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THE EASTERN DIVISION OF SOUTH WALES.

It is not often that it falls to the lot of a Provincial Grand Master to be called upon to perform three important Masonic functions within a year of his installation. The work of Freemasonry proceeds in ordinary circumstances so quietly, with such method and regularity, that the one great gathering in the course of the year in which the Grand Master of the majority of our Provinces takes part is the meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK, however, who was in the autumn of last year appointed successor to the late Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., has been exceptionally fortunate, and when, in obedience to his direction, the brethren of his Province met in annual communication at Cardiff on Thursday, the 26th ult., there was not only the usual business of Provincial Grand Lodge to be transacted, but a new Masonic Hall to be opened, and a new lodge to be consecrated. This augurs well for South Wales East under the guidance of its new chief, and we trust the auguries may prove true, and that the Province has a long spell of good fortune awaiting it in the future. Not that it has not had a successful career under Lord LLANGATTOCK's predecessors in office. When the late Bro. Sir GEO. ELLIOT was appointed Provincial Grand Master, in 1876, there were 11 lodges on the roll, and during his administration warrants for eight additional ones were granted, but of these the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2453, was not consecrated till towards the close of last month. In the year that has elapsed since the present Provincial Grand Master was installed, two further warrants have been granted, namely, for the Llangattock Lodge, No. 2547, and the Llewelyn Lodge, No. 2570, both located at Cardiff. There are now, therefore, 21 lodges in the Eastern Division of South Wales, and of these as many as six belong to Cardiff and three to Swansea. There is, too, as was stated in our report of last week, a rumour abroad that ere long another lodge will be inaugurated for the benefit of professional men, so that the prospects of the Craft in this part of Wales are most encouraging. But to return to the meeting on the 26th ultimo—as might have been expected, the brethren assembled in unusually large numbers from all parts of the Province on this occasion and the new hall was opened and the new lodge consecrated amid demonstrations of satisfaction which show that Freemasonry has established a firm hold on the affections of our South Wales brethren. The opening of the hall in particular marks a new era in the progress of the Craft in this part of the principality and may be taken to indicate an earnest desire on the part of the brethren that the surroundings of Freemasonry shall be in all respects worthy of its ancient reputation. As regards the special functions which had brought together so large a concourse of members, it is almost needless to say that they were carried out successfully, while as for the business that was set down for transaction in Provincial Grand Lodge, it must have been gratifying in the extreme, both to Lord LLANGATTOCK and the brethren. The statement of account presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer showed a balance to the good of between £160 and £170, and of this 50 guineas was voted as a donation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and one of equal amount to the local Educational and Widows' Fund, which now has a credit balance of £1464. The number of subscribing members was not given, but it was stated that during the year ended the 3rd December, 1894, 106 candidates for initiation and 28 joining members had been placed on the roll of the Province. In fine, the records for the past year prove to have been

exceptionally favourable and at the banquet with which the varied proceedings of the day were brought to a conclusion, the Prov. Grand Master, his officers, and the representatives of lodges had little else to do than congratulate each other on the admirable manner in which the Province had thriven during the opening year of Lord LLANGATTOCK'S administration. We hope the records of future years under his lordship's auspices will be at least as favourable.

THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM.

The transactions of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham are invariably pleasant reading, and convey to those who are privileged to peruse them a very favourable impression of the zeal and energy of Durham brethren, and their devotion to the interests and well-being of the Craft. There is a good deal of quiet enthusiasm about our Northern brethren. They set about their appointed duties very calmly, but, at the same time, with a determination to carry them out thoroughly. There is no hurry, no fuss, no ostentation over what they do. But Freemasonry has contrived to establish an exceedingly firm hold on their love and respect, and thus it has come to pass that when the brethren in other parts of the country are favoured with an insight into their proceedings, the results of their labours during any specified time are always found to be satisfactory. Last week we published an account of their annual meeting at Jarrow, on the 24th ult., and, though we were able to furnish a mere outline of what was done, or reported to have been done, during the past 12 months, enough was said to show that in 1894-5, as in previous years, the condition of the Craft is prosperous, and its prospects encouraging. Grants were voted of 60 guineas to each of the Masonic Schools and one of 70 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, while the fees of honour received from the brethren appointed to provincial office were set aside for the local Masonic Charity. The Charities Committee were likewise able to report that the donations and subscriptions that had been contributed during the past year were in excess of those raised during any year since the Durham Masonic Educational Fund was founded. The Provincial Grand Master—Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart.—was able to add his testimony as to the progress that had been made since their last annual meeting and, as he was also in a position to announce that Bro. Lord BARNARD, the Prov. S.G. Warden of the past year and J.G. Warden of England, had sufficiently recovered from his recent severe illness to be able to leave Raby, there was nothing of very serious moment to mar the general effect of all these welcome announcements, at least nothing more serious than those losses which are inevitable in every community, and of which very kindly and sympathetic mention was made by Bro. Sir H. WILLIAMSON. Subsequently the Provincial Grand Master appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and the proceedings in lodge having been concluded, he occupied the chair at the accustomed banquet, the only drawback from the general enjoyment being the unavoidable absence of the respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain. We congratulate both the Provincial Grand Master and the lodges and brethren over which he has presided for the last 10 years on the condition of Craft Masonry in the county of Durham. And, as with Craft, so with Royal Arch Masonry, the condition and prospects appear to be equally

satisfactory. There was a full muster of companions at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter in Sunderland, and the Grand Superintendent—Comp. Sir H. WILLIAMSON—who has presided over this branch of Masonry only a few months less than over the Craft, had the pleasure of hearing reports from the chapters, which were of the most assuring character, while the Provincial Grand Treasurer's statement of account was such, that Provincial Grand Chapter was able to vote sundry donations towards the funds of the Masonic Charities

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The great Templar function, which takes place once in every three years in some one of the chief cities in the United States, was held in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 27th August and three following days, and from the accounts we have read of the proceedings as recorded in our American Masonic contemporaries, the gathering from first to last appears to have been one magnificent success. From 20,000 to 25,000 Knights Templar assembled from all the various Templar jurisdictions throughout the country, while the friends and relations of both sexes who accompanied them on their pilgrimage must have enormously augmented, if indeed it did not double, the muster of the sir knights. Then there were the visitors, who made their way into the city merely for the pleasure of witnessing so imposing a spectacle, so that Boston must have profited by such an influx of visitors, and rejoiced accordingly, and we hardly need to be told that the welcome accorded to the members of the Order and their friends was "of the most hearty and hospitable character," or that the citizens "manifested a cordial sympathy on the occasion, and well supported the official greeting expressed by Governor GREENHALGE and Mayor CURTIS." Moreover, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island made "ample and elaborate preparations for the visit," "not doubting that they would be seconded, as they were, in all their endeavours by the Templars of the jurisdiction and the people at large." Their Triennial Committee, under the direction of Sir Knight SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Grand Commander, worked wonders in preparing the necessary arrangements for the reception of the guests. As regards the chief event of the meeting—the Grand Parade on Tuesday, no one will be surprised to learn that it was an inspiring procession, a grand and beautiful spectacle. Twenty thousand Knights and more, with waving plumes and banners, marched to the strains of inspiring music, over the designated route. The streets, too, along which the procession marched, were "decorated with flags and Templar symbols, many of the public buildings and business blocks, as well as private residences, being adorned with artistic representations of scenes, passages, and lessons identified with the history and expression of Masonic Templarism." The windows also along the line of route, the housetops, and every coign of vantage were thronged with interested spectators, and the sidewalks were packed as they had never been packed before. Among the notabilities present were the Supreme Grand Master, Sir Knight HUGH MCCURDY, with the principal officers of the Grand Encampment, before whom the whole body marched in review, and who was supported by the Governor of the State and numerous officials; the Grand Masters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the members of their respective Grand Lodges; and the Mayor of Boston and the dignitaries, both civil and Templar. In fact, Boston was in an ecstasy of delight over the show, and one might almost have fancied that the old military Order of the Temple had come to life again, and were returning *via* Boston from the Holy Land, after defeating a few millions of infidels, so great was the enthusiasm displayed by the Knights who marched through the city, and the thousands upon thousands of spectators who watched and applauded and cheered them as they went.

