lawton, P.M. 78, P.P.J.G.D.; E. H. Flower, P.M., Prov. G. Tyler; James Robinson, P.M. 1219; H. Waterhouse, S.W. 1134; James Robinson, P.M. 317; Arthur Sutcliffe, 2449; J. A. K. Haddad, 317; H. Grimshaw, W.M. 2464; H. Rochester, P.M. 541; Nathan Heywood, P.M. 44; Jno. Kelly, 2111, P.G. Chap.; Cuthbert Blacon, 2156; Buckley Carr, P.M. 1161; R. W. Martin, 1134; Wm. Hardman, I.G. 1634; H. A. Whaitte, 317; Thos. Turney, 163; C. Driver, W.M. 1134; Walter Biggs, P.M. 1496; J. A. Thompson, 1403; Jno. Thompson, 1403; J. H. Marsh, P.M. 1730; A. S. Kinnell, S.W. 2156; Henry Bentley, 1009; G. V. Blaikie, P.M. 152; Sam Moore, P.M. 992; Chas. Swinn, P.M. 1633, W.M. 2387; Samuel Mills, W.M. 1077; Edward Roberts, P.M. 1459; John Garside, P.M. 317; Edwin Goodson, 520; R. Thomson, W.M. 44; Wm Jos. Sherlock, 2109; and J. Holden, P.M. 1009.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE FURNIVAL LODGE, No. 2558, AT SHEFFIELD.

The steady progress and advancement which Craft Masonry is making is illustrated in our columns every week. In a recent issue we chronicled the consecration of Justicia Lodge, in London, and now it is West Yorkshire that adds one more to its lengthening roll. It is only about 18 months since Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, consecrated the White Rose of York Lodge, 2491, in Sheffield, and on Friday last, the 14th inst., he was called upon to perform a similar duty, singular to say, again in the city of Sheffield.

The causes which bring about the formation of a new lodge are various; some more justifiable than others; but when brethren state as a ground for a new warrant, that their numbers are so large that there is no possibility of reaching the chair in less than 15 or 20 years, then we think they have a fair claim for consideration. This was exactly the case in the Wentworth Lodge, 1239. For years it has been increasing in numbers, until at last such a condition was reached that many looked upon the realisation of a good Mason's highest ambition as almost hopeless. Such being the case, Bro.

Charles Stokes, P.M., and sundry other brethren of Lodge 1239, taking counsel with members of other Sheffield lodges, at last decided to take steps with a view of obtaining a warrant for a new lodge in order to remedy their present congested condition. The encouragement and support which was given them by the Sheffield lodges, without a single exception, justified their proceedings, and with the usual Sheffield energy and perseverance they pressed on, until on Friday last they attained their end.

Many "searchings of heart," and much discussion took place before a definite name could be determined upon. On the subject of lodge names we may have something to say in a future issue. Sheffield, or rather the Wentworth brethren concerned in the promotion of this lodge, determined that their new enterprise should not be launched with a meaningless name, but that it should have one if possible associated with the old town of Sheffield, and not only associated, but worthily and honourably so connected. After long consideration, they fixed upon Furnival as the title by which the lodge should be known, and in our opinion no more suitable or appropriate designation for a lodge in Sheffield could be found. The de Furnivals, as lords of Hallamshire, as will be seen by the speech of the Provincial Grand Master later, were a family to whom the inhabitants of the cutlers' town owed privileges—privileges, let it be understood, which the barons of old were not too eager to concede; and that this family should, out of pure beneficence so act, especially considering the lawless times in which they lived, was surely ground good and sufficient for the Freemasons adopting their name, and by doing so, worthily preserving the recognition of the kindly acts of their lords in the long distant past.

These preliminaries being finally settled, the application for a warrant was made. It contained, together with the founders, no less than 28 signatures, amongst whom were the present W.M. of the Wentworth Lodge, 1239, Bro. M. J. Dodworth, with his Wardens and several Past Masters, as well as brethren from four or five other lodges in Sheffield. The founders are Bros. Charles Stokes, P.M., the first W.M. of the lodge; G. H. Hutchinson, S.W., the Rev. Geo. Ford, M.A., J.W., Albert Davison, Treas., Claude Barker, Sec., Walter Fearnclough, S.D., R. P. Fisher, J.D., Walter Sissons, D. of C., and Horace Cawood, I.G., all of 1239.

The Prov. Grand Master fixed Friday, the 14th inst., for the consecration, and on that day, with a large number of his Provincial Grand Officers, attended for that purpose. Among those present were

Bros. Henry Smith, Dep. Prov. G. Master; Charles Letch Mason, P.M. 304, Prov. S.G.W.; Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, as Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. W. Wilkinson, P.M., Prov. G. Chap.; Major George Bolton, P.M. 154, Prov. G. Treas.; W. H. Stacey, P.M. 296, Prov. G. Reg.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; Walter Dyson, P.M. 2261, and Herbert Nixon, P.M. 1239, Prov. G. Deacons; William Dickie, P.M. 904, Prov. G.S. of W.; W. Dawson, P.M. 521, as Prov. G.D.C.; W. M. Tate, P.M. 306, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; J. E. Darling, P.M., as Prov. G.S.B.; H. H. Bedford, P.M. 139, James Sugden, P.M. 1301, W. R. Hinings, P.M. 600, and J. P. Hewitt, P.M. 1239, Prov. G. Stewards; and Thomas Leighton, Prov. G. Tyler. In addition to these, in all numbering about 120, were the following brethren from Sheffield and other lodges: Bros. E. Dickenson, P.M., A. B. Gainsboro, W. J. Stokes, Simeon Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.W., H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.D., and W. H. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W., all of 139; W. E. Gray, R. R. Neill, E. J. E. Marples, J. W. Dewsnap, A. E. Brooke, P.M., J. Sugden, A. E. Jarvis, W. G. Parkin, P.M., H. H. Bedford, P.M., R. Arison, P.M., P.P.G.W., W. H. Stacey, P.M., P.P.G.D., and Rev. J. J. Williams, P.P.G. Chap., of 296; A. E. Kirkham, P.M., A. E. Drury, P.M., J. S. H. Wilson, T. E. Barker, E. Beck, J. C. Brameld, W. Froggatt, R. H. Fisher, W. Forsdike, J. P. Hewitt, P.M., H. Nixon, P.M., W. J. Flather, S. Wetherill, Porrett, W. F. Cole, G. H. Hunt, D. G. Davy, J. Rowbotham, J.W., S. A. Creak, B. J. Taylor, H. Johnson, J. Nicholson, T. Nixon, Geo. Wragg, A. J. Forsdike, and George Senior, of 1239, besides those already named as founders or supporters; Bro. W. Tyzack, P.M. 1779, and others; H. T. E. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., H. A. Brook, W.M., R. C. Honey, W. C. Fox, P.M. 1260, J. T. Thompson, C. H. Wright, J. H. Vernon, P.M., V. G. S. Dearden, P.M., J. E. Darling, P.M. and J. Ellis, P.M., &c., 2263; J. W. Phillips, 2268, and others; Jos. Jackman, W.M., John Hunt, P.M., P.P.G.D., A. B. Gunstone, M. T. Miner, J. K. Lister, A. E. Wright, W. Gadsby, J.W., W. Foxon, L. Osbaldistone, and W. Gunstone, all of 2491; J. A. Rogers, C. F. Lawton, C. F. Brindley, C. F. Shepherd, Geo. A. Tandy, W. H. Peasegood, Geo. Gibson, Geo. H. Dickinson, Edwin R. Glossop, Ed. S. Tozer, W. J. Allen and Geo. H. Abbott. The neighbouring lodges, viz., Wharfedale, 1462; Chantrey, 2355; and Joppa, 144, sent representatives, whilst the visitors from Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, were Bros. F. Cleaves, P.M., P.P.G.D., and George Jenkin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

These are only some of the many brethren who filled the handsome hall in Surrey-street and greeted their Provincial Grand Master immediately after opening Provincial Grand Lodge.

The ceremony of consecration was most carefully and reverently rendered, the Provincial Grand Master being ably assisted by his own officers, as well as by Past Masters from Sheffield lodges. The effect was much enhanced by the performance of some excellent music which had been arranged under the superintendence of Bro. Wm. Gadsby, and was executed by a surpliced Masonic choir, with organ accompaniment by Bro. J. W. Phillips.

The oration on the nature and principles of the Order by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. WILKINSON, M.A., P.M., was as follows:

Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master: It is my duty and privilege to direct the attention of the brethren to the nature and principles of our ancient and honourable Institution. Ours is not a benefit society; it is a brotherhood of men united by the bonds of fraternal love, and endeavouring to stimulate and encourage in themselves and in each other the growth of every manly virtue. Brotherly love, relief, and truth are the three grand principles upon which our Order is founded, and by the practice of those principles in our daily life we seek to render ourselves more extensively useful to our fellow men. A body of just, upright and free men, of mature age, sound judgment and strict morals, banded together by the principles I have named, cannot fail to be a most important element in the life of the nation. In the presence of so many zealous and expert brethren there can be little need to expatiate upon the good influence exerted by Freemasonry upon the individual character. Discipline is always good, and in our Order men are trained to obey before they are entrusted with the responsibilities of command. Humility is enjoined upon those in authority no less than upon those who are subordinate. To any young Masons who may be here to-day I would say, "Remember that Masonry is a living reality. Enter seriously upon the cultivation of the virtues inculcated by our beautiful ritual. Learn to respect opinions which you do not share, and to submit cheerfully to the will of the majority and the judgment of your superiors. Above all, strive to carry out in your daily life the principles which you are taught to admire and to practise in the lodge." Brethren, this is an interesting and auspicious occasion. Our hearts are full of the warmest good wishes to the Master and brethren of this new lodge. May the Furnival Lodge be eminent in all good works, conspicuous even among the lodges of West Yorkshire for devotion to our noble and imperishable principles!

On the completion of the ceremony of consecration, every detail of which was faithfully carried out,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said: Brethren,—My first duty is to thank you for your salutations to-day, and for the warmth of the reception which my presence here has met with at your hands. We are assembled on a most interesting occasion—for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge. These events are interesting to all of us, because they mark the progress our Order is making, for every new lodge formed is practically the establishment of a new Masonic family in our midst. This is the second lodge which since my appointment as your Provincial Grand Master it has been my privilege to consecrate, and like the first, curiously enough, it takes place in this city of Sheffield. It is most gratifying to me, and to all who have the benefit of Freemasonry at heart, to see that the Order is making such great progress in this good old town. I cannot pass over, in the few remarks I propose to make to you, the relation which exists between the name you have chosen for your new lodge and its association with individuals and events which are historically most interesting. It is always a pleasant study to trace the connection between names and places which are so numerous in this country, and Sheffield I may say is especially rich in its old traditions, as the lords of Hallamshire and their dependents played a somewhat prominent part in the history of England. The name which you have selected, and so suitably selected, is one which deserves to be honoured and respected in Sheffield. To one bearing the name de Furnival Sheffield owes its original incorporation and freedom. One Gerald de Furnival, whose father was present with Richard I. at the siege of Acre, obtained from that monarch the hand and estates of his ward, Maude de Lovetot, daughter of a former lord of Hallamshire. Of the descendants of the marriage many were distinguished; some were Crusaders, and one fought at Crecy. Altogether they were lords of the manor for about 200 years. Thomas de Furnival, called to Parliament by Edward I. as Baron Furnival, obtained from that king a charter granting to Sheffield the privilege of holding a weekly market and an annual fair. We have, therefore, this interesting connection—that from Albert Edward, our M.W.G.M., who is a direct descendant of Edward I., the promoters of this lodge have also received a charter which, if it does not confer privileges upon the whole of the inhabitants of Sheffield, yet most certainly does so upon the officers and present members of the new lodge, and will continue to do so upon all who in the future shall be admitted within its portals, and they, the promoters, in order to preserve the association, have very fittingly named the lodge Furnival. The Furnivals, like all the barons of old, exercised a very considerable, I may say almost unlimited, power in the district over which they held sway. Yet this Thomas de Furnival used that power not for his own selfish and personal ends, like many others, but in the interest and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the time. I hope, brethren, that the members of the Furnival Lodge will not only preserve the association, but will also take a wise and enlightened view of their duties, that they will emulate the example of de Furnival, and that nothing will be done by them which may limit or restrict the undoubted benefits and the great power for good which Freemasonry possesses. I congratulate the brethren of Sheffield upon the progress which Freemasonry is making amongst them. It certainly is growing apace, and it is, I think, unnecessary to say that I hope every blessing and good wish which I could possibly frame or which could possibly be realised, may fall upon those who are connected with this new lodge. I rejoice to see that the White Rose of York continues upon the lines upon which it was founded, that it is making rapid yet safe progress, and that it is a credit not only to those good men and true, its founders, but also to the Craft at large. The lodge I have had the honour to consecrate to-day makes the 77th on the West Yorkshire roll, and I may say, and I do not say it in any boasting spirit, the province over which it is my privilege to rule holds a high and, I will add, a deservedly high position in the Masonic world. Let it be your duty, Bro. Charles Stokes, and the duty of all those who are interested in the new lodge, to see that nothing shall be done amongst you which shall in the smallest degree tarnish the honour or damage the good name of the Craft to which we are all so proud to belong. You have heavy responsibilities, with the weight of which your previous experience must have made you cognisant, and not the least important of them is that you neither propose nor support any candidate for admission into our Order about whose moral fitness and suitable qualifications you have any doubt. You carry with you the best wishes of the entire province, as this large gathering of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers testifies, and I feel sure you will endeavour to live up to the principles which we profess, and do nothing to alienate the sympathies of the many good and worthy brethren whom I see around me. You are handing down the name of one of Sheffield's benefactors. I think it eminently useful and desirable that we should do this, as it not only shows gratitude, but also holds forth an example which others may be stimulated to follow. And now, brethren, I commit to your hands with confidence the safe keeping and well conducting of this lodge, to be a member of which must be esteemed a privilege, and I conclude by telling you how proud I am of the position I occupy as your Provincial Grand Master, because the honour I thereby gain is founded upon your confidence in me, and the perfect trust I myself can feel in your constant and ever striving efforts to maintain and uphold the principles and traditions of our ancient Order.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the ceremony of the installation of Bro. Charles Stokes was at once proceeded with. Bro. Henry T. E. Holmes, P.M. 1239 and 2263, P.P.G.D.C., was the Installing Master, and did his work most smoothly and efficiently. Not the least interesting part of the proceedings lay in the fact that the Worshipful Masters of the Sheffield lodges all took some small portion of the work, showing thereby that the formation of the new lodge and the selection of its first Master met with their entire approval.