But the grand parade occupied only the one day. The whole week was crowded with innumerable parades, receptions, excursions, banquets, and the like, while on Wednesday the citizens were treated to "an exhibition drill of an interesting character," so that "for an entire week the air was filled with the sounds of

music, and at almost every turn a commandery might be met marching to some place of meeting with another Templar body, or returning to headquarters." There was, indeed, "a sound of revelry" by day as well as by night during the whole period set apart for this triennial meeting of the Templar Grand Encampment, and the wonder is that when the duties of the meeting were ended, there should have been left any Sir Knights or citizens who were able to record the various events in language that might be "understood of the people."

Thus far we have contented ourselves with referring to the spectacular portion of the proceedings, in the pleasures of which the general public may be said to have participated. But we must not forget that the ostensible object of the meeting was the transaction of Templar business. Addresses had to be delivered, in which the leading events of the last three years were carefully reviewed; the various Committees had devolving upon them the duty of compiling their several reports, and these reports had to be considered and adopted or amended or rejected, as it seemed fit to the members of Grand Encampment. There was, too, a new constitution to be framed, new Grand Officers for the ensuing three years to be elected, and, finally, a grand banquet to be discussed and speeches innumerable to be delivered and applauded. But the Templars appear to have been quite equal to occasion. The Triennial Committee of Boston laid themselves out to do the thing handsomely, and we doubt not the spacious dining hall in the Vendome, where the feast was held, "presented an appearance of unspeakable splendor. It seemed as though all the resources of art and wealth had been exhausted in rendering the room a paragon of scenic effect." The tables, we are told, "seemed ablaze with light": the walls were festooned with garlands of sweet oak leaves, arranged in pillars of Louis XV. design, while the mantelpieces were adorned with huge vases of flowers, and the corners of the room filled with palms and cacti, the chandeliers being hung with asparagus fern in such quantities that even the chronicler of the scene appears to have wondered whence it was all collected. However, the banquet and the "evening's exercises" generally, as all things else mundane, came to an end at last, and when at length the week of Templar business and festivity terminated, the immense throng of Sir Knights and their friends began to busy themselves over the return journey, and are now, we trust, comfortably and quietly located yet once again in the cities and towns which own them as citizens.

And yet men say that nothing delights our genial American cousins so much as genuine unalloyed republican simplicity!

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLESDEN CHAPTER, No. 2489.

The Willesden Lodge, which was started about two years ago, having progressed even beyond the expectations of the founders, it was but natural that a desire should be felt and expressed to have a Royal Arch chapter attached. The necessary steps were taken and a charter was granted, with the result that the Willesden Chapter, No. 2489, became *un fait accompli* on the 4th inst., when the solemn and interesting ceremony was performed at Freemasons' Hall by Comp. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Scribe E., assisted by Comps. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as H.; Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., P.A.G. Soj., as J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.D.G.D.C., as N.; and Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders of the new chapter are: Comps. Walter Wellsman, P.Z. 1319 and 1389; O. C. Robson, E. R. Bartley Denniss, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.N.; C. J. Marrian, H. C. Borradaile, F. W. Marrian, C. Stanley Gibbs, F. Levick, Prov. G.J. Herts; and F. D. Davy, P.P.G.P.S. Lincolnshire.

The visitors present included Comps. W. Harling Sissons, G. Supt. Lincolnshire, P.G.S.B.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.S.N.; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; Dr. L. B. Pillin, P.Z.; J. Kift, J. A. Brown, F. Bevan, W. Smithett, P.Z.; H. W. Green, J. W. Gaze, P.Z.; C. E. Van Duzer, P.Z.; L. O. Johnson, W. W. Lee, M.E.Z.; and others.

The chapter having been opened and a hymn sung, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL, addressing the companions, said: We are met here to-day for a very solemn purpose—to constitute a new Royal Arch chapter, and dedicate it to the service of the Most High. The chapter we are about to consecrate will hereafter be known as the Willesden Chapter, and will be attached to a lodge which I had the pleasure and great honour of consecrating not long since. I can only express a hope that this chapter will be the means not only of advancing the best interests of the Order, but if possible of binding still more closely together those already associated with the lodge. I hope this chapter may have before it a career of great usefulness and prosperity.

An oration was delivered by Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chap., and the chapter was afterwards dedicated and constituted.

Comp. W. Wellsman, P.Z., the M.E.Z. designate, was inducted into his chair by the G.S.E., and Comp. Major-Gen. Hay installed Comps. O. C. Robson and E. R. Bartley Denniss as H. and J. respectively. The following officers were invested: Comps. C. J. Marrian, S.E.; H. C. Borradaile, S.N.; F. W. Marrian, P.S.; C. Stanley Gibbs, 1st A.S.; F. Levick, P.Z., D.C.; and I. Whiteway, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. said the first proposition he had to make would commend itself to all the members. They had seen the charming ceremony worked in a manner that could not be surpassed. It must have impressed those who had not previously seen the ceremony, and would bring back pleasant memories of the past to those who had had that privilege. He, therefore, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, and also that they should be elected honorary members.

The GRAND SCRIBE E., in returning thanks for himself and colleagues, said it was an honour they all accepted with great pleasure.

Several members of the parent lodge were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a *recherche* banquet was admirably served and thoroughly enjoyed.

The usual toasts followed, the first being "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z."

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. drew attention to the presence of several Grand Officers who were associated in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and hailed their presence with pleasure. But for an unfortunate accident they would have seen Sir John Monckton at the banquet table. It was difficult to select a name to couple with the toast, but he would first mention Comps. Sissons and Sir Reginald Hanson and connect their names to respond. Comp. Sissons had conferred a great honour by his attendance and Sir Reginald Hanson they knew as the W.M. of the Willesden Lodge to which this chapter is attached, and also as the M.E.Z. of another chapter.

Comp. HARLING SISSONS, G. Supt. Lincolnshire, in responding, said the task was an easy one, for those who knew Lord Lathom knew that whatever office he filled—whether for his Sovereign, or in Masonry—he filled with stately dignity. He also possessed higher qualifications in the warm sympathy which was one of his greatest attractions. The Grand Officers were worthy of the offices they were called upon to perform. The ritual they heard that day was the grandest they could hear and nothing was wanting from those who performed it. With office there came great responsibilities and he claimed for the Grand Officers that they fully realised this, and that they kept up the noble principles the Order inspired. He had the privilege of being present when the lodge was consecrated and was glad to be present that day to wish the chapter prosperity. He trusted the noble lessons taught by the Order would sink down in all their hearts, that brotherly love would fully realise those broad principles of dispensing Charity to those less fortunate.

Comp. Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.N., briefly replied. The M.E.Z. had referred to services in the lodge to which that chapter was attached, and he could assure them he would give the same attention as he had in the lodge.