Bro. Charles Stokes, whose portrait accompanies this notice, was initiated in the Wentworth Lodge in 1881. He served the office of Master in that lodge in 1893, being installed by Bro. Ensor Drury, P.M. From the outset Bro. Stokes has taken an active interest in the Craft, and shown great energy as well as considerable ability during his useful Masonic career. He joined the Royal Arch, and now fills one of the Principals' chairs; he is also a member of the Knights Templar. A Life-Governor of all the Three Masonic Institutions, Bro. Stokes will shortly qualify as Vice-President of the Boys, and so complete is the confidence of his brethren in his Charitable instincts that they did him the honour of electing him first Charity Steward of the Furnival Lodge immediately upon his installation being completed.

Bro. Stokes invested his officers, all of whom are founders and have been previously named, and secured the able assistance of Bro. Holmes, who consented to fill the post of I.P.M.

There were two candidates for admission to the new lodge proposed, and

apologies from Bro. Wm. Harrop, P.M. 290, Chairman of the Charity Committee; Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001, P.G.D., ex-Chairman; and Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Doune, M.A., Vicar of Wakefield, Prov. G. Chap., were announced.

After a feeling reference to the loss sustained by the province through the death of Bro. T. Bateman Fox, P.M. 208, P.P.G.W., late Chairman of the Charity Committee, and an expression of gratitude for the countenance and support on the part of the many brethren present, Bro. Charles Stokes closed the lodge.

A banquet, at which over 100 were present, followed, and was served in Bro. Robert Turner's best style. Bro. Charles Stokes, the newly-appointed W.M., presided, and was supported by the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, past and present officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Masters of the seven older local lodges, and many officers and brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given from the chair, and honoured in ancient style,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past." He said that Bro. Jackson accepted the post with hesitancy, but he had so filled it that already it would be difficult to supply his place. He had visited Sheffield three or four times since his appointment, and the oftener he came the more welcome would he be.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER was most cordially greeted on rising to respond. Having warmly thanked the brethren for their kind reception of him, and expressed his regret at being obliged to leave them early, he said there were no better or more loyal citizens than Masons in the whole of the wide world. He urged the brethren to cultivate a spirit of peace and harmony in every lodge, and trusted that each individual brother would feel a personal responsibility in maintaining the best of fraternal relations, and



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

that nothing he might do or leave undone would have any tendency save to promote good fellowship and concord throughout the province of West Yorkshire. Passing on to propose the toast of "The W.M. of the Furnival Lodge," the Prov. Grand Master said they had been engaged in an interesting ceremony, without which it would be impossible for Masonry to extend its boundaries, because there was a limit to the number of members who could effectively and with advantage belong to a lodge. But wider and wider was the horizon covered by Masonry opening out, and to still further extend it that day had been to him personally a great pleasure and privilege. Sheffield stood high in the world. As regarded her manufactures she stood in her own characteristics second to none. She had established her reputation, and though many attempts had been made to deprive her of it, they had always failed. She had a reputation also for her hospitality, and he could himself bear testimony how well it was deserved, for no one knew better than himself the real warmth and genuine friendliness of a Sheffield welcome which was especially distinguished for its earnestness and reality. Next week Sheffield would have an opportunity of welcoming one who had come from afar. Let them try to appreciate, if they could, the feelings of him who for the first time saw that Western civilisation, to which they were accustomed every day. Still, he thought it well that the Shahzada should come to England in order that he might see for himself something of the power and energy which had shown its force throughout the world. It was well too, that he should come to Sheffield to see the evidences of the manufacturing power and skill which had made the city what she was, for he believed that Sheffield was a type of England, and of the United Kingdom. The new life born that day they could not hope would be free from vicissitudes, but he trusted that it would be so engrained with the principles of Freemasonry as ever to display them to the best advantage.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER suitably responded, stating that the Furnival Lodge had the best wishes of all the seven sister lodges in the town.

"The Health of the Installing Master," was heartily drunk, on the proposition of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. HENRY SMITH.

Bro. H. T. E. HOLMES, P.P.G.D.C., in responding, mentioned that it was 21 years since he was initiated; that 14 years ago he had the pleasure, when in the chair of Wentworth Lodge, of initiating Bro. Stokes, their Worshipful Master, and seven years ago he himself was appointed first Worshipful Master of the St. Leonard's Lodge, on the occasion of its consecration.

The toast of "The Sister Lodges," proposed by Bro. G. H. HUTCHINSON, S.W., was acknowledged by Bros. E. DICKINSON, W. E. GREY, J. DODWORTH, W. TYZACK, H. A. BROOK, J. J. PARKER, and J. JACKMAN, the respective Worshipful Masters of the Sheffield lodges.

Other toasts followed, and the speeches were agreeably interspersed with songs and instrumental selections by Bros. W. Gadsby, W. Foxon, T. E. Barker, R. C. Honey, H. A. Brook, C. Stokes, M. Miner, and A. E. Drury, Bro. J. W. Phillips, presiding at the piano, accompanying with his usual taste, and playing a striking composition of his own with much acceptance.

From the auspicious and otherwise favourable circumstances of its inception, from the fact that a new lodge was certainly needed, and from the character and position of those brethren who, as founders, have made themselves responsible for its good government and well-being, we prophecy that the Furnival Lodge, like its immediate predecessor, the White Rose of York, will establish an undoubted *raison d'être*, will maintain the high character of our Order, and will in all respects fulfil the duties which it has undertaken, and we wish it God-speed upon its noble mission.

### CONSECRATION OF THE IXION CHAPTER, No. 2501.

On Saturday, the 15th instant, Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Grand Superintendent of Essex, visited Buckhurst Hill for the purpose of consecrating a chapter to be attached to the Ixion Lodge, No. 2501. This lodge was only consecrated in April last year, but it has prospered to such an extent that the members who were Royal Arch Masons felt justified in applying for a warrant to form and hold a chapter, and the prayer of their petition was granted.

The founders number 27, and most of them attended at the Roebuck Hotel on Saturday last, together with several visitors.

The Grand Superintendent was assisted in the ceremony of consecration by Comps. A. C. Durrant, Prov. G.H., as H.; F. A. White, P.P.G.J., as J.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.S.E., as S.E.; A. S. B. Sparling, Prov. G.S.N., as S.N.; and Albert Lucking, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.

The ceremony was faultlessly performed, all the Consecrating Officers from the Grand Superintendent downwards fulfilling their parts in a most able way.

At the commencement of the proceedings the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT mentioned that this new chapter would bring up the number of those under his rule to 12, which he felt was a very satisfactory state of things, as when he had the honour of being appointed Grand Superintendent there were only four in the province.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony the Principals designate were installed by Comp. William Shurmer, P.P.G.J., in his well-known able manner as under: Comps. H. French Bromhead, P.Z. 1365, as M.E.Z.; George J. Peall, J. 890 as H.; and Augustus F. Lay, P.S. 22, as J. The officers of the chapter were invested as follows: Comps. J. R. Carter, P.S. 201, S.E.; W. Gower, P.S. 2374 S.N.; Basil Stewart, P.Z. 554, Treas.; W. J. Barnes, S.N. 1623, P.S.; W. Lucas, 1st A.S.; Chas. R. Cutler, 2nd A.S.; Morley and Saunders, Stwds.; and David Legg, P.Z., Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Philbrick, Grand Superintendent, and the other Consecrating Officers for their services, and they were unanimously elected honorary members of the chapter, and Comp. Basil Stewart was elected to represent the companions at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Roebuck Hotel, an elegant dinner being well served by the host, Comp. Smith.

### MASONRY'S GREAT AIM AND USE.

ORATION BY BRO. WILLIAM L. BURDICK, M.D. AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW MASONIC BUILDING AT BOULDER, COLORADO, MARCH 9TH, 1895.

An immemorial custom, common to all races and to all ages, decrees that it is fitting, at gatherings of public interest or of wide-spreading social importance, to give voice to the sentiments that inspire or underlie the observance of the occasion.

As far back as we can trace into antiquity, whether we examine into the practices of barbarous tribes or of civilized communities, we find that at the celebration of both solemn and festive memorials, it is not only common but also highly important for instruction, that meet answer be given to the question, "What mean Ye by this Service." It is not, however, due to mere custom alone, it is not merely to perpetuate a meaningless rite, that one by your invitation speaks here this day, but because you deeply realize and feel that this hour carries with it many a lesson of duty and of trust, some of which, at this time, cannot, in justice, be left unsaid.

What thoughts of dignity and of grandeur should thrill our breasts as we gather here, to-day! My brothers, you are walking in the footsteps that the most venerable antiquity has trod, for of all existing fraternal organisations known to man that of Freemasonry is the oldest and most widely known to fame. The origin of this brotherhood is lost in the obscure, mythological recesses of the past, but the principles which underlie our Order are eternal. It is not a vain conceit which prompts Masonry to date its birth with its chosen era of "A.L."—Anno Lucis—in the year of light—

for when first the Omnipotent Architect brought order out of chaos, turned its darkness into light, when the breath of the Infinite God called into being man, even then was begun the erection of that spiritual temple, which the works of our hands and the practices of our lives have but faintly copied since. For on that day, upon the broad and everlasting foundations of truth were placed the corner stones of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice. The columns of wisdom, strength, and beauty were set up, and in the firmament of earth's starry dome was emblazoned the grand and culminating teachings of Masonry, the Unity and the Fatherhood of God. Such was Masonic origin in spirit, and it matters little when man first formally enacted these principles into a ritual, for an institution having for its foundation Truth, and for its capstone God, can be rightfully said to have neither beginning or end.

Historic research into the sociology of the ancients affords us no sound basis, although many Masons so suppose, for attributing the origin of our ceremonies and ritual to either the Eleusinian Mysteries of Egypt and Greece to the sect of the Essenes in Judæa, or to the Roman Collegia. Moreover, we have no reliable historic data to establish as fact what we have long held in tradition, that an ancient order similar to our own was an organized existence even at the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple.

Whence came, then, the rites and customs, that we so scrupulously observe? Out of what is the mass of literature and tradition that has gathered around these landmarks? The answer has been already given, for Masonry has an origin far beyond all these; its mission is, and came, from God. As well might we try to trace civil or religious liberty to their primal sources, as to endeavour to search out the inception of this Order. Freemasonry has developed through the slow and silent processes of time. Whatever it has observed commendable or advisable in ancient ritual or mystic lore, that it has adopted, until at the present time it embodies in its tenets many of those principles which man universally has recognised as just and right. Thus it is that Masonry possesses something in common with all peoples of all nations, both past and present, who by a psychical identity have associated themselves together for the preservation and the propagation of truth. Kingdoms may rise and fall, dynasties may pass away; but Freemasonry can never die. She maintains her sway not by the power of the sword, but by the influence of those imperishable virtues, charity and fraternity.