The M.E.Z. then said they had arrived at the toast of the evening—"The Consecrating Officer and his Assistants." He confessed that any words of his were quite unequal to do justice to it, for the ceremony had so deeply impressed their minds that as expressed in the words of the quotation, "They have indeed bettered expectations." It would be superfluous for him to speak of the way Comp. Letchworth had performed the ceremony, for it was charming—using the word in its best sense—and although he had seen the ceremony on several occasions, he felt he liked it better than ever. The whole ceremony seemed to go like a book, everything being said and done at the proper moment, and to some of those old Masons like himself of 35 years' standing, it must have brought back to their memories the initiation ceremony. They were deeply grateful to the Grand Scribe E. and his colleagues, and also to Major-General Hay, for the admirable manner in which he installed the Principals. They had been accustomed to see Comp. Richardson perform the duties of D.C. as to the manner born, and he was also pleased to see Captain Walls, whom he had the pleasure of investing as P.S. in his first chapter, and who was an earnest worker in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. He would ask them to drink heartily and with the greatest possible pleasure to the health of the Consecrating Officers and his assistants.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., said that, as they had been compelled to listen to his voice that night, he would not occupy their time many moments. He wished to tender the warmest thanks of the Consecrating Officers for the very kind reception given the toast, proposed in such very kind terms by the M.E.Z. He might take that opportunity of tendering his personal thanks to those Grand Officers who had rendered him such valuable assistance, and he fully endorsed every word the M.E.Z. had said in regard to the admirable manner in which the installation ceremony was performed by his friend, Comp. General Hay, who was always ready at all times to render assistance. With regard to the other companions, he could only say the same. Comp. Brownrigg was always to the front, and Comp. Richardson was a host in himself, and, in fact, he did not know how a consecration would be performed without that excellent companion. He was also glad to acknowledge the services of Comp. Walls. It was difficult to realise that two years had passed since he had the great pleasure of consecrating the Willesden Lodge, and it was most satisfactory to know that during that short time the lodge had felt itself strong enough to start a chapter. He could only express the hope that that chapter might have before it a very successful career, and when he looked at the founders he was sure those hopes would be realised. He had next a most agreeable duty, and that was to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z." whom he had had the pleasure of placing in the chair. Comp. Wellsman had had great experience in Masonry, and he most heartily congratulated the members of that chapter on having as their first M.E.Z., in its most critical year of existence, one so well able to guide it. He hoped that under Bro. Wellsman's genial rule the chapter would be successful, and he felt sure the M.E.Z. would have the support of every companion.

Comp. WALTER WELLSMAN, M.E.Z., in response, said they always heard words of wisdom and admiration from the G.S.E., who had told them what an anxious position that of M.E.Z. was. He (the M.E.Z.) had occupied that post twice before, but on each occasion there was an amount of anxiety that made a man nervous as to whether he would carry out the duties properly. After the kindly words of the G.S.E., he felt a little

terrified. He had not taken the office lightly, but intended to do his best for the chapter and Royal Arch Masonry. No doubt he should make mistakes, but if that should happen, he asked them to put them down to him and not blame the chapter. He desired to do well, and if at the end of his year he heard the words—"Well done," he should be delighted, but they would at least, he hoped, say he had tried to do his best.



THE M.E.Z.

Comp. SMITHETT, M.E.Z. 58, acknowledged "The Visitors" in an interesting speech, and was followed by Comp. GAZE, P.Z., who said he was sure the M.E.Z. would do his utmost to maintain the integrity and reputation of the chapter. He thanked them for the intellectual treat he had enjoyed, for he was sure he should remember it for many years. He wished the chapter every prosperity and future success.

"The Second and Third Principals" was proposed by the M.E.Z., who expressed the opinion that they would both be excellent supporters. It grieved him exceedingly that Comp. Robson, H., was unable to stay, but public duties were paramount. Comp. Denniss occupied the high office of W.M. of a most important lodge, and came to the chapter thoroughly prepared to support the M.E.Z. and chapter.

Comp. BARTLEY DENNISS, J., also regretted the absence of the H., but returned thanks on his behalf. They both hoped to do their work to the satisfaction of the chapter and Royal Arch Masonry in general.

Comp. C. J. MARRIAN, S.E., on behalf of "The Officers," said he felt a certain amount of trepidation in replying, because the M.E.Z. remarked that they were new to the work, and that was true. He could, however, assure the M.E.Z. that what they lacked in experience they would make up in earnestness, and they would endeavour to do their work in the best way it could be done. As long as he had the honour to wear a collar of office, the chapter would always be his first care, and he hoped it would flourish in the same way the parent lodge had done.

Comp. H. C. BORRADAILE, S.N., also replied, and said he had had some 23 years' experience in Royal Arch Masonry, although, through circumstances beyond his control, he had not worked his way up. He hoped to be of assistance to the M.E.Z. and help in the prosperity of the chapter.

Comp. LEVICK, D.C., having replied, the Janitor's toast was given, and the proceedings terminated.

Comp. J. Kift very satisfactorily conducted the musical arrangements, and was ably supported by Comps. F. Bevan and J. A. Brown.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA, EASTERN DIVISION (E.C.).

The annual communication of the above District Grand Lodge was held in Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, under the banner of Goodwill Lodge, 711, on Wednesday, the 12th ult. The attendance was exceptionally large. The District Grand Master, Bro. Dr. C. J. Egan, presided, and the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Austen, was also present.

The report of the Board of General Purposes showed a satisfactory increase in the numbers of the Craft. The Board of Education stated that 105 children had been educated by means of the fund, 33 being the number now at various schools. The income for the year had amounted to £416. Port Elizabeth has a local Education Fund, which is doing good work.

A resolution was unanimously carried for the establishment of a District Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, the details of its administration being left for the decision of the next communication, after the lodges had been afforded an opportunity of considering them.

The following officers of District Grand Lodge were appointed and formally invested:

Bro. J. Newing, 853	...	...	Dist. S.G.W.
" Rev. Dr. A. T. Wirgman, 711	...	...	Dist. J.G.W.
" Ven. Archdeacon Grant, 1824	...	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" Rev. A. W. Brereton, 2388	...	...	Dist. A.G. Chap.

Bro. H. T. Tamplin, 828 ...	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" C. Gillbank, 1800 ...	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" R. J. Dick, 853 ...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" C. J. Tate, Rising Star ...	...	Dist. S.G.D.
" C. A. Carter, 863 ...	...	Dist. J.G.D.
" C. G. Goodwin, St. John's ...	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" H. Forbes, 711 ...	...	Dist. G.D.C.
" T. O. W. Harvey, 863 ...	...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
" G. Brown, 863 ...	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" W. Biden, 711 ...	...	} Dist. G. Std. Brs.
" B. Attwell, 828 ...	...
" H. Wurdeman, 1469 ...	...
" G. H. Ball, 853 ...	...	Dist. G. Org.
" D. C. Macdonald, 2089 ...	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
" M. Rothschild, White Hope ...	...	Dist. G. Purst.
" J. C. King, 863 ...	...	} Dist. A.G. Purst.
" W. Griffin, 863 ...	...
" W. C. Johnson, 863 ...	...
" J. Donaldson, 711 ...	...	} Dist. G. Stewards.
" J. H. Wilson, 1800 ...	...
" E. M. Searle, 711 ...	...
" A. Masterson, 711 ...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Lodges of Good Will, Good Hope, and Southern Cross, for the arrangements made for the entertainment of the District Grand Lodge.

In the evening the District G.M., D.D.G.M., and officers of District Grand Lodge were entertained at a banquet in the Liedertafel. There was an unusually large gathering of brethren. Bro. Dr. Wirgman, W.M. 711 (E.C.), D.J.G.W., presided.

A very substantial repast was provided, and the attention shown to the guests was highly appreciated. The toasts were of the usual order—first the loyal and then the Masonic.

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

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The R.W.D.G.M.," and alluded to the long period during which Bro. Dr. Egan had ruled the district to the honour and well-being of the Craft.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, in responding, spoke of the support he had received from the Craft in the district, and also mentioned that of the very few appeals from his rulings that had been taken to Grand Lodge none had ever been sustained.