Every brother of our Order is familiar with the terms "Operative" and "Speculative" Masons. While we cannot lift the veil from the impenetrable and remote past, yet of the immediate predecessors of our Modern or Speculative Order we have abundant information. The last of the Operative Masons were no other than the honoured Steinmetzen, of Germany, the brotherhood that adorned Europe with her marvellous and beautiful cathedrals of the Middle Ages. The association spread into other countries, and while architecture in its noblest and most glorious forms was the inspiration of their Order, yet to maintain and perpetuate the principles of their art, and to confine its privileges to their own members, they were organised into guilds and lodges, each governed by its chosen Master.

Only artisans of skill and merit were admitted to these unions, and for many generations they exclusively controlled the erection of those stately edifices which to-day remain as their monuments, the glory and the pride of a world. The cathedrals of Cologne, Strassburg, Vienna, Rheims, Notre Dame, York, and St. Paul, together with others of hardly less note, were constructed through their influence. Instruction in their art was handed down to their chosen successors, while a religious ritual was observed in all their secret assemblies. From their customs we derive the terms of Apprentice, Fellow, and Master, while their organisation at large was commonly known as the Craft. From them we also obtain much of the modern symbolism, familiar to Masonic ears under the guise of architectural terms and imprints.

Christopher Wren, the inspired architect of St. Paul's, and the last Grand Master of Operative Masons in England, died in 1716. Social and political changes, the revival of learning, and the introduction of new schools of architecture, had been gradually undermining the exclusiveness of the mediæval Order. Therefore, to perpetuate the noble principles of morality which the various unions had ever taught, the four operative lodges of England extended the privileges of their Order to others than master builders, provided they were found worthy and well qualified.

In 1717, the year following the death of Wren, the first Grand Lodge was instituted, and Speculative Masonry inaugurated.

The date of the organisation of the first lodge in our own country is in dispute, both Boston and Philadelphia claiming the honour. It is certain, however, that as early as 1733, over a hundred and sixty years ago, a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was in existence in the American colonies. From that day to the present the organisation has gone on increasing, until to-day a tenth of our population is embraced within its beneficent fold. Its propagation has extended to every nation and to every quarter of the globe. From the land of the midnight sun even unto the isles of the sea, a Masonic lodge is found. The sun never sets upon its members, for in Masonry's triumphal march it has not only encircled but entwined the world.

Against such an Order, possessing such a history, it would seem that no hostile shaft could possibly be hurled. Yet the malignant brooders in darkness, the enemies of light, the offspring of slander, ignorance, and spite, the oppressors of liberty and of truth, have assailed its walls, questioned its motives, attacked its principles, only, however, to be hopelessly foiled. Look well at its bulwarks; inspect its gates. Not a stone has been displaced, not a teaching surrendered.

The absurd notions concerning Masonry entertained by some, hardly deserve refutation at our hands. On an occasion, however, of this character, it is appropriate to speak briefly of the principles of this Order, which although secretive in its ritual, yet challenges a world to point to anything in its doctrines that does not honour God, one's country, his neighbour, or himself. Do you ask me why, then, in its history kings and potentates have issued their edicts against it, why even ecclesiastical authority has placed it under ban? My answer is quickly given. It is because Masonry stands for individual freedom, and places among its primal instructions liberty of thought and toleration in religion. Well may despots, either civil or religious, fear its influence, since it stands for all that makes for truth the victory.

Freemasonry is not a religion, yet its entire organisation is permeated with religious sentiment. To its altars the father joyously welcomes his son, and when these bodies fill the narrow cells of death all true Masons ask no more hallowed burial than the lesson that Masonry there gives.

Freemasonry is not a political organisation, yet the liberties of every stage are rendered firm and more permanent by its presence within it. Its

charity and brotherly love, expressed in silent, unseen, ways, its care for the widowed and the fatherless, remove the bitterness of sorrow from the lives of many, and lift many a burden from the state. Banish from earth Masonic sympathy and Masonic love, and the weight of public taxation would be increased in every land.

Recently during that magnificent exposition at Chicago, a congress of religions of the world was held. The burden of the discussion was, "What constitutes essentials in religion, and what can the world agree upon for an ethical basis?" Had some loyal, devoted member of this Order been called upon to address that congress, he could, with deepest truth, have said: "Delegates to this congress, the question which you ask was largely answered long ago. I invite your attention to the investigation of the teachings of that Order which has now a history hallowed by centuries. True to its principles, it solicits no man's approval, yet it gladly welcomes to its fold all good men who are found worthy. Its highest desire is to promote the true happiness of man, to enlarge his nobility, to cultivate his manhood. Its highest mission is to recognise the universal Deity, and to do good to all. To be good and true are the first lessons we are taught in Masonry, and by means of its great and eternal lights it would direct mankind to higher and better things. I speak for it in the name of no particular religion, creed or faith, yet I can truthfully represent it to be founded upon the broad, universal, ethical principles which pervade—or should pervade—all religions. In its temples the children of every Godly faith and creed fraternally gather; each still possessing his differences in opinion, yet all possessing a unity in life and in love."

My brothers, if one had on such an occasion thus spoken, would he not have uttered what we all have learned to be true? We are told, however, that Masonry requires of its members a secret obligation, but have we not learned that it is worthy of an obligation, and from its vows have we not derived strength and inspiration? In its rites we have found nothing degrading or debasing, but, on the contrary, have witnessed a symbolism that has ennobled and purified. True it is that we may often fall far short of its high ideals, but the same regretful fact is observed of human connection with all other noble institutions.

I said a moment ago that Freemasonry was a strength to the state. Of our own nation, especially, how gloriously is this true! We have but recently celebrated the birth of the "Father of His Country." Of particular interest was that occasion to Masons, for they recall the fact that he was one of the most enthusiastic members of their Order. The very corner stone of our national capital, we remember, was laid by George Washington, who participated as Grand Master of Masons at that august ceremony, Lafayette, the noble son of France, upon coming to our shores was initiated into a Masonic lodge before he was made, through Washington's request, a Major-General of our armies.

The martyred Warren, at Bunker Hill, died the Grand Master of the Massachusetts lodges. Israel Putnam, the gallant Greene, were both members of our Order, and every other Major-General of the revolutionary cause, was likewise a Freemason. The history of this country could not have been written without these names. And what shall we say of Alexander Hamilton, our brightest early statesman, and of Benjamin Franklin, the admiration of both continents, patriot, law-giver, and diplomat, each of whom loved and honoured this organisation, of which they were devoted members. More than all this can be added, for the very corner-stone of American liberty was laid by Freemasons, since most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were members of the Order. Do we look for mighty names abroad? Kings have founded their thrones through the help and aid of this Brotherhood. Frederick the Great of Prussia, "the oldest soldier of the world," sent a sword to George Washington, "the bravest soldier of the world," knowing full well that his gift would meet with peculiar appreciation, since both were brother Masons.

Search we into the fields of literature, ever acknowledging, as all true Masons do, that "the pen is mightier than the sword?" Robert Burns, Scotland's peasant monarch of song, Lessing and Goethe, the one Germany's inspiration, the other her master mind, were all Masons, and wrote many a verse in honour of our Craft. I speak not of modern names, for time would fail me and selection would be invidious; yet in every foremost nation of both hemispheres the name of Mason is the proud possession of many of its noblest sons.

My brothers, we have assembled here this day to lay the corner stone of another of the many Masonic temples that adorn our land. Reflecting upon our history, our motives, our present and our future, may we not rejoice, and in grateful recognition of the blessing of the Supreme Architect, dedicate the work of this day to His name? It has ever been the privilege of Freemasonry to lay corner stones, as the capitol of Washington, the monument of Bunker Hill, state houses, churches and memorials without number testify. As, however, we gather here at this hour, our hearts should be impressed with the real Masonic lesson, of which this ritual is only the symbol. We set this corner stone in place, trying and making true the work, only to remind us of that primal necessity of laying the corner stone of character in such a way that it shall be approved by the Great Master.

The task you have apportioned me is done. I congratulate the Craft, the city, the state, the nation, upon the auspicious beginning of this labour of love. May the richest favours of the universal Father attend the work thus commenced to a triumphal consummation; may wisdom direct all its progress, and when the temple stands complete, may it symbolise to us all the embodiment of beauty and of strength. When its portals shall swing wide to admit the Apprentice, the Fellow and the Master, may all who enter find within its walls God's blessings and His peace. And when in time to come its walls have crumbled, when even yonder mountains, suggesting antiquity, solidity, exaltation, snowy purity, Freemasonry's grandest emblems, when even they have passed away, still, even then, may the silver cords of fraternal love and the golden bowl of life's best deeds be with us to bind us and to cheer us, in the everlasting lodge on high.

Prompt us to labour, as Thou hast directed,  
On the foundation laid sure in the past;  
And may "The Stone which the builders rejected,"  
Crown our endeavours with glory at last.  
Then at the eventide,  
Laying the Square aside,  
May we look calmly on life's setting sun;  
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June, 1895.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY HALLS, GUILDFORD, on SATURDAY, the 6th day of JULY, 1895, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, The EARL OF LATHOM, will perform the Ceremony of Installation.

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To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.  
To instal the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master.  
To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.  
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To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.  
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.  
General Business.

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The Ex. Companion FREDERICK WEST,  
Provincial Grand H. in Charge.

June, 1895.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY HALLS, in the County of Surrey, on SATURDAY, the 6th day of JULY, 1895, at 3.45 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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To call over the Chapters in the Province.  
To instal the M.E. the Grand Superintendent Designate.  
To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.  
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.  
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.  
General Business.

Luncheon at Two o'clock punctually.

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**To Correspondents.**

The following have been received: "Le Revista Masónica del Peru," for December, 1894, and January, 1895; "Indian Masonic Review," for May, 1895; "Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio, May, 1895; "List of Furnished Lodgings" in Farmhouses, Country Villages, &c., for 1895, issued by the Midland Railway Company; Proceedings of the Half-Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal; Reports of meetings of Farrington Without Lodge, No. 1745; Earl of Carnarvon Mark Lodge, No. 211; Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035; La Cesaree Chapter, No. 590; and Yarborough Chapter, No. 811; Presentation of a Past King's jewel to Bro. Viscount Wolseley, at Dublin.



SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1895.

**Masonic Notes.**

We are glad to find that, as the day approaches for celebrating the anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the number of ladies and brethren who purpose giving their services as Stewards on the occasion is steadily on the increase, and it is by no means improbable that when these lines come under the notice of our readers, the Board will number 500 members. That is very gratifying and inclines us to hope that ultimately the Board of Stewards will be equal, or very nearly equal, in point of strength to that of last year. Of course it does not follow that there will be an equality in the totals of donations and subscriptions obtained at the two Festivals. We naturally hope it will be the case; in fact, we do not suppose any one will be very seriously chagrined if it turns out that the figures for 1894 have been exceeded by those for the current year. But however sanguine people may desire to be when they learn that the Stewards are increasing and multiplying so rapidly, they must bear in mind that Cheshire, albeit a strong Province, and on such occasions as these certain to be swayed by the most generous impulses, is not so strong as West Yorkshire, "the Chairman's Province" in 1894. Cheshire may be relied upon to do well, but it would be out of all reason to expect that it should achieve the same result as a Province which is stronger by some 30 lodges.

However, there is a goodly contingent of representatives from a majority of the other Provinces, in whose exertions we have the utmost confidence, and from whom we hope to see a return commensurate with the efforts they have been making for some time past. London, we understand, is less numerously represented than in some years we have known, but just as the race is not always to the strong, so a large subscription may be obtained by a Board or section of a Board which is below the average strength. However, a fortnight hence, when the result has been announced, it will be possible to determine the measure of value to be attached to the conjectures in which we have latterly been indulging. We shall then know what has been accomplished, nor shall we be greatly concerned about our reputation as a prophet, provided always that a plentiful harvest of donations and subscriptions has been gathered in by the Stewards.

What we are anxious about is that enough will be obtained (1) to make good the year's deficiency of income—that is about £12,000 or £12,500; and (2) to increase still further the invested capital, and by so doing augment the very limited permanent income of the Institution. May it devolve upon us to announce in our issue for the 6th July that both these purposes have been accomplished!

We have been requested to announce that Saturday, the 29th inst., will be "Ex-pupils' Day" at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We trust the number of those who will avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of re-visiting the home of their girlhood, and renewing their acquaintance with former school-fellows, will be still greater than it was last year. Old pupils may be sure of the welcome that awaits them.

A grand function will take place at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Saturday next, the 29th inst., when the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546, will be consecrated in the great hall of that ancient institution. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., who is president of the hospital, will be present, and the ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master. The usual banquet will follow at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

The vacancy which has recently been created by the resignation by Bro. Lord Carrington of his office of Prov. Grand Master of Buckinghamshire was filled on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Aylesbury, when Bro. Lord Addington was installed as his successor, and Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed.

Thursday, the 27th instant, will, doubtless, be a memorable day in the annals of Lincolnshire Masonry. Bro. Major W. H. Smyth, D.L., who has held the office of Prov. Grand Master for the last 17 years, having resigned his post early in the current year, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to appoint Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, P.S.G.W. of England, his successor, and his lordship will be solemnly installed according to antient usage on that day. The ceremony will take place in the Corn Exchange, Lincoln, and the Installing Master will be none other than Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. A prominent feature in the proceedings will be the valedictory address of Bro. Major Smyth, the retiring P.G.M., to whom a resolution of gratitude for his eminent services to the Craft in the Province, and of regret at his enforced retirement from a position he had so long adorned, will be proposed. In the evening there will be held in the County Assembly Rooms, in celebration of the auspicious event, a reception by the newly-installed P.G.M., to be followed by a conversation and dance, the reception being set down for 8 p.m., and the dance for 9.30 p.m. An efficient Board of Stewards has been formed, and some competent brethren appointed as Directors of Ceremonies, the whole of this portion of the day's proceedings being under the auspices of the three lodges in Lincoln, viz., the Witham, No. 297, the St. Hugh, No. 1386, and the Ermine, No. 2351, of which Lord Yarborough is a P.M. Our Lincolnshire brethren have our best wishes for the success of their meeting.

On Saturday, the 6th July, the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, who has been appointed Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Surrey, in succession to the late lamented Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., will be installed in those offices in the County and Borough Halls, Guildford. The ceremony will in both cases be performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who is M.W. Pro G.M. and M.E. Pro G.Z. The hour fixed for the Craft installation is 12.30 p.m., and for that of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons 3.45 p.m. In the interval between the two ceremonies luncheon will be served in the Constitutional Hall at 2 p.m.

It has been arranged that the annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys shall take place in the Great Hall of the School, Wood Green, on Tuesday, the 2nd July, under the auspices of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, who will preside at the Festival to be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, the day following. The prizes will be given away by her Grace the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos.

For the convenience of the brethren attending the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Brighton on Wednesday, 3rd July next, the Committee of the popular *Smugglers Club*, whose cheerful and pleasant premises are located at 130 Arch, Kings-road, Brighton, have considerably decided to make all the Stewards attending the Festival, honorary members of the Club for that day. The brethren will find the Club (which has recently been re-decorated and much enlarged) a most agreeable resting place for an hour or so to meet their friends, and will also have the opportunity of seeing the excellent lodge room which is justly appreciated by the Masons in the Province of Sussex. The Stewards will do well to avail themselves of this friendly action of the Brighton Masonic Smugglers.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berkshire will be held in the Town Hall, Reading, on Tuesday next, the 25th instant. Lodge will be opened at 4.15 p.m., and the customary banquet will take place at 5.30 p.m. The business on the agenda includes the consideration of the reports of the several executive officers, and the appointment and investiture of Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The Great Western Railway Company have very considerably arranged to issue first and second class return tickets at a single fare and a quarter from the requisite stations on their line, and the same will be done by the London, Wokingham, and Reading Line from all stations, except Wokingham and Earley, between Waterloo and Reading, and by the South Eastern Line from Aldershot, Blackwater, and Wellington College to Reading. But in order to benefit by this arrangement the summonses to attend Prov. Grand Lodge must be produced at the various booking offices.

## Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

### THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I should like to see some better mode of electing the Grand Treasurer, and so avoid what a brother refers to in your last issue.

Ample time could be allowed to consider the above subject, and the Craft greatly benefited by a year of peace, and I suggest that having a brother of good means and social position, an experienced Mason, and one in every way qualified for the office, we abstain from any other nomination, and unanimously elect Bro. Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan as Grand Treasurer for 1896.

For the sake of the dignity of the Craft and the prestige of the office, I throw out the above suggestion.—Fraternally yours,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

Eboracum, Herne Hill, S.E.

### SINGLE LODGES IN FOREIGN PARTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

More than once since my return from Australia I have heard a prominent brother question the desirability or utility of the presence of a single lodge under the English Constitution where there is an existing Grand Lodge of another Constitution. It has, in effect, been urged that nothing but friction and ill-feeling can possibly be the outcome of a solitary lodge preferring to remain under the banner of the Grand Lodge from which it received its charter.

In the city of Melbourne, as most of your readers know, there has been working, since the year 1858, the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, in fact, it is one of the two lodges that elected not to join the United Grand Lodge of Victoria at its foundation, the other having since gone in. It is true that at the outset some bad blood prevailed between the contending parties. That, however, has long since evaporated, and at the present time the sole constituent of the Grand Lodge of England is working in perfect amity with the supreme Colonial body, and it has a membership of about 100.

Reading my *Australasian Keystone* for May, I note that at the installation meeting in April, Bro. Dr. F. W. W. Morton was placed in the chair of my old lodge, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering nearly 150, many of them members of both the English and Victorian Constitutions. Add to this, that the M.W. Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., is a member of the Combermere Lodge.

These facts, I think it will be admitted, disclose a most harmonious state of affairs; and, if I may be permitted to urge, the same happy result would ultimately be the outcome of the long-pending Cambrian Lodge trouble in Sydney, were the hatchet buried by those responsible for the delay.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

June 15th.

### THE COLONIAL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly allow one of your old subscribers to insert a few lines on this subject.

Next year it will be possible to select from the members of the Board of General Purposes such brethren as have had Colonial experience, and if Bro. Lamonby, at the recent election, had contented himself with quietly nominating two suitable brethren, he and they would probably have been elected. As it is, he made a great stir, and introduced a certain clique to upset the old members, with the result that Bro. Lamonby has been placed at the bottom of the poll with one of his nominees just above him.

In your report you very properly omitted the number of votes recorded for each brother, but a member of the Colonial Board has had the bad taste to publish the numbers to show what a lot of votes he obtained.

Now—though my remarks are not intended to apply to the brother referred to—I must point out that votes do not necessarily show the position of a brother in the Craft, but oftentimes only the result of sending out hundreds of circulars, and touting incessantly in lodges of instruction.—Yours, &c;

OBSERVER.

### IN THE MATTER OF WAISTCOATS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I wish the Prince would set the fashion for waistcoats for dinner and other dress occasions of patterned silk as referred to on page 342 of your issue to-day, but on (and this is a *sine quâ non*) this condition, viz., that no waiter be permitted to wear such an one. At a ball last week the band wore Cambridge-blue neckties, and very well they looked; why should not all waiters be thus or otherwise differentiated?

The Prince and I are disinterested spectators of the mistakes that occasionally occur, he on account of his exalted station, and I on account of—well—the exact reverse.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

15th June.

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## Reviews.

"GUIDE TO PAIGNTON AND HANDBOOK TO TORQUAY AND DISTRICT."—By W. Eliot Thomas, M.J.I.—This handsomely got up souvenir of a well-known watering place, in a convenient form, with map and many illustrations, supplies a long felt want, and is published at the right time, being at the beginning of the season of 1895. Mr. Thomas describes "Prim, pretty, popular Paignton" as the "most rising watering place in Devonshire. For situation, scenery, and salubrity of climate, it is unsurpassed. As a health resort, it is becoming more and more fashionable, and as a seaside town, it is increasing in popularity." Historically, the author of this brochure begins with Torbay when selected by the Roman legions as the landing place, noting vestiges of encampments in the neighbourhood, and then gracefully introduces a still more momentous landing, which was effected at Brixham (near by) in 1688, by the Prince of Orange, who slept in Paignton on November 6th of that year, at the "Crown and Anchor Hotel," since pulled down. Other incidents are graphically recorded with commendable brevity, and then modern Paignton is done justice to in a series of paragraphs, with appropriate headings, which captivate the eye, and induce the reader to peruse the whole of the book at one sitting. At least that was our experience, for we felt constrained to do it right off! Full particulars are afforded as to boating, steamer, and coaching trips of all kinds, and neither is Torquay neglected—its big sister living in the same bay—and another good feature is the attention paid to all important sights within a fair walking distance of the town. A new and correct map also adds much to the value of the publication, which may be had *post free* for sevenpence only, from any of Smith and Son's bookstalls, at the Railway Stations of Paignton, Torquay, Brixham, and others on the Torquay Branch of the G.W.R. Co. It is both cheap and good.

"THE VOICE OF MASONRY."—John W. Brown, Editor and Publisher. Chicago, Illinois.—The principal contribution to the June number of "The Voice" is the further instalment of Bro. William E. Ginther's valuable article, entitled, "What is Freemasonry?" But this is by no means the only meritorious article, Comp. the Rev. James Byron Murray's "Fruitage of Ageless Truths," and the paper headed "How Masonry Begins and Ends," by Bro. John W. McGrath, Past G. Master of Michigan, being both of them well worthy of being carefully studied. The "Masonic Gleanings," are, as usual, an able review and *resumé* of the Proceedings of various Grand Bodies, the most notable among which are the Grand Lodges of Michigan and New Jersey, and the Grand Chapter of Louisiana. In the editor's "Trestleboard" will be found a very appreciative review of Bro. Chetwode Crawley's "Cæmentaria Hibernica," in which the highest commendation is bestowed upon our distinguished brother for the able manner in which he has handled the various sub-divisions of his work.

"THE NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN."—Bro. Arthur Cleave, City Press Office, Vulcan-lane, Auckland (N.Z.).—A considerable part of the April issue of our worthy New Zealand contemporary is occupied with an article and sundry letters on the New Zealand question which have appeared in these columns, and to these is added a leader by the *Craftsman* itself, in which it expresses the hope that the irregular Grand Lodge of the Colony may be recognised at no very distant date. We have already, in the article quoted, given expression to the hope that the dissensions now existing among the various sections of the Craft in New Zealand may be speedily put an end to, provided always that the termination of the existing trouble is brought about by means that will be honourable to both parties. If the brethren of the New Zealand Constitution will see that, so far as they are concerned, a course tending to secure this end is adopted, we do not suppose there will be any serious difficulty in effecting the desired reconciliation. But this is precisely what they are *not* doing just now.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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A "new edition" of Jachin and Boaz has just come into my possession, bearing the imprint, "London, Printed for W. Nicoll, at No. 51, St. Paul's Church-Yard, MDCCLXIX." It contains the usual "New and Correct List of all the English Regular Lodges—Brought down to the year 1769." This list comprises lodges to No. 444, "Well Chosen Lodge, in Naples, April 26, 1769," and was evidently taken from the first edition of William Cole's engraved lists of that year. No. 27, Madrid, is, however, included therein, in error, that lodge having been removed from the register and engraved list in the preceding year. This is the first copy of a "J and B" of 1769, that I have seen, and Bro. Hughan tells me he has never come across a single copy of that year. Dr. Kloss, however, mentions it in his *Bibliographie der Freimaurerei* as "A new Edition, London, W. Nicoll. 1769."

JNO. LANE.

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As to the resignation of membership; there seems little doubt that "Lex Scripta" is correct both in law and common sense; a verbal resignation in open lodge may not be declined, whether the dues have been paid or not; but a letter written to the Secretary or W.M. need not be communicated to the lodge until the next regular meeting, and meanwhile the brother can be talked to, if worthy.

C.H.W.

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As to Bro. Loveland's motion to alter B.C. 1301, it appears to be quite unnecessary, though harmless; because by the same rule a W.M. is not "deemed to be elected" until the minutes of election has been confirmed.

C.H.W.

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B.C. 150 is clear enough to the mind of a plain man; but the ways and reasonings of lawyers are inscrutable. I have known a high lawyer lay it down that "may" means "shall," and that "shall" frequently means only "may." Bro. Philbrick, it seems, says that in B.C. 150 "or until" means "and until." Do we all agree with Bro. Robert Manuel that Bro. Bucknill's facetiousness *does* "settle the question?" But what can we do?

C.H.W.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS AT WOOD GREEN.