Bro. MOUAT, Deputy D.G.M. of the Western Division and P.S.G.W. of the Eastern Division of South Africa, proposed in graceful terms the toast of "The D.D.G.M. and Officers of District Grand Lodge," which was responded to by the D.D.G.M. and D.S.G.W.

Bro. Ven. Archdeacon GRANT, D.G. Chap., next proposed "The Retiring Officers of District Grand Lodge," to which Bro. A. WALSH, P.D.S.G.W., responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The District Grand Lodge of the Western Division Natal and the Transvaal," and in so doing spoke of the necessity of sympathy and fraternal working between the four District Grand Lodges of the English Constitution in South Africa, which would obviate any movement towards a South African Grand Lodge, which after the experience of New Zealand would, in his opinion, prove a Masonic calamity.

Bro. MOUAT, D.D.G.M. of the Western Division, replied.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER proposed "The Lodges Nos. 711, 863, and 1590," who had entertained the District Grand Lodge.

Bro. AUSTEN, D.D.G.M., in an admirable speech proposed "The Masonic Charities," and gave statistics as to the progress of the District Grand Lodge Educational Fund.

Bro. WYATT, 711, in an excellent and humorous speech proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. WALSH proposed "The Visitors," which was responded in eloquent terms by Bro. H. T. TAMPLIN, M.L.A., D.G. Reg.

The Tyler's toast completed the toast list.

An excellent musical programme, both vocal and instrumental, had been arranged by Bro. P. Quarterman, Org. 711.

On Thursday the District Grand Lodge was invited to luncheon on the Currie Mail Steamer, Durottar Castle, which was the weekly mail boat lying at the time in the harbour of Port Elizabeth. The hospitality dispensed on Sir Donald Currie's magnificent steamers is proverbial, and was suitably acknowledged by the D.G.M., Bro. Dr. EGAN, in a few well-chosen words.

On Thursday evening the local lodges entertained the District Grand Lodge with a Masonic ball, which was opened by a grand procession headed by the Rose Croix Chapter and closed by the D.G.M. and Grand Lodge. About 200 brethren in their regalia took part in the procession which marched into the ball room (which was tastefully decorated) to the strains of a grand march played on the magnificent town organ by Bro. Waltham Baker, formerly Town Organist. The ball room is the largest room in South Africa and provided ample space for the 500 guests who were present. The greatest praise is due to Bro. Walsh, President of the Entertainment Committee, and to Bro. Atkinson, P.M. 711, its indefatigable Secretary.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL-STONE OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGIATE CHURCH, PORT ELIZABETH.

On Thursday, the 12th ult., the District Grand Lodge met again for the purpose of performing one of the most important and impressive Masonic functions that has ever been witnessed in South Africa. St. Mary's Collegiate Church, the oldest in the Eastern District of the Cape Colony, was totally destroyed by fire on March 9th. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Wirgman, rector of St. Mary's, is W.M. of No. 711 and D.J.G.W., and it was natural that the sympathy of his brethren in the Craft should take the form of laying the memorial-stone of the restored building. The District Grand Master consented to lay the stone, and when District Grand Lodge had been opened, Bro. Forbes, 711, D.G.D. of C., marshalled the procession as follows:

Two Tylers, with drawn swords.

Visiting B.B.

The lodges according to their numbers.

D.G. Stewards.

Cornucopia with Corn, by the W.M. of 1590.

Ewer with Wine, by the W.M. of 863.

Ewer with Oil, by the Senior P.M. of 711.

D.G. Pursuivant.
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D.G. Sword Bearers.
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D.G. Superintendent of Works.
P.D. Grand Deacons.
District Grand Secretary—
(with "Book of Constitutions" on a cushion).
District Grand Treasurer—
(with phial containing coins and roll to be deposited in the cavity).
The Corinthian Light—
(borne by a P.M.).
The Column of District Junior Warden—
(borne by a P.M.).
The District Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Dr. Wirgman—
(with the Plumb Rule).
The Doric Light—
(borne by a P.M.).
The Column of District Senior Grand Warden—
(borne by a P.M.).
The District Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Newing—
(with the level).
The District Junior Grand Deacon.
The D.G. Chap., Bro. Archdeacon Grant, bearing the vol. of the Sacred Law on a cushion.
The Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Austen—
(with square).
The Ionic Light—
(borne by Bro. Miles, I.P.M. 711).
Bro. Mouat, Deputy D.G.M. (Western Division)—
(bearing the mallet and trowel).
D.G. Steward. D.G. Sword Bearer. D.G. Steward.
The District Grand Master, Dr. C. J. Egan.
The D. Senior Grand Deacon.
The D.G. Tyler, with sword.

When the procession of District Grand Lodge reached the platform they were met by the Very Rev. the Dean of Grahamstown, representing the Bishop of the diocese, as Vicar-General, the Archdeacon of Grahamstown, Canon Wharton Smill, and Canon Wallis, of Grahamstown Cathedral, the Rev. J. F. Sinder, and the Rev. Precentor Mayo and the Rev. J. E. Davies, of St. Mary's Collegiate Church, the Rev. G. Smith, Rector of St. Peter's, the Rev. Dr. Husilt, of Holy Trinity, the Rev. J. H. Carter, Rector of St. Paul's, the Revs. P. Mallett, H. Morgan, and Momoti, curates of St. Paul's, which made up the total list of the Port Elizabeth clergy.

The Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Bro. the Hon. H. W. Pearson, P.M. 711, was present in his robes of office, and was attended by the Town Clerk and the Town Council. The Harbour Board and Divisional Council were represented by their Secretaries.

When the D.G.D.C. had called for silence, the Rev. Precentor MAYO gave out Hymn 215—"The Church's one foundation"—which was beautifully rendered by the surpliced choristers of the Collegiate Church, accompanied by the excellent military band of Prince Alfred's Guard, the Port Elizabeth Infantry Volunteer Regiment.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then gave the customary address—"Be it known to you all assembled here to-day, that we appear before you as true and lawful Masons," &c., after which Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon GRANT, D.G.C., read certain passages from the Volume of the Sacred Law and offered prayer.

Bro. the Rev. J. F. SINDER then read that most appropriate section from Haggai II. which is familiar to companions of the H.R.A., and which describes the restoration of the second Temple after the destruction of the Temple of Solomon by fire. Many of those present felt that the words "the glory of this latter house shall be greater than the glory of the former" expressed their hopes for the restored fabric of St. Mary's.

Precentor MAYO then said a collect alluding to the restoration of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, Haggai, and Joshua, which has been in use at the services held during the restoration of the building.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then said: I declare it to be my will and pleasure that this memorial-stone of St. Mary's Collegiate Church be now laid.

Before the stone was laid, the DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY, by order of the District Grand Master, read the inscription on the scroll which was to be deposited in the cavity and which ran thus:

I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.

On the 12th day of September, A.D., 1895, A.L. 5895, and in the 58th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof—Queen, Defender of the Faith, and Empress of India.

The Right Hon. Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., etc., etc., being Governor of the Colony of South Africa,

The Right Hon. Cecil John Rhodes, P.C., M.L.A., being the Premier of this Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

This memorial stone of the Collegiate Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Port Elizabeth, was laid with Masonic honours by the R.W. C. J. Egan, A.B., District Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons under the English Constitution (Eastern Division), South Africa, in the presence of a large concourse of citizens.

The foundation-stone of this church was laid in 1825; it was opened for Divine Service in 1831; completed in 1842, enlarged in 1858, and destroyed by fire on the 9th of March, 1895.