Those friends of the Institution who availed themselves of the invitation so freely extended by the Board of Management had a great treat on Tuesday, the 18th inst. "Our Boys" seem to be especially favoured during the present season at their various functions, for another glorious summer's day made the surroundings at Wood Green very pleasant to witness.

The entertainment provided so generously by Bros. Short and Bradford of the Derby Allerott Lodge, No. 2168, and other friends, proved to be of exceptional merit. Where everything was good it would be invidious to particularly mention any part of the excellent performance of the brethren and gentlemen who took part in the proceedings. The Schartau Part Singers (a host in themselves), the unique Concert Trombone Quartette, the silver bells of Bro. Hopkins, and the solos on the Xylophone and Saxophone were all delivered with exquisite taste and received round after round of applause. The band under the direction of Bro. William Short included well-known artistes, and to the number of about 40, gave selections of operatic music in a charming manner, whilst the humorous side was not forgotten in the person of our old friend Bro. James Kift and the Schartau Part Singers. After the conclusion of the programme, Bro. McLeod, Sec., addressed a few words to the visitors and the boys, expressing great thanks to the brethren and gentlemen who so kindly had given their services, and the hearty enthusiasm of the boys was shown by round after round of cheers for the various performers. Bro. R. D. Cummings, Member of the Board of Management, who had taken great part in instituting the entertainment, acknowledged the vote of thanks and expressed the pleasure it had afforded each and every one of the artistes in coming to the Institution to give some pleasure to the boys.

The visitors numbered about 300, and amongst them were Bro. Jacobs and Mrs. Jacobs, Bro. Salmon, Bro. Guy and Mrs. Guy, Bro. F. West, P.G.D., Bro. Webber and Mrs. Webber, Bros. Morgan, Taylor, and Tifford, Mrs. J. J. Thomas and daughters, Mrs. and Miss Willing, the Misses Bragg, Mrs. and Miss Abbott, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. George, Mrs. Hebb and family, and Dr. and Mrs. Porter.

We append a programme of this most successful entertainment:

PART I.—Overture, "A morning, noon and night in Vienna," *Suppe*; Old Melody (a) "Genevieve," S. A., Humorous Recitative (b) "Three Little Kittens," M.S., the Schartau Part-Singers, Messrs. Schartau, Bartlett, Appleby, and Bradford; Xylophone Solo, "A Lucky Dog," *Baylis*, Mr. Thomas Carter; Quartette, "Pilgrim's Chorus" (Tannhauser), *Wagner*, the Concert Trombone Quartette, Messrs. Colton, Davis, Atherley and Booth; Descriptive Piece, "The Turkish Patrol," *Michaelis*, the piece of music is intended to illustrate the approach, passing by, and gradual disappearance of a Turkish patrol; Humorous Song, "Selected," Bro. James Kift; Solo on the Silver Bells, "The Lost Chord," *Sullivan*, Pro. R. B. Hopkins; Selection from Humperdinck's Fairy Opera "Hansel and Gretel" (arranged for military band by Mr. Wm. Short by permission of Messrs. Schott, Regent-street), introducing—"Evening Prayer," "At

Home," "Crosspatch," "Dance Duett," "What odour delicious," "Witch's Music," "Witch's Dance," "Knusper Waltz" and finale, "Dream Pantomime."

PART II.—Ballet Airs in "Faust," *Gounod*, this ballet was written by M. Gounod for the performance of "Faust," at the Grand Opera at Paris, where it was introduced in 1869. It was introduced in the scene of "Walpurgis Night," in the 5th act. No. 1. Valse; 2, Adagio; 3, Allegretto; 4, Moderato Maestoso; 5, Moderato Con Moto; 6, Allegretto; 7, Finale Allegro. "Vivo Bacchanale." Song (with band accompaniment), "The Holy City," Bro. John Bartlett; Humorous Part Song, "The terrible cake that Jane baked," Messrs. Schartau, Bartlett, Appleby, and Bradford; Solo Saxophone, "Fantasia Pastorale," *Singelee*, Mr. Edward Mills; Quartette, (a) "Hunter's Farewell," *Mendelssohn*, (b) "Drinking Song," *Old German*, the Concert Trombone Quartette; Intermezzo, "Loin du Bal," *Ernest Gillett*; Madrigal (a) "It was a lover and his lass," Humorous Part Song (b) "The boy and the tack," Messrs. Schartau, Bartlett, Appleby, and Bradford; Grand Patriotic Selection, "Albion," *Bachens* (Or, "The Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle."), introducing—"The Blue Bells of Scotland," "Garry Owen," "Charlie is my Darling," "Annie Laurie" (with variations), "The British Grenadiers," "The Last Rose of Summer," "The Minstrel Boy," "Hearts of Oak," "Jack's the Lad," "Home, sweet Home," "The Campbells are coming," "Tullochgorum," "God save the Queen," and "Rule Britannia"; Galop, "Pest Horn," *König*, (solo post horn) Bro. W. Short.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PERTSHIRE WEST.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire West was held in Dunblane, on Thursday, the 6th instant. Bro. Col. Stirling of Kippendavie, the Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there was a good attendance. Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., of New Hailes, G. M.M. of Scotland, was present, with a large deputation from the Grand Lodge, and made a minute inspection of the books of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Everything having been found in excellent order, Sir CHARLES congratulated the province upon the way in which the work had been conducted since the last visitation by Lord Haddington. It was his first visitation to the province, and he was extremely glad to be able to combine it with the bi-centenary of Lodge No. 9. He thought it was an almost unparalleled record to visit a Provincial Grand Lodge where three new lodges had been erected within two years and a half, and it showed the spirit of Masonry in the district.

Thereafter a letter was read from Bro. M'Gilliewie, resigning his post of Prov. J.G.W.

On the motion of Bro. MURRAY STEWART, seconded by Bro. HAYNES, Bro. ex-Provost Macgregor was unanimously elected and installed as Prov. Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Phillip was also installed as Director of Music.

## HISTORY OF LODGE 891, ENNISKILLEN.

Bro. J. L. Carson has done well by writing a sketch of his lodge, for which Bro. O. Ternan, the esteemed Prov. G. Sec. of Tyrone and Fermanagh, has written an appreciative and interesting introduction.

The lodge began at Belleek in 1801, and is treated by our friend as existing from that year, but according to the official Calendar the date of continuous working begins in 1812, when the number was re-issued to Enniskillen. At least that is how we should treat the matter in England, unless there is evidence to the contrary. The number occurs in that rare List of Lodges published in 1804, at Dublin, as at Belleek. There were then 45 lodges in the Province, though there are but 23 now.

Bro. Carson devotes the second chapter to a glance at the English Craft, as well as to cite all the particulars known as to No. 891 prior to the year 1838, when the preserved records commence. A Royal Arch Chapter was warranted in the same year in connection with the lodge, though undoubtedly that Degree was worked in Enniskillen long before then, probably from 1812. Illustrations of several curious seals add much to the interest of this little book, which were also reproduced in the Transactions of the Lodge No. 2076, London (Volume VI.).

Many Degrees are noted in the Records as being conferred in the lodge, additional to the *first three*, such as "Master's Mark," in 1838, the "Red Cross" (costing half-a-crown), in 1839, and in the following year the "Mark, the Knights of the Red Cross and Knights Templars," are noted, as well as "Passing the Chairs." The marks selected were not geometrical generally, but represented animals, flowers, leaves, &c. The "Degree of Royal Arch, Excellent and Super Excellent Masons," was conferred in 1842, the fee being £2. "Past Masters in the Chair" is a ceremony referred to in the same year; but was officially objected to as being a Degree of "Virtual Past Master," given to candidates for the Royal Arch, but not to qualify as a P.M. of a lodge, from which year (1857) it seems to have been dropped.

I must not stay to refer to several other interesting items, but content myself with stating that Bro. Carson has ably discharged the duties of Historian of his lodge, and it is to be hoped that his example will lead many other brethren in Ireland, with still older Records to describe, "to go and do likewise."

W. J. HUGHAN.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. GOVER AT PLYMOUTH.

In recognition of 41 years' service, Lodge St. John, No. 70, Plymouth, and other brethren, on the 4th inst., presented Bro. Gover with his portrait, handsomely framed, and to Mrs. Gover a beautiful tea and coffee service. The proceedings were initiated by a tea, which was attended by a large number of brethren and lady relatives. Bro. G. R. Stanlake, W.M., presided, other officers present including Bros. J. Goad, I.P.M.; G. Leach, J.W.; W. F. Westcott, Chap.; C. G. Withell, Treas.; J. J. Gover, Secretary; W. H. Treasure, S.D.; F. J. Prout, J.D.; C. R. Moore, D. of C.; J. G. Jackson, A.D.C.; J. Jacobs, Org.; J. E. Manning, I.G.; C. A. Organ, W. H. Crang, and F. Andrews, Stwds.; and W. H.

Phillips, Tyler. There were also present Bros. R. Pike, P.P.G.O.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; W. T. Hocking, P.G.S.B.; J. D. Keverne, P.P.G.D.C.; F. B. Westlake, P.P.G.S.B.; James Griffin, P.P.J.G.D.; E. J. Grubb, 68; S. W. Atherton, P.G.S.; G. C. Bignell, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Dunsterville, I.P.M. 189; F. G. Knight, 156; W. L. Lavers, 1255; R. Causey, P.P. J.G.D.; J. L. Wilson, William Coath, W. Alford, P.G.T.; H. J. Barter, M. C. Lakeman, J. Wallis, H. A. Staton, M. Hunkin, J. E. Bone, A. S. Maitland, J. Newton, E. Goad, H. Bailey, M. Woolf, and A. Conick.

Subsequently an admirable programme of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. W. Willoughby, Mus. Bac. Amongst those who contributed were Mrs. Willoughby, Miss Mary Lavers, Miss E. R. Gover, Mr. Skelton, Master J. Skelton, and Bros. J. W. Wingate, F. Andrews, and Prout.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in making the presentation to Bro. Gover, said letters regretting absence had been received from Bros. Viscount Ebrington and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, who wished them a happy and pleasant evening. They were met, he said, for the purpose of honouring one who deserved every honour they could give him, one who had worked on behalf of Masonry for over 40 years. Bro. Gover was admitted in 1854, and ever since had been a most active member. In addition to his connection with Lodge 70, and his Mastership in 1858-59, he became in 1870 Secretary of the Devon Committee of Petitions, and in 1879 Secretary of the Devon Masonic Benevolent Fund. It was their earnest wish that he would long continue Secretary of those organisations. Bro. Gover was also responsible for the founding of Lodges Prudence, St. John's 1247, and Duncombe, 1486. By his connection with the Charities of the Order, he had been the means of bringing sunshine into many homes. In that work he had been ably assisted by Mrs. Gover, to whom they also offered a small tribute of their respect.

Bro. GOVER, who was loudly cheered, thanked the company for their kindness, and asked the members of the lodge to accept the portrait, that it might be hung in the lodge room. During his 41 years' experience he had tried to do the best he could.

Bro. LORD, in accepting the portrait on behalf of the members, said Bro. Gover's services to Masonry, especially in regard to the Charities, would not be soon forgotten. The portrait would be a lasting tribute of esteem to a prominent brother, who had worked on their behalf for nearly half a century.

Bro. MOORE also spoke on behalf of the junior members of the lodge.

The portrait was an admirable work by Mr. R. H. Yeo, of Union-street, Plymouth, who took the negative specially, and made an effective enlargement.

### WESTMINSTER VESTRY—COURAGEOUS CONDUCT OF THE VESTRY CLERK.

Bro. J. E. Smith, W.M. of the Abbey Lodge, is well known to many of our readers. In his position as Clerk of the Westminster Vestry, he gave the other day evidence that he has the courage of his opinions, as appears from the following, which we take from the *Local Government Journal*:

"At a meeting of the Vestry held on Wednesday, reference was made to a post-card that had been circulated in connection with the selection of a Chairman.

"Mr. J. E. SMITH, the Vestry Clerk, said: That, speaking in the presence of the author and the publisher of the post-card to which reference had been made, he was much obliged for the opportunity of denying, in the most complete and absolute manner possible, any knowledge of the matter to which the card alluded. He had received advice as to the action which might be taken, but for the present he could only say that he was sorry the Vestry should have been troubled with so mean, so cowardly, so vulgar, and so contemptible a production.

"The outspoken statement caused considerable confusion in the Vestry, and cries of expel the member were raised during the hubbub.

"Mr. VERTY, of St. Margaret's, moved that the writer of the post-card should be expelled.

"No action was, however, then taken, and in all probability the Vestry Clerk will commence an action for libel against the anonymous stabber in the dark; anyway the matter cannot lie dormant, either the Vestry must put itself right with its Vestry Clerk, or a higher authority do it for them.

"The following is a copy of the post-card referred to:

"Westminster, June, 1895.

"Sir,—You are requested to vote for the Vestry Clerk's candidate, thereby ensuring 'Dual Control.' This is strictly under the 'Rose.'"

### A MASONIC FUNCTION.

It has been decided to again hold a united Masonic installation in Adelaide on the same lines as those which have taken place during the past two years. Seven lodges in the city and suburbs have expressed their willingness to take part in the function—the lodges of Harmony, United Tradesmen, Faith, Mostyn, Concordia, Emulation (Norwood), and Holdfast (Unley.) The ceremony will be held at the Victoria Hall, Gawler-place.

Whether the customary banquet will follow the ceremony or a social and dance will take its place, will be decided at the next Committee meeting. Bros. T. J. C. Hantke, S.G.D., and A. W. Badger, G. Std. Br., were again appointed Chairman and Hon. Secretary respectively to the Committee.

## Craft Masonry.

### Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035.

The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, to install the W.M. elect, Bro. John Jones. The chair was taken by Bro. Z. Davies, W.M., supported by Bros. John Tunstall, P.P.G.P.; William Peters, P.M.; W. Doakin, P.M.; L. Peake, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Addison, P.M., and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; E. C. Gaskill, J.W. 1756; R. Rawlinson, I.P.M. 1473; Edwin Kite, P.M., D.C. 823; Walter Sutherland, P.M. 1094; Philip Armstrong, P.M. 724; J. Wild, S.W. 1086; Joseph Tyson, P.M. 241; Rev. F. Powell, Chap. 2493; Thomas Lea, S.W. 1473; T. C. Fargher, P.M. 2042; Henry Ashmore, P.M. 823; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; T. Chambers, S.W. 2335; C. T. Reid, S.W. 1756; T. Carr, S.W. 1092; James Wylie, 1094; Joseph Lawson, W.M. 1086; John Miller, I.P.M. 1086; J. M'Laren, J.W. 1086; Dr. Joseph Ricketts, W.M. 1759, and others.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. John F. Newell, J.P., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., after which the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. Zechariah Jones, I.P.M.; James Edwards, S.W.; H. B. Hankin, J.W.; John Tunstall, P.P.G.P., Treas.; T. B. Duncan, Sec.; W. Hudson, S.D.; Thomas Hurst, J.D.; George Roberts, I.G.; S. I. Rawlinson, John M'Hugh, J. M'Lean, and J. Jones, Stwds.; and C. Burchall, P.M., D.C. In addition to the usual Past Master's jewel, a handsome timepiece was presented to the retiring W.M. for Mrs. Davies.

After the ordinary business a very pleasant evening was spent, a number of songs and recitations being given by several of the brethren.

### Ashburton Lodge, No. 2189.

At the last meeting of this lodge, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, Bro. R. E. Tucker was ably installed as W.M. by Bro. S. Willis, 1402. The W.M. invested as his officers Bros. G. C. Foot, I.P.M.; S. W. Yolland, S.W.; W. Lear, J.W.; Rev. C. Forster, Chap.; H. M. Firth, Treas.; G. C. Foot, Sec.; H. V. Foot, S.D.; C. J. Jeffery, J.D.; J. Clymo, D.C.; W. Ford, I.G.; F. Cresswell, Stwd.; and G. Furneaux, Tyler. Bro. G. C. Foot was elected Almoner, and the W.M. to represent the lodge on Committee of Petitions. Those present at the installation included Bros. F. C. Hallett, 303, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Olver, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Pengilly, P.A.G.D.C.; and S. Tozer.

The banquet was held at Bro. Sawdye's Golden Lion Hotel.

### Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., and attracted a good attendance of brethren. The members present included: Bros. G. H. Reynolds, W.M.; J. Skinner, P.M., S.W.; F. Jackson, P.M., J.W.; C. O. Burgess, P.M., S.D.; J. Coltart, P.M., Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; F. Kedge, P.M.; W. Hancock, P.M.; J. J. Woolley, P.M.; H. Schartau, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Vice President Board of General Purposes; O. Lamare, J.W. 1922; W. Pescud, 2400; C. Rawle, W.M. 2369; J. Passmore Edwards, 2369; J. Jacobs, W.M. 2396; W. Foster Gresham, 2096; W. J. Kent, W.M. 1321; E. Lane Campbell, D.C. 1987; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; A. W. Bush, P.M. 165; J. B. Reid, 62; E. Burnett Lane, P.M. 1765; R. P. Shine, S.W. 34; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.D. Berks; E. Hova, 1329; Stanley Machin, J.D. 231; Harry Machin, S.D. 231; F. J. Hunt, 194; C. H. Knight, P.M. 1046; F. Buxton, W.M. 2460; G. R. Morrison, H. J. Chapman, P.M. 1964; W. Bradford, 2168; P. Machin, I.G. 231; W. J. Harvey, 2473; H. S. Parker, 1602; F. G. J. Howe, 1406; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 1897, P.M. 2381; and many others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and letters of regret for non-attendance announced from Bros. Major-Gen. Sim, Sir Jacob Wilson, Gen. Laurie, and others. Bro. J. Skinner, P.M., W.M. elect, having been presented by Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., D.C., was duly installed into the chair by Bro. G. H. Reynolds. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. John Skinner, W.M.; George Herbert Reynolds, I.P.M.; Frederick Jackson, S.W.; Charles O. Burgess, J.W.; Rev. John S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Chap.; John Coltart, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; Charles G. Rotter, S.D.; John W. Elvin, J.D.; Albert H. P. Snow, I.G.; Frederick Kedge, D.C.; Herbert W. Schartau, P.G.O. Middx., Org.; Henry Vilain, George H. Atkinson, and William C. Thompson, Stwds.; and Robert F. Potter, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., who accompanied the gift with a few kindly and appropriate words which were duly acknowledged.

Lodge was closed, and, after a well-served banquet, the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. referred to the presence of Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., who had worked hard for Freemasonry for many years and who thoroughly deserved the collar he wore.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., in response, said he could not speak too highly of the Pro G.M. who had done so much to forward the best interests of the Craft. Knowing the interest the Pro G.M. had taken in the Craft, they were glad to find his health was so much improved that they might expect his active support again. The Dep. G.M. was often in Grand Lodge, and they were all aware of what he had done in the cause of Charity. With reference to the Grand Officers, there was one present who thoroughly appreciated the kind reception given him, seeing he derived so much support from the brethren of that lodge. That was his first opportunity of being at the Anglo-American Lodge, although he had had numerous invitations, but he was more than delighted to see his good friend, Bro. Skinner, in the chair, as they had been boys together. He congratulated the lodge on possessing a Master who had at his fingers' ends the ritual of the Order, and he had to thank Bro. Skinner for the opportunity of being present.

The W.M. then briefly gave "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and Canada," and said the lodge had entertained some 120 Americans, including seven or eight Grand Masters. It was impossible for him to tell them the magnificent reception he received in America in company with their Secretary. A similar toast was proposed in America on their behalf.

Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec., in reply, expressed his regret that General Smith was not with them, as he would not arrive in this country until Friday. As a member of the Veteran Lodge of Illinois he (Bro. Reynolds) begged to give the hearty congratulations of that lodge. They had received a very interesting communication, which had been framed and hung in their lodge room, from General Shryock, the Grand Master of Maryland, extending a cordial invite to the brethren to visit America and visit the new Masonic Temple. With a letter of introduction from the Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge, any brother would be heartily received. In conclusion, he hoped that during the ensuing year they would have the pleasure of seeing many American visitors.

Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that fortunately for him the toast was an extremely easy one to propose, as Bro. Skinner was well known as an earnest worker in the lodge, in the various Charities, and in other lodges. After considerable difficulty he (the I.P.M.) had found out the various positions the W.M. had held in Freemasonry. Bro. Skinner was a P.M. of one of the oldest lodges in London—La Tolerance; P.Z. of two chapters—the Vane and Covent Garden; P.M. of the Old Kent Mark Lodge; J.D. of the Prince of Wales Ark Mariners; and other posts in the Rose Croix and Secret Monitor. The W.M. was a Vice-Patron of the Masonic Institutions, and had represented the Anglo-American Lodge in America. They could therefore congratulate themselves on having elected him to the chair.

Bro. J. Skinner, P.M., W.M., briefly thanked the I.P.M. for his far too flattering remarks. Having by their kindness been elected to the position of W.M., he would do his best to retain the confidence reposed in him.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and referred to the services rendered to the lodge by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M., to whom they were grateful. Every W.M. of the lodge had installed his successor, and the I.P.M. was no exception to the rule.

Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M., returned thanks, and referred to the excellent assistance he had received from Bro. Kedge, P.M., in the installation ceremony.

Bros. Woolley, P.M., and Kedge, P.M. also responded.

"The Visitors" were replied to by Bro. C. Rawle, W.M. 2369, who alluded to the fact, that by a mistake, he was not a founder of that lodge. They were pleased to attend the lodge and witness the friendly feelings existing between brethren from across the water, and hoped the lodge would continue to prosper, and the W.M. have a successful year of office.

Bro. J. Passmore Edwards also replied, and referred to the fact that the visitors dominated the assembly. In the letter asking him to attend, the brother said this lodge represented the two great actors in modern civilisation, the two great nations of the world. This lodge represented universal civilisation. If there was one thing thoroughly cosmopolitan in this world it was Freemasonry. It was the only universal brotherhood extant, and he should like to have had time to speak of its future possibilities.

Bros. W. A. Scurrah, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, Gresham, Hunt, Lane, Fendick, and Buxton, also replied.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. H. W. Schartau, Org., conducted the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Bro. W. Bradford, Master J. C. Woolley (son of Bro. Woolley, P.M.), who gained encores for a meritorious rendering of a couple of songs, Miss Pattie Hughes, and Miss Jeannie Rankin.

**Doric Lodge, No. 2359.**

The installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Constitutional Club, Didsbury, when there was a large attendance of brethren present. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Boothroyd was elected Charity Representative. At this stage the W.M. requested Bro. G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., P.G. Org. W. Lancs., to take the chair to install Bro. J. M. Veal, S.W., W.M. elect. The ceremony was duly performed, and Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., proclaimed the new W.M., and presented the working tools. Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, I.P.M., addressed the W.M. and Wardens, and Bro. F. Stretch, P.M., the brethren. The following were invested as officers, and addressed by the W.M.: Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, I.P.M.; John Walker, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. Ward, Sec.; Fred Morgan, S.D.; J. Laurisch, J.D.; G. S. Smith, D.C.; F. J. Brundrett, Org.; J. J. Wilkinson, I.G.; and J. Lawrenson, R. J. H. Sayers, W. H. Moss, and H. Shuter, Stewards. A beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Boothroyd. Ten guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Boys, and to be placed on the list of Bro. G. A. Myers, who is acting as a Steward on that occasion. All business being attended to, the lodge was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Didsbury Hotel, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

A most enjoyable evening was spent owing to songs and recitations by Bro. C. Shaw, W. W. Wilkinson, Fred Morgan, R. J. H. Sayers, G. S. Smith, and J. Hardwicke Marsh, P.M.

The following brethren were present: Bros. A. K. Boothroyd, I.P.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M.; J. M. Veal, S.W.; J. Walker, J.W.; F. Thomas, Sec.; Joseph Ward, G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O., P.G.O. West Lancs.; W. W. Wilkinson, F. Laurisch, R. J. H. Sayers, F. Stretch, P.M.; F. B. Ratchford, F. J. Passmore, H. Shuter, C. Parr, G. H. Jackson, J. Lawrenson, W. H. Moss, and W. Barker. Visitors: Bros. G. D. Pochin, P.P.G.R.; C. Shaw, I. Woodward, P.M.; T. Goodwin, W. C. Royle, P.M.; J. H. Marsh, P.M.; J. Hurst, P.M.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.G.D.C.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. H. Rowse; T. Cavanagh, P.M.; and Chas. Swinn, P.M.