Of this Collegiate Church the Right Reverend Father in God, Allan Becher, fourth Bishop of Grahamstown, is Provost; the Rev. Augustus Theodore Wirgman, B.D., D.C.L., is Vice-Provost; the Rev. John Fitch Sinden, Vicar of St. Cuthberts, and the Rev. Cuthbert Edward Mayo, Precentor of St. Mary's, are Priests Associate; Joseph H. Drury and Henry Forbes, Churchwardens; John Horton, John Hodgson, Henry Jenkins, Wm. H. Edwards, M.D., Robert R. Perrott, Charles Cowley, John A. Chabaud, and Edmund R. Smyth, members of the Vestry; Herbert J. Cooper, Vestry Secretary.

The scroll and the current coins of the realm of the present reign having been duly deposited, Bro. Mouat, D.D.G.M., handed a silver trowel to the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, who spread the mortar, saying, "As the cement is spread with the trowel, so may brotherly love and harmony be spread amongst all who worship the Most High in this holy place."

The stone was then lowered into its place. Having received the plumb rule from the District Junior G. Warden (Bro. the Rev. Dr. Wirgman), the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER said: "I declare that this stone is plumb, and has been prepared true and trusty by the craftsmen."

The District Senior G. Warden (Bro. Newing) presented the level to the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, who, having tried the stone, said: "I declare that this stone is level, and that the craftsmen have laboured skilfully."

The Deputy District Grand Master then presented the square to the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, who said: "This is fair and square work, and I declare this stone duly prepared."

Bro. Mouat, D.D.G.M. (Western Division), presented the mallet to the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, who said: "May this undertaking be completed by the craftsmen according to the grand plan—in peace, harmony, and brotherly love."

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER gave three knocks, and declared the stone well and truly laid.

The Dean of GRAHAMSTOWN then said the ancient collect for the benediction of the stone from the mediæval office, and the formula for the laying of a foundation-stone appointed in the Diocese of Grahamstown, and after the ecclesiastical ceremony was over, the D.G.M. poured corn on the stone as the emblem of the resurrection, wine as the emblem of joy, and oil as the emblem of harmony.

The District Grand Superintendent of Works then presented the plans to the D.G.M., and the D.D.G.M., Bro. AUSTEN, explained the working tools of E.A., F.C., and M.M.

The Dist. J.G.W., Bro. Rev. Dr. WIRGMAN, as rector of the parish, then delivered a brief address, in which he adverted to St. Mary's in its old days, stating that many present would experience reminiscences of joy and sorrow. St. Mary's Church had associations of a nature that would never be forgotten. A great many of them felt, when they saw those fierce flames destroy the building which had been the centre of their worship, as if an old friend was gone. But now they make a fresh departure. They were going forth in the strength of their God, wafted onwards by great waves of sympathy; sympathy not only here in Port Elizabeth, but wherever he had been in the Colony. He desired, in the names of the churchwardens and clergy, to thank the brethren for their part in the ceremony that day.

At the close of Bro. Dr. Wirgman's address, the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren, referring to the great rejoicing at the building of the Temple by King Solomon, and its subsequent restoration. He personally rejoiced at being privileged to take part in the ceremony that day, and fervently trusted that liberality and generosity would be manifested in its completion.

At the close of the address the brethren re-formed in procession, and marching past the stone, laid their offerings in cheques, gold, and silver on the stone, the total amount received being £170 10s. This offertory being concluded, hymn 545 was sung, during which the churchwardens and vestrymen collected the offerings of the large assemblage, and also laid them on the stone. The inscription on the stone was as follows:

RESURGAM.
A.M.D.G.
Hinc Lapidem Posvit.
S. Mariæ. Eccl. Coll.
Post. Ignem. Restavratæ.
Latomorum. Præses. C. J. Egan, A.B.
A.D. 1895.
A.B.G. E. P. A.T.W. V.P.
J.F.S. C.E.M

The initials at its foot being those of the Bishop and clergy of the collegiate body.

The Dean of GRAHAMSTOWN then said the concluding collect and pronounced the benediction.

The Masonic procession was re-formed and returned to the Temple, when the District Grand Lodge was closed by the Dist. G.M.

It is interesting to Mark Masons to note that the Dist. G. Master's mark and also the mark of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Wirgman, the rector and Vice-Provost were cut upon the face of the memorial-stone.

DISTRICT GRAND MARK LODGE OF BOMBAY.

According to the printed proceedings, with which we have been favoured, the brethren of the District Grand Mark Lodge of Bombay and its Territories met in regular communication at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on Thursday, 11th April last, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice H. J. Parsons, Dist. G.M., who was supported by Bros. Captain C. D. Wise, Dep. Dist. G.M.; D. Gostling, Past D.J.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; W. H. Pitts as D.J.G.W.; H. J. R. Hemming as D.G.M.O.; F. B. Billimoria as D.S.G.O.; J. B. Brown as D.J.G.O.; the Rev. B. Phillips, D.G. Chap.; F. N. Daver, D.G. Treas.; Dr. E. F. Underwood, D.G. Sec.; and other officers, members, and visitors.

Dist. Grand Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous communication taken as read and confirmed, the report of the General Board was read and adopted. Bros. F. N. Daver and J. H. Barrett having been unanimously re-elected Dist. G. Treas. and Dist. G. Tyler respectively, the Dist. G. Master appointed, and, as regards those who were in attendance, invested the following brethren as his Dist. G. Officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Bro. H. G. Meakin	...	...	Dist. S.G.W.
" Col. H. Byrde	...	...	Dist. J.G.W.
" H. J. R. Hemming	...	...	Dist. G.M.O.
" W. R. F. L. Lukis	...	...	Dist. S.G.O.
" G. Barlow	...	...	Dist. J.G.O.
" B. G. L. Bremner	...	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" F. N. Daver	...	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" Dr. E. F. Underwood	...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" L. W. Kershaw	...	...	Dist. S.G.D.
" N. N. Cooper	...	...	Dist. J.G.D.
" J. W. Robson	...	...	Dist. G. I. of Wks.
" F. Gleadow	...	...	Dist. G.D.C.
" J. W. Redal	...	...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
" A. Chadwick	...	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" G. F. Traill	...	...	Dist. G. Std. Br.
" S. M. Rele	...	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.

Bro. W. J. Rhodes	...	...	Dist. G.I.G.
" A. N. Talpade	...	...	} Dist. G. Stwds.
" H. J. Orford	...	...
" Edmund Jeffries	...	...
" J. H. Burrett	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.

The following were appointed by the Dist. Grand Master and elected by the Dist. Grand Lodge to serve on the Dist. General Board during the ensuing 12 months, namely: Bros. D. Gostling, H. L. Batliwalla, and E. F. Underwood, appointed; and Bros. W. H. Pitts, H. J. R. Hemming, and F. B. Billimoria, elected.

The DIST. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the progress which Mark Masonry had made during the past, and expressing the hope that still greater progress would be made in the future, especially in Bombay itself, the only English Mark lodge in which, though strong in itself, was not strong, considering the number of brethren in Bombay who were eligible for the Degree. However, it is evident from the particulars which the Dist. Grand Master furnished that those lodges included in the District are doing extremely well, the Lodge St. George, No. 464, Colombo, though the junior on the roll, numbering as many as 56 members.

Letters of apology from sundry brethren for non-attendance having been read, Dist. Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

Obituary.

BRO. GEO. HERBERT REYNOLDS, P.M. 1614, I.P.M. 2191, J. 1326.

It is with deep regret we record the demise (previously briefly announced) of Bro. G. Herbert Reynolds, P.M. 1614 and 2191, at 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W., on the 13th ult., at the early age of 37. He was interred in Kensal Green Cemetery on the 18th ult., followed to the grave by a large and representative assembly of brethren and friends, drawn from the many circles in which he had taken a prominent part, and in all of which he had made innumerable friends by his admirable qualities of heart and mind, and the discretion and tact he always exhibited in all transactions he was concerned with. Our lamented brother was a Past Master of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, in which he was initiated (only son of the well known and respected Bro. George Reynolds, Past Master and Secretary 2191, Past Master and Secretary 1614, and P.Z. 1326). Bro. Herbert Reynolds was also Immediate Past Master and a Founder of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and J. of the Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, and well known at the numerous lodges of instruction in the West-End. In business he was London Agent and Manager for Messrs. Cope, Allman, and Co., of Birmingham and Berwick-street, W., and was very popular in social as well as Masonic society, being Vice-President and ex-Hon. Secretary of the "Holborn Cycling Club," and an active officer on the Executive of that body; the regard and respect of the members having been shown by valuable testimonials publicly presented to him at their annual banquets. As a W.M., Bro. Herbert Reynolds was held in high estimation for his accurate, intelligent, and cultivated rendering of our ritual; and as President at the banquet table he will long be remembered for his ready, bright, and original speeches, his well-chosen and happy diction, and the tact he displayed in always saying the right thing at the right time, a rare quality which gained him many friends and admirers. He was a thoughtful student of contemporary literature, and was highly regarded for his many and varied attainments, his intellectual and brilliant conversational powers, and his honourable and upright character. He was a trusty and faithful friend, a discreet adviser, always acting the amiable part of the peacemaker, and his cheerful and sunny temperament made his society greatly sought after by the many brethren and friends who will long deplore his loss. In his commercial, as well as his social relations, he was renowned for his pleasant affability and polished manners, and in business was so much liked by his colleagues and subordinates as to justify the proverb that one must live with a man in order to know him, and those who lived longest with Bro. Reynolds knew him and loved him best. The high esteem in which our late brother was held, and the universal regret felt at his untimely death, were evinced by the exceptionally large number of mourners who attended the funeral; and the deep concern and sorrow expressed by those present rendered the mournful ceremony a very impressive one. On all sides respectful sympathy was offered to his bereaved and greatly afflicted father, and to Mrs. Geo. Reynolds, who so assiduously nursed him in his illness and soothed his last hours. A great number of beautiful wreaths were sent by Masonic lodges and individual brethren and friends, and among others from the Covent Garden Lodge, the Anglo-American Lodge, the club of which he was Vice President, the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and from Bros. John Skinner, W.M. 2191; W. Hancock, P.M.; F. Kedge, P.M. 2191; C. O. Burgess, P.M. 2473; J. Woodward, 1614 & 2191; W. Kent, P.M. 1321; H. J. Keen, 1614; W. Allman; T. A. Dickson, P.M. 1614; and Noble; also from the two branches of the Board of Agriculture, and many other handsome wreaths from private friends, including two from the Birmingham and London branches of the firm our deceased brother was connected with. Among the mourners present were Bros. W. Allman, of Birmingham; W. Belsham, W.M. 1614; A. Bullen, P.M. 1614; W. M. Carter, Keen, Middlewick, Woodward, and Wise, 1614; John Skinner, W.M.; F. Jackson, P.M.; James Rowe, and others, of 2191; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321 and 2460; Harnell, P.M.; Duncan, and others; and the Holborn Cycling Club was represented by Bro. W. Harbert, accompanied by other friends. The early and unexpected death of Bro. Herbert Reynolds will be deeply felt this season in the accustomed places, where his cheery presence was always hailed with genuine pleasure, but however deeply his few relatives and hosts of friends deplore his loss, yet there is great consolation in the remembrance of his many kind actions, and of his generous, truthful, and unselfish character; therefore they do not sorrow as those without hope, for the recollection of his virtues will long be affectionately cherished in their hearts and memories, in sure and certain confidence of the life to come; and we can only reverently say with the poet Gray:

"No farther seek his merits to disclose,
Or draw his frailties from their drear abode,
There they alike in trembling hope repose,
The bosom of his Father and his God."

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF CANADA held their annual meeting in the Rosedale Grounds, Toronto, on Saturday last, additional interest being taken in the proceedings from the fact that sundry representatives of the London Athletic and New York Athletic Clubs were entered. The events on the card were 13 in number and of these the L.A.C. won three out of the eight in which they took part—namely, the 100 yards (running), the 120 yards (hurdles), and the running high jump. New York won the 880 yards, the 220 yards, the mile, and the standing high jump, while New Jersey won the two miles.

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3	11	Stevenson, Lydia (last)	3752
4	32	Mostyn, Marjorie Katherine	3664
5	17	Heaps, Mabel Alice (last)	3658
6	7	Woodward, Constance Mary	3634
7	6	Wadsworth, Edith	3631
8	15	Rouse, Mabel Ann	3605
9	1	Robinson, Agnes Marion (last)	3560
10	13	Hargreaves, Isabel	3561
11	23	Dobson, Ethel	3524
12	22	Holman, Beatrice Elizabeth	3513
13	9	Marsh, Elizabeth Emma	3504
14	19	Harrison, Agnes Emily	3448
15	2	Morris, Gertrude	3438
16	31	Garraway, Florence Etty	3272
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

It is expected there will be grand doings at the Empire of India Exhibition, Earl's Court, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when, as we announced last week, the Empress Lodge, No. 2581, will be consecrated. The ceremony will be performed by the Grand Secretary, and there are rumours abroad as to the attendance of Grand Officers being exceptionally large. The first W. Master is Bro. Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, Past Grand Treasurer of England.

It has been officially announced that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland will be held in the Grand Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, the 30th inst., the duty of making the necessary arrangements for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge being in charge of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1712. We have no doubt there will be a strong muster of Prov. Grand Officers and members, firstly because the business to be transacted will include the consecration of three new lodges and secondly because the Province has taken so active and prominent a part in connection with our Masonic Festivals during the year, and we dare say brethren will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of learning more particularly what the Province to which they belong has accomplished in the discharge of its duties and in supporting the Masonic Schools.

The lodges to be consecrated at the meeting are the Temperance, No. 2557; the Delavel, No. 2568; and the Holmes, No. 2571. These are all located in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and will augment the number of lodges in the Province to 28, and in Newcastle itself to 15. Thus in the nine years that have elapsed since the present Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., was installed in office, as many as seven new lodges will have been placed on the roll, and the Province is in this respect just one-third stronger than it was when Bro. Earl Percy resigned. If the same rate of increase is maintained during the next few years we may look forward to seeing Northumberland not only becoming stronger in respect of members, but likewise to its taking even a more prominent part in the proceedings of Masonry than it has done up to the present time.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held in Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 10th instant. The chair was taken promptly at the hour of noon by Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, and the regular business having been rapidly disposed of, the poll was opened for the election of 18 children from the approved list of 34. The names of the successful girls will be found in our advertisement columns. We shall, however, reserve our remarks as to the result of the polling till next week.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held in the same place and at the same hour, to-day (Friday), when 17 boys will be elected by ballot from the approved list of 46 candidates. As it is not impossible and unquestionably not improbable that these "Notes" will be in the hands of our readers before the poll closes at 3 p.m., we renew the appeal we have before addressed to Governors and Subscribers whose votes and influence are not already promised in behalf of the five boys whose names will be removed from the list if they fail to win success at this ballot. The five in question—figure on the list as Nos. 3, 7, 9, and 19, all hailing from London, and No. 26 from Gloucestershire.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Worcestershire was held in the Masonic Hall, Worcester, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master. The business included the delivery of an address on Mark Masonry by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Down, Prov. Grand Chaplain, and the appointment and investiture of Prov. Grand Officers.