**Barnet Lodge, No. 2509.**

The first year's existence of this lodge was brought to a happy termination at the installation meeting held at the Assembly Rooms, New Barnet, on the 13th inst., when the first W.M., Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, handed over the reins of office to his successor. The members present included Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W., W.M.; R. Cranston, S.W.; J. A. Witthaus, J.W.; H. T. Matthews, Treas.; F. S. Plowright, Sec.; J. Falconer, S.D.; F. P. Witthaus, J.D.; W. Sergeant Lee, D.C.; W. Baddeley, I.G.; H. Imray and W. Fitch, Stwds.; G. S. Passmore, F. Allen, J. P. Chapman, H. de C. Matthews, J. M. L. Rainsford, W. Roughton, and F. R. L. Newbery. Visitors: Bros. G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C.; F. B. Wood, 2128; J. Cooper, W.M. 3; H. J. Grimwade, 1385; C. J. Nanson, P.G.S. Cumberland and Westmorland; F. G. Mason, 1385; W. Lewis, P.M. 1385; J. Lowthire, P.M. 1385; H. J. Klube, 1910; R. Davidson, 289; R. T. Curtis, 479; F. C. Collingwood, P.M. 1385; J. Chandler, S.D. 5; J. H. Hubbard, 3; E. Loder, J.D. 179; A. Dawson Clarke, P.M., Chap. 1718; C. Ellis, 1385; W. F. Webdale, W.M. 1470; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897.

After the opening of the lodge, and the preliminary business, a candidate was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., who kindly officiated for the W.M., who was detained at an important Committee meeting in connection with the Boys' School. Bro. R. Cranston, the W.M. elect, was then presented and duly installed by Bro. McLeod, and the following officers were invested: Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, I.P.M.; J. A. Witthaus, S.W.; John Falconer, J.W.; Rev. G. E. Gardner, Chap.; H. T. Matthews, Treas.; F. S. Plowright, Sec.; F. E. Witthaus, S.D.; William Baddeley, J.D.; Harold Imray, I.G.; W. Sergeant Lee, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Fitch, and Frank Attree, Stwds.; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Bro. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., for his kindly services, and was duly acknowledged. A jewel was presented to Bro. H. de C. Matthews (son of the Treasurer) as a memento of the interesting fact that he was the first Lewis initiated in the lodge. Bro. J. M. McLeod, I.P.M., then thanked the brethren for the support given him during the past year. There were difficulties in starting the lodge, but those who had done so had been loyal and true to the great principles of Masonry. There was one matter that ought not to pass without notice, and that was the generosity displayed by several brethren who had enabled them to show a successful balance sheet. He thought this should be placed on record, and he accordingly moved a sincere vote of thanks. Bro. Sergeant Lee, P.M., D.C., seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Lodge was closed, and after a very enjoyable banquet, due consideration was given to the usual list of toasts.

The speeches were pleasantly interspersed with several charming musical selections by Bros. Leopold, Grimwade, J. Probert, and Loder.

The W.M. having first given "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," proposed "The Grand Officers," and said that in honouring that toast they were only paying the respect due to those who had devoted themselves to the furtherance of the objects of Freemasonry, and had received the distinguishing mark of approval from Grand Lodge. On the present occasion they welcomed Bro. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., whose appointment was hailed with acclamation. Bro. Fairchild had previously assisted their lodge, and had obliged them again that day in a similar manner, and he (the W.M.) was pleased to have the opportunity of associating his name with the toast.

Bro. G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., in reply, said that during the 20 years he had sat in various lodges he had been impressed with the responsibility of any brother who responded for that toast, and on the present occasion he quite realised his anxiety. For the first time since his appointment to Grand Office he had the honour of replying to the toast in that lodge, although he was in hopes that some far more distinguished brother would have been present. They all regretted the absence of Bro. Everett, P.G. Treas., and of the Grand Secretary—one of the most accomplished and most genial brethren the Craft possessed. It was an exceeding pleasure to him to be present again and render some little service as he had previously done, and he felt it an honour to do anything for the lodge of which the Secretary of the Boys' School was now the I.P.M. He (Bro. Fairchild) was but one of the newest on the rung of that ladder, which was so difficult to climb. Those who had received appointments had but one idea, and that was to maintain the high prestige of Grand Lodge, and do everything they possibly could for the advancement of the Order. Without egotism he could say he had done what he could in the internal workings of the Order. He hoped to be able to visit the lodge again, and if they desired anything of him in any capacity his services were at their disposal.

In giving "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. J. M. McLeod, I.P.M., said he would not detain them at length, but he could not allow the opportunity to pass without telling the visitors that in the W.M. they had the true grit in the right chair. When those interested in the formation of the lodge took him (Bro. McLeod) into their confidence, and in their generosity asked him to occupy the first chair, one of the great things that induced him to accept the position was that he had so worthy a brother as Bro. Cranston to occupy the chair of S.W., and follow him into the chair of W.M. They were delighted that Bro. Cranston had reached that proud position, and prouder still that he had reached it in that lodge. The W.M. was an old Mason, but had never arrived at the chair of K.S. before. He had, however, been an ardent Mason, and had worked hard in other lodges—especially in the Gladsmuir, where he held a somewhat subordinate office. They all agreed he was the right man in the right place, and a more genial brother, a more upright man, or a more ardent Mason they could not find. The lodge, during the past year had made some headway, and under his auspices that success would continue.

Bro. R. Cranston, W.M., said he could not give expression to what he felt when a few hours previously he was installed in the chair of that lodge and received the hearty greetings and warm congratulations of the brethren. He thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks which had been heartily endorsed by the brethren and could not possibly express his gratitude for the confidence shown by placing him in such a proud position. That was one of the proudest moments of his life, for he felt it was an honour far greater than he deserved. He owed it entirely to the good-will of the brethren and he felt he had a very serious duty imposed upon him. He should endeavour so to rule the lodge and conduct its affairs as in some respect to merit the confidence shown him. He had always been treated so kindly by the brethren, and he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the warm manner in which they had received the toast.

The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The I.P.M.," and said the reception of the toast of Bro. McLeod's health on this occasion would, if possible, be more hearty than usual. The I.P.M. had shown them he was a Past Master in the Masonic ceremonies; and although he had been restricted to the installation ceremony that day he had performed it in a manner very creditable to himself. The members had always felt proud of their first W.M., and they felt more proud of him as time went on. Bro. McLeod doubtless felt a sense of relief in relinquishing the duties of the chair, and the feeling was natural to one with onerous work and heavy responsibilities connected with his position. Amongst the members there was but one feeling—regret that his year had come to an end. Although he undertook the first Mastership he did not shrink from it, and that would redound to his credit, and be remembered to his honour in the lodge for many years to come. In asking their I.P.M. to accept a Past Master's jewel, they hoped he would regard it as a token of their appreciation, and of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren generally. The founders knew well how much the success of the lodge was due to Bro. McLeod, and they had frequently felt the influence of his guiding hand. They owed it almost entirely to his care and attention that a very honourable commencement had been made with respect to the Masonic Charities. He (the W.M.) would include in the toast that of "Success to the Masonic Charities," thank those of the brethren who had so liberally supported his list, and hint to those who had not done so that there was still an opportunity for them to do so.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, I.P.M., said that, although he could not claim to be unaccustomed to public speaking, he did not think he had ever felt greater difficulty in responding as he had on that occasion. He had to thank the W.M. for the kind way in which—on behalf of the lodge—he alluded to the small services he had rendered to that lodge in its first year. They all knew he hesitated to take the position, and that hesitation was removed when he found what capital fellows he had with him. He was happy in believing he left the chair with the full knowledge that every member of the lodge was his friend, that he had made new friends, and that he had introduced some good men who would do justice to the Craft and their lodge. He thanked the officers for their able assistance rendered him, for no W.M. could have had had better assistance, as all had been actuated by the same principles. He thanked them for the handsome jewel, and for the sentiments expressed for what little he had done. Having left the chair in good hands he was not going to run away, but whenever the meetings occurred he hoped business would allow him to attend. His duty was next to respond for the Masonic Charities. With reference to the Boys' Institution, he hoped it would be his pleasure to announce a result of the next Festival that would give credit to the Craft in general and that lodge in particular. It would ill become him if he did not recognise the fact that new lodges recognised the great principle of Charity. The Barnet Lodge, with but 20 members in its first year, had contributed to the three Institutions over 200 guineas, and what brighter example could they have of a body of brethren banded together in a lodge for the support of the Masonic Charities and the relief of the distressed in the Order. So long as those principles were carried out in such a splendid manner as they had been in the Barnet Lodge in its first year, so long would the Masonic Charities never be forgotten.

On behalf of "The Visitors," Bros. R. T. Curtis, P.M.; J. Cooper, W.M. 3; Lewis, and others returned hearty thanks, and other toasts followed before a pleasant gathering was terminated in the usual manner by the Tyler's toast.

**Royal Arch.**

**Belgrave Chapter, No. 749.**

A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. Fry, M.E.Z.; Straton, H.; Walker, J.; W. A. Scurrah, S.E.; H. W. Noakes, S.N.; J. Stephens, P.Z.; J. J. Thomas, P.Z.; E. Storr, P.Z.; and several others. Visitors: Comps. McDowall, P.Z., Tuck, P.G. Std. Br. Essex; Edmonds, and Ronaldson.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Comp. W. A. Scurrah, P.Z., installed Comp. Straton as M.E.Z., and Comp. Walker as H. Comp. Walker then installed his successor, Comp. Noakes, as J. in a most exemplary, earnest, and impressive manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Scurrah, P.Z., proposed a hearty vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to Comp. Walker for the admirable way he had installed his successor, particularly as this was his first attempt. This was promptly seconded, and the companions and visitors complimented Comp. Walker on his great success.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a very choice banquet, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Arthur Clemow, and gave great satisfaction.

The Janitor's toast concluded a very happy meeting.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.**

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Thomas, W.M.; Olive, S.W.; Nicholls, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Lightfoot, S.D.; Winsborrow, J.D.; Marriott Matthews, I.G.; Saunders, P.M.; Beauchamp, Ham, and Austin.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ham being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Beauchamp, who had previously answered the questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Olive was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.**

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, N. Present: Bros. Lewis, W.M.; Baker, S.W.; Weston, J.W.; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Rudrum, S.D.; Robertson, J.D.; S. Drewell, I.G.; G. Wood, P.M.; G. Dingley, Dyke, Johnson, Roberts, and West.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Weston worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. Bro. Johnson, 1681, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Baker was elected W.M. for the next meeting and the lodge was then closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 890.**

A meeting was held on the 7th instant, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishops-road, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; J. Bailey, P.Z. 1602, H.; J. Pickett, M.D., S.N. 2410, J.; J. C. Tilt, H. 862, Treas. P.S.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. C. Conway, M.E.Z. 1891, S.N.; W. Hillier, 834, 1st A.S.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., G. Treas. Eng.; A. J. Grimwade, P.Z. 376 and 1224, P.P.G.H. Suffolk; J. M. Franks, P.Z. 739, P.P.A.G.S. Suffolk; and F. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507. Comp. C. M. Challender, P.Z. 1004, was a visitor.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Grimwade being the candidate. Comp. Challender was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Comp. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., was announced, a deputation was formed, and on entering the chapter he was saluted in accordance with his distinguished rank. In a few words he thanked the companions for the honour and also for their assistance at his election. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the companions not being Principals retired. A Board of Installed Principals was formed and the ceremony of installation of 1st Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Edmonds, and those of 2nd and 3rd Principals by Comp. Dehane. After the companions from Suffolk and the Isle Man had expressed their appreciation and thanks for the admirable manner the work of the chapter had been carried out, the chapter was closed.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE LONDON WYNNDOTTE FANCIERS' CLUB (for the Metropolis and the home counties) has unanimously elected Bro. Henry Lovegrove as President.

A GRAND FETE will be held in the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., and following days, in behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

THE MEMBERS of the British Colony in Corunna have contributed to the fund which is being raised for the relief of the families of those who perished in the ill-fated Spanish cruiser *Reini Regente*.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FISHMONGERS have contributed £1500 to the decoration of St. Paul's Cathedral, the cost of the mosaic in the chancel dome representing the creation of fishes.

THE PRINCE OF NAPLES, attended by the members of his military household, left Florence for London on Monday, and has since arrived, in order to attend the marriage of the Duke d'Aosta with the Princess H el ne d'Orl ans.

THE SUBSCRIPTION BALL, which is about to be given by the Society of the Middle Temple, in their ancient hall has been fixed for Tuesday, the 9th July. The band of the Royal Artillery will, by permission, be present and perform in the Minstrels' Gallery.

THE GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY have sent a donation of £100 towards the Children's Country Holiday Fund, while the trustees of Smiths' (Kensington Estate) Charity have granted a donation of £500 towards the special fund for opening the closed wards of St. Thomas's Hospital.

LORD COLIN CAMPBELL died in Bombay, where for many years he had practised as a barrister with considerable success, on Tuesday, at the early age of 42 years. His lordship was the fifth son of the Duke of Argyll, who, on receipt of the sad intelligence, was greatly distressed.