With its September number the *Freemasons' Repository*, which is published in Providence, Rhode Island, and is the organ of the Craft in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, completed its 24th volume. During 20 years of this period Bro. the Rev. Henry W. Rugg has been in charge as Editor, and under his guidance the *Repository* has proved itself an able exponent of the various Masonic questions which have come under public discussion, a loyal supporter of Craft interests, and a courteously-conducted and readable journal. None indeed will dream of denying the claims of our Rhode Island contemporary to be regarded as a "well-printed, attractively-illustrated, and carefully-edited Craft publication," and we sincerely trust it may meet with a large measure of support in the future—a support which shall be worthy of its high character as a Masonic journal—than we are told it has received in the past. We cordially congratulate the *Repository* on the excellent position it has attained among the Masonic periodicals of the United States of North America.

We regret to learn from our American exchanges that Bro. John Hodge, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, died with painful suddenness on the 7th August last. Bro. Hodge was seated at dinner, when he suddenly sank to the floor and expired. Our deceased brother was extremely popular with all classes of brethren in the City and State of New York. He was elected Grand Master at the annual meeting of his Grand Lodge in June, 1894, and during his year of office had shown conspicuous ability and devotion to the interests of our Order. Indeed, seeing that he had vacated his office only some two months previous to his decease, the services he had rendered were still very fresh in the recollection of New York brethren, to whom as to the family and friends of their I.P.G. Master, we offer our most respectful sympathy.

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.]

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It seems to me that the correspondence anent this question is drifting far away from the original point at issue, viz., "the formula sometimes used in opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters."

Whatever ceremonies were in use prior to 1813 were annulled by the Articles of Union of the two Grand Lodges, and the ceremonies arranged by the Lodge of Reconciliation, and submitted to, and approved by, the United Grand Lodge in 1816, were declared to be the ceremonies to be worked in the then future. It is true that the installation ceremony was not then included, but in 1827 the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, under a special warrant, appointed a number of expert Past Masters to formulate the ceremony, which was done, and subsequently approved by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sadler proves very clearly that the ceremony now taught by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement is almost to a word identical with the ceremony agreed to under the 1827 warrant; this surely should be sufficient to convince any one as to the authorised working.

As to the spurious opening and closing, it can be easily ascertained from whence it is derived. This was clearly demonstrated by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, of this city, in some lectures he delivered to Installed Masters some few years since, and from which I have concluded that the innovation is simply a relic of some old and obsolete Degree, such as the constructive Past Masters' Degree referred to by Bro. Hughan in his "Origin of the English Rite," and dovetailed into the installation ceremony by some zealous brother by way of embellishment, and, like other new ideas, "caught on."

The letter of "P.P.G.S.D." is most amusing. He runs away from the point altogether, and attacks the "ritual of a Board of Installed Masters" (not the opening). In one line he calls it an "innovation;" in the next he says it is "beautiful in the extreme;" then he (an old P.M.) goes on to say that he has never taken part in the ritual of a "Board of Installed Masters," and that it ought to be discontinued. Query—How, when, and where was he installed, if not in a Board of Installed Masters? and if the ritual is to be discontinued, how will our successors be installed? I should like to reply to Bro. C. H. Wood, only I am afraid I have trespassed too far upon your space already.—I am, yours fraternally,

MANCUNIAM.

Freemasons' Club, Manchester,
October 2nd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As an old and perhaps somewhat old-fashioned Mason, I have read with some surprise the correspondence re the "Board of Installed Masters."

I am not concerned with the dispute as to the two forms now in use: to me the essentials appear to be the same in both, as far as my opportunities have enabled me to judge.

But the curious point for me is that both parties to the dispute appear to agree as to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge in a matter of ritual. I have always understood that such jurisdiction was entirely vested in the Grand Master, and that for very obvious reasons which I need not state. However, that may be, the suggestion that Grand Lodge, which is largely composed of Master Masons, should "claim as its right to determine what is and what is not irregular and to rule accordingly" in the ceremonies used by the Boards of Installed Masters, seems to me, on the face of it, a very novel contention. I await with curiosity the proposal of schemes for the submission of the ritual of the Second Degree to the E.A.'s, and that of the Third Degree to the F.C.'s for their approval or revision.—Fraternally yours.

T. C. ROYLE, P.M. 117.

October 8th.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 44.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The account given by Bro. J. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire, in the *Freemason* of the 28th ult., respecting the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44, Manchester, is quite correct. There can be no reasonable doubt in the mind of any one who knows the facts that this lodge dates from 1803 only. The Grand Lodge records all prove this. The recital in the warrant of confirmation is an error, and, unfortunately, it is not the only one of the kind.

Does Bro. Heywood, who seems to place great reliance on this erroneous recital, wish your readers to believe that the present lodge is directly or in any way connected with the old Athol Lodge, No. 39, warranted on 18th June, 1755? Or even that it can trace any continuity (however slight) with the No. 39 warranted 40 years later, i.e. in 1795? Bro. Heywood must surely have overlooked the facts, for, if my memory serves me correctly, the Grand Lodge Register shows most clearly that the members of the lodge formed in 1803 were altogether new people, and had no connection whatever with the former and defunct lodges. The (Athol) Grand Lodge proceedings of 1803 show the payment on 20th February, 1803, for the warrant of No. 39 as a new lodge.

It is to be hoped that, as the subject of the inaccuracy of the Grand Lodge Calendar has been again mooted, steps will be taken by the Calendar Committee to have the correct dates of the early warrants inserted therein.—Yours fraternally,
JOHN LANE.

MASONIC VAGRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The enclosed refers to a case of a familiar type, but as it is a communication from a German Lodge I have been requested to ask you to publish it. The "brother" applied for assistance to the Clausentum Lodge at Woolston, giving the Pasewalk Lodge in Germany as his "home." The Secretary communicated with the Secretary of that lodge and the following is the result.—Yours fraternally,
H. L.
Southampton.

"Pasewalk, 4th September, 1895.

"My Dear Brother,

"Your writing arrived to the address of our lodge, and I am ordered to answer you in the questionable matter. Bro. F. C. was never a member of our lodge and is quite unknown to all our brothers. Therefore we are praying you not to give any support to the man, because we believe he would misuse the name of our lodge. Bringing to you and your lodge the best fraternal greetings of all our brothers.—I am, fraternally yours,

"C. WEGER, Secretary."

RECEPTION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

During the past 10 years I have had the pleasure, and I hope to again, of entertaining and assisting to entertain several London brethren. During the same period I have visited two London lodges. Upon the first occasion the work was bad, which was accounted for by it being the "off" season, and the brethren were, some of them, away. Upon the second occasion at another lodge the work was good, but the treatment of a visiting stranger was not such as would tempt him to repeat the visit. I was hardly spoken to by any one. The Tyler was indefatigable in looking up the members of the lodge for refreshments. I had just laid in provisions, so I did not want, but I can't help thinking the treatment would have been the same however much refreshments might have been acceptable to myself or any one else visiting.

In the country I am of opinion that the spirit of Freemasonry is carried out better, and what we have we share with those who come to see us, and try to make them welcome and feel at home. It seems to me no good to preach one thing in the ritual and act another.

Trusting my experience may be an isolated one, which I am afraid will nevertheless send me to the theatre or music hall upon my next spare evening in town,—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"PROVINCIAL."

Reviews.