THE DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA, the Grand Duke of Hesse, and the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne witnessed the first performance of the Ducal Court Company of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha in "Der Vogelhandler," at Drury Lane Theatre, on Monday evening.

THE LORD MAYOR (Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals), and Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., were amongst the principal guests at the annual banquet of the Commissioners of Sewers, which was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr. T. H. Gordon.

THE CHALLENGE from Oxford and Cambridge to Yale and Harvard Universities in the United States for an athletic contest to take place in America some time during the month of September, has been received, and from what the President of the Yale Athletic Association is reported to have said, there appear to be fair grounds for believing that the challenge will be accepted.

THE FESTIVAL DINNER in support of the Eye Hospital was held in the Whitehall Rooms at the H tel M tropole, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. R. K. Causton, M.P., Junior Lord of the Treasury, there being a fair attendance of guests. The subscriptions that were announced in the course of the after-dinner proceedings amounted to close on £900.

THE COUNTESS OF RADNOR'S Ladies String Band and Chorus will give a concert on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the People's Palace, Mile End-road, E., in aid of the funds of the Bethnal Green Free Library. The soloists include the Countess Valda Gleichen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott Gaty, and Mr. H. B. Irving. Tickets may be obtained from the Librarian, Bethnal Green Free Library.

THE GOVERNOR AND VICE-PRESIDENTS of the Foundling Hospital having placed the picturesque grounds of that institution at the disposal of a committee of ladies, who have organised a bazaar in aid of the various charities connected with St. Jude's, Gray's Inn-road, which is one of the poorest parishes in London, the bazaar was opened by Miss Goldsmid, in the absence, through illness, of Sir Julien Goldsmid, on Tuesday, and was continued on the following day.

THE FESTIVAL DINNER on behalf of the Cabdriver's Benevolent Association was held at the H tel M tropole, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Henry Irving. Among the principal guests were Cardinal Vaughan, Lord Knutsford, Lord Royston, General the Hon. C. Thenger, Bros. J. W. Maclure, M.P., John Aird, M.P., S. B. Bancroft, and others. Subscriptions to the amount of £1114 were announced in the course of the evening.

THE MARRIAGE of the Duke d'Aosta with the Princess H el ne de Orleans will be solemnised on Tuesday next, the 25th inst. The wedding presents of the bride, which have been open for the inspection of the public at Stowe House, Buckingham, include a caduceus in diamonds, rubies, and pearls, presented by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, and a gold chain bracelet with sapphire pendant and sapphire medallion from the Queen of Italy.

ON FRIDAY, the 7th inst., Bro. Dr. Sharp, of Huntspill, the S.W. of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, held at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. E. A. Burnett, and the installation will take place next month. Bro. J. Burnett, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Ashwell, Tyler. The lodge was visited by the W.M. (Bro. Watts), and several brethren from the St. Kew Lodge at Weston-super-Mare, who were accorded a most fraternal welcome.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE.—The *Lancet* announces that the Prince of Wales, whose interest in medical politics has before now been prominently manifested, has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new school buildings at the Royal Medical Benevolent College, Epsom. The day fixed for the ceremony is Tuesday, the 9th of July, and full details will shortly be issued. About 40 years ago his Royal Highness was present upon the occasion when the Prince Consort opened the buildings of the original Royal Benevolent College.

WE MUST REMIND our brethren of the Mark Degree that the Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 10th prox. The chair will be taken by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Past S.G.W. We are afraid that Bro. C. F. Matier, in spite of the zeal and energy he invariably exhibits in behalf of this Charity, has not succeeded in organising as strong a Board of Stewards as usual, but there is still some time at his disposal in which to obtain additional recruits, and as the cause for which the Chairman, the Stewards, and the Secretary are striving is essentially a good one, we trust that when the eventful day arrives, a goodly amount of donations and subscriptions will be obtained, whether the aforesaid Board of Stewards shall turn out to be of average or less than the average strength.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW AT DARLINGTON.—Extensive and complete arrangements have been made by the Great Northern Railway in connection with the forthcoming show at Darlington, as regard the conveyance of stock, exhibits, &c., to and from the show. Special express trains will leave London, King's Cross, at 5.15, 10.0, 10.35, and 11.45 a.m., 2.20 (corridor dining car train), 3.20, 5.45, 8.30, and 10.40 p.m., connections being given from the principal Great Northern Stations. A cheap 11 days' excursion will leave King's Cross (G.N.) at 8.15 p.m. on Friday, June 21st, for Darlington, and tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by this excursion available for return on any day within 16 days. Day excursions to Darlington will also be run from Peterboro', Boston, Lincoln, Gainsboro', Grantham, Newark, Retford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Keighley, Bradford, Halifax, Wakefield, Doncaster, &c., on Thursday, June 27th. The company will have a special office in the show grounds where exhibitors, visitors, or traders can obtain any information respecting their train arrangements, conveyance of parcels, horses, stock, &c. Full information can be obtained from Mr. R. P. Cockshott, superintendent of the line, or of Mr. R. E. Twelve-trees, Chief Goods Manager, Kings Cross Station, London.

THE GREAT SUCCESS that has rewarded the philanthropic efforts to provide the public with good music in our parks, is shown by the large appreciative crowds who linger, with evident delight, near the various bandstands. The creation of the healthy taste for harmony will, in time, yield good fruit in giving the people a liking for higher state of civilisation and a yearning for that which is good, noble, and true. Holloway's remedies work a similar miracle with the organisation of the body. The Pills, by their purifying influence, cleanse the blood, and the Ointment gives strength and energy to the system. Disease is driven out of its stronghold, and health once again resumes its sway.

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THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR will preside at the annual "Fourth of July" banquet of the American Society in London, to be held at the Holborn Restaurant.

THE COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET which, the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, has arranged to give to Bro. George Rawlinson, I.P.M., and Mrs. Rawlinson, will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd July, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

ON THURSDAY LAST was produced at the Vaudeville Theatre, under Mr. Frederick Kerr's management, a new and original farcical play describing "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," by Robert Buchanan and Charles Marlowe. The business management will be in the hands of Mr. A. F. Henderson.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS held their annual conversazione at the South Kensington Museum, on Wednesday, there being present between 2000 and 3000 guests. The company were received in the Central Corridor by Sir John Donnelly, the chairman; Bro. Sir H. Trueman Wood, the Secretary, and several of the members of the Council.

THURSDAY, THE 20TH INST., was the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, which auspicious event took place on the 20th June, 1837. Thus her Majesty's reign has extended over 58 years, and has been exceeded in the annals of the Royal House of England by that of only one sovereign—the Queen's grandfather, George III., who ascended the throne in 1760, and died in 1820.

THE FINAL TIES for the Open Championship Polo Cup were contested at Hurlingham on Saturday last between the Freebooters and the 9th Lancers, the former ultimately winning by four goals to two. Captain Daly, of the Freebooters, had an awkward fall towards the close of the game, but fortunately escaped with nothing more serious than a good shaking.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY gave a dinner party at their residence in Arlington-street on Wednesday, the Austro-Hungarian and French Ambassadors, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, and Bro. W. H. and Lady Dorien Long being among the guests; Lady Salisbury afterwards held a reception, which was very numerously attended.

COUNTESS PERCY gave the first of a series of garden parties at Syon House, Isleworth, on Saturday last, among the guests being the Duchess of Cleveland, the Duchess of Devonshire, and Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Herschell), and Lady Herschell, Bro. the Earl and Countess Amherst, Bro. the Earl of Jersey, and Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

THE PROV. GRAND LODGE of the Royal Order of Scotland for London and the Metropolitan Counties will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Friday, the 5th July, at 5 p.m., when approved candidates will be advanced and approved, and Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested. The customary banquet will be held at the Grafton Rooms, 7, Beak-street, at 7.30 p.m.

AMONG THE more recent contributors to the *Daily Telegraph* National Shilling Testimonial to Dr. W. G. Grace are Bros. the Duke of Fife and Duke of Devonshire, the Duchess of Devonshire, Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Lord Ashbourne, Lord Burton, and W. G. Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., Earl Stanhope, Lord Alington, Sir William Harcourt, Sir John E. Millais, Sir Robert Peel, and Dean Farrar.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and other members of the Royal Family will be the guests of the Earl of Dundonald and the officers of the 2nd Life Guards at the luncheon which will be given at the Country Camp, in Windsor Park, to-morrow (Saturday), at the close of the festivities of the Ascot week. Their Royal Highnesses will subsequently witness a musical ride by the troopers of the regiment in Queen Anne's Avenue.

THE DUKE OF YORK travelled from London to Sheerness on Monday evening last to join the Royal yacht Osborne, and early on Monday morning left for Hamburg and Kiel to attend the festivities connected with the opening of the Baltic Canal. His Royal Highness, who will represent her Majesty on the occasion, was attended by the Admiral of the Fleet, Bro. Sir E. Commerell, V.C., and Captain the Hon. Maurice Brookes.

AMONG THOSE who were invited to meet the Duke of Cambridge at the dinner party given by the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, at Londonderry House, Park-lane, on Saturday evening last, in honour of his Royal Highness, were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Lord and Lady Lurgan, Lord and Lady Hindlip, Lord and Lady Ribblesdale, Sir Charles Hall, Sir Henry James, and Bro. Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller.

THE SYMPATHY to which the Queen has given expression as to her regret at the total destruction by fire of the Highland residence of the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, and Bro. the Duke of Fife, will be shared by people of all classes. The origin of the fire has not yet been ascertained, and will probably remain a mystery, but there is at least the consolation of knowing that, save as regards a picture by Landseer and some other articles, which money cannot replace, the loss is covered by insurance.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at the Palace, Maidstone, on Wednesday, July 3rd. Among the business will be a presentation to Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M.. There will be a service at All Saints Church. The banquet will be held at the Corn Exchange. The Railway Companies will grant return tickets at single fares from stations upwards of 10 miles from Maidstone. The P.G.M. will propose that five guineas be given to the Dean Smith Memorial Fund, and the question of vagrant Masons will be considered.

SOME LONG PRICES were given for several of the pictures which had belonged to the late Mr. James Price, of Batcombe, Paignton, and which were disposed of by public auction at Messrs. Christie's rooms on Saturday last. Gainsborough's "Lady Musgrave," which was sold in the same room 15 years ago for 1000 guineas, was knocked down at £10,000; "Helvoetsluys," by Turner, for £6,400; and "The Val d'Aosta," "Going to the Ball," "Returning from the Ball," and "Mortlake"—all by the same artist—for 4000 guineas, 2800 guineas, 2800 guineas, and 5200 guineas respectively.

THE EQUESTRIAN STATUE which has been erected in Knightsbridge at the junction of the Brompton and Hammersmith Roads, to the memory of the late Field Marshal Lord Strathnairn (Sir Hugh Rose), was unveiled on Wednesday. Owing to the recent death of the Countess Fitzwilliam, who was a niece of the late Field Marshal, many of his near relatives, to their great regret, were unable to attend, but the muster of his comrades was very numerous, and included Bro. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart, &c. The ceremony of unveiling was performed by the Duke of Grafton.

THE METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, whose wants can be seen in our advertisement columns, held its festival on Thursday last, at the H tel M tropole. The Whitehall Rooms were well filled and excellent music was supplied by the Meistersingers Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Norfolk Megone. The chair was taken by Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, who proposed the first three toasts, the third being responded to by the Right Hon. Lord Battersea. The other toasts were proposed and responded to by the High Sheriff of the County of London, Joseph Fry, Esq., the veteran Chairman, Bro. C. J. Thomas, C.C., Dr. D. H. Goodsall, Dr. H. H. Tooth, L. Davidson, Esq., Bro. Henry Lovegrove, and the Chief Rabbi.

H.R.H. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF inspected the London Rifle Brigade on the Horse Guards' Parade, on Saturday last. The regiment mustered in full strength under the command of Colonel Cholmondeley, and among those present was Bro. Colonel Lord G. Pelham Clinton, who commanded it for 10 years. After the inspection, the Duke expressed his satisfaction with the manner in which the regiment had gone through the movements. The London Scottish, about 800 strong, were inspected by Lord Methuen on the same Parade, while, on Monday morning, Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart, Bart., inspected the Corps of Commissionaires to the number of 2151 in the grounds of Chelsea Hospital, among the spectators being the Dowager Lady Napier of Magdala, General Goldsworthy, M.P., and others. Prior to the inspection, Sir E. Webster was presented with his portrait, which had been subscribed for by the non-commissioned officers, as a token of the respect and esteem they entertained for their founder and well-tried friend.