"VOICE OF MASONRY." John Brown, Editor and Publisher, Chicago, Ill.—The opening contribution to the September number is by Bro. Edward Conder, jun., who writes very ably concerning early Masonry in Egypt and in England. Bro. W. E. Ginther's article "What is Freemasonry?" is continued, and there is also a disquisition by Bro. Hugh McGurdy on Templarism. The "Masonic Gleanings" include particulars relating to the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin, Washington, South Dakota, Oregon, and Nevada, the Grand Chapters of South Dakota, and New Hampshire, and the Grand Commanderies of West Virginia, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

"THE PACIFIC MASON" is a new candidate for public favour as an organ of the Craft. It is published at Seattle, Washington, and the first number appeared in August. The constituencies it is proposed to appeal to are the brethren in the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and British Columbia, and if we may judge from its general appearance and the character of its contents, we are inclined to augur favourably as to its future career. The chief contributions to No. 1 are a biographical sketch of Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington, with accompanying portrait, and an account of the recent annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington at Olympia, with portrait of Bro. Joseph M. Taylor, the Immediate Past Grand Master. "The Pacific Mason" has our most cordial greetings on its appearance as one of our contemporaries and our hearty good wishes for its success.

"THE KEYSTONE"—237-9, Dock-st., Philadelphia—for the 21st ult. contains the fourth of the very able series of papers by the late Grand Master, Bro. Joseph R. Chandler, entitled "Objections to Freemasonry," an account of the Centennial Anniversary of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Philadelphia, with much else in the shape of Craft, Arch, Commandery, and Council Reports, for the most part of interest locally.

"THE MASON'S SIGN." Humorous Song, written, composed, and sung by Bro. Charles J. Taylor, P.M. 1987. Bro. Taylor is to be congratulated on his composition, which is admirably suited for introduction at the after-dinner proceedings of our lodges and chapters, when audiences are not inclined to be too critical, and what they mostly desire is—as this is described to be—an amusing song set to an easy flowing accompaniment with a good, ringing chorus. Bro. Taylor's song satisfies these requirements, and deserves, therefore, to be very popular.

"INDIAN MASONIC REVIEW."—Addison and Co., Mount-road, Madras.—Among the principal contents of the September number are an article on "Masonic Clothing," and a further strong condemnation of "Masonic Sweeps." The "Sweeps" to which exception is taken are not those exceedingly useful people who relieve our chimneys of their superfluous soot, but the "Sweeps," or to use the complete term, "Sweepstakes," in which some people love to indulge at race meetings, &c. We quite agree with our contemporary that Masons have good reason to complain of those who apply the term "Masonic" to a hazard of this kind in connection with the St. Leger or other important racing fixtures. We have no objection to Sweeps thus associated which are organised by clubs, and if the members of the "Masonic Club" in Calcutta or any other city or town situated within the compass of the United Kingdom, or in any of its possessions and dependencies abroad, choose to organise a sweep among themselves, we see no just cause or impediment why they should not do so. But let it be understood that they do this as ordinary individuals, not in their character of Masons. We should like to see the District Grand Master condemn in open District Grand Lodge the use of the term "Masonic" in describing what has no association whatever with Masonry. There is also an account of the constitution of a new lodge in the Vizagapatam District bearing the name of Waltair. In its "Chips" our contemporary appears to have some doubts about the wisdom of selecting Bro. Lord Sandhurst for the office of Pro District Grand Master of Bombay, in which he has been recently installed. It seems inclined to think that Bro. Shields should have been chosen for the position. No doubt that brother is a competent Mason, and has shown himself well qualified to govern the District in the absence of the District Grand Master, but it is, in our opinion, a great advantage to have presiding over the District Grand Lodge a brother filling such an important office as that of Governor of the Presidency. In addition to what we have referred to, there is plenty of readable matter—Reports, a long letter on the "Sweeps" question, &c., &c.

"THE WORKS OF BRO. JOHN TRAFFORD CLEGG."—Bro. James Clegg, of the "Aldine Press," Rochdale, has just printed and published "The Works of John Trafford Clegg [Th'owd Weighver]"—stories, sketches, and rhymes in the Rochdale dialect—which ought soon to be as popular as the previous compositions of this master of the quaint Lancashire dialect. The lamented Bro. Trafford Clegg was only spared to reach his 38th year, having died on the 18th March of this year at Bournemouth, where he remains now lie, and whose funeral was attended by brethren of the "Mystic Tie." The badge placed on the coffin and buried with him was sent by the St. Chad's Lodge, No. 1129, Rochdale, for whose use, it is said, he wrote hymns during the ceremonies. The tales are far beyond the ordinary, and can be read and appreciated by persons not familiar with the local patois, though naturally they will be more heartily valued and enjoyed by Lancashire born lads and lassies. As a rule such compositions have an exclusively local interest, and are not known beyond, but this pathetic, amusing, quaint, and original volume will be welcomed throughout this country by book lovers, who can see the bright, humorous, and poetic mind beyond the vernacular, and penetrate into the mental and imaginative characteristics of the versatile worthy, who is as pure in his diction as in his thoughts, and is quick to detect and describe the whims and fancies, as well as the deeply seated feelings and aspirations of the "common folk." The handsome volume, beautifully illustrated, extends to nearly 500 pages, the typography being in perfect taste, as might be expected from the press of Bro. James Clegg, the editor and printer of the famous "International Directory of Second-hand Booksellers and Bibliophile's Manual," now in its fourth edition. The book should be widely known in the United States and Canada, as well as in Great Britain and Ireland, for the author loves the dialect spoken in the "Roch basin." He declares: "The dialect may die, but it cannot die for us until we ourselves are dead." It is published by subscription at half a guinea per copy, the long list of subscribers testifying to the widespread interest its advent has excited, and as any balance from the sale will be devoted to the nearest relatives of the deceased, it is to be hoped the circulation will be fully as large as the witty, racy, and powerful volume deserves. A second or additional volume will be published if 250 subscribers can be secured. There will be no difficulty in getting many more patrons than the minimum number if the present work is duly perused by genuine book lovers.

ALFRED LODGE, No. 306, LEEDS.

PRESENTATION TO THE W.M., BRO. WILLIAM BLACKBURN.

This it will be remembered is the centenary year of the Alfred Lodge. That festival was kept most worthily on the 27th May last, and particulars were duly reported in our columns. It would appear, however, that the whole of the year has up to now been of a festive character, nor does there seem any sign of discontinuance. Bro. Blackburn's term expires on the first Friday in December, and if hospitality, combined with munificent Charity, may be said worthily to celebrate so eventful a period, then, indeed, has the Alfred Lodge, under the inspiration and guidance of its popular Worshipful Master, most fully and splendidly acquitted itself. Its recuperative power has been marvellous. Not many years ago its financial condition was almost desperate, but by the courage and the pertinacity of a few not only has it recovered from its difficulties, but it has proved itself willing and able to vote substantial grants towards the Masonic Charities. 100 guineas to the Girls' School and 50 guineas each to the Boys' and Old People from lodge funds, it must be admitted, are handsome donations, but when the lodge efforts are supplemented, as they have been, by individual members; when with a list of upwards of 20 Stewards, that sum of 200 is made into 500 guineas, as we are informed is the case, it cannot be denied that the centenary of the Alfred Lodge has indeed been celebrated with honour. So much for its Charity. As to its hospitality—that has been equally hearty and generous. Bro. Blackburn has extended an open hand to all, has welcomed all comers, and his princely entertainment will not soon be forgotten. To have thus sustained the honour and reputation of the Alfred Lodge, to have filled its chair with such éclat, and to have made its name well known where perhaps previously it was unheard of, it was felt, deserved special recognition at the hands of the brethren. A Committee was formed, of which Bro. J. C. Malcolm was Chairman, and an effort was made to show by some outward acknowledgment that the Alfred Lodge was not unmindful of the conduct of its W.M. during its famous year, 1895. A considerable sum was readily subscribed by the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, and eventually the presentation assumed the practical and very handsome form of an address, a Past Master's jewel, a magnificent dessert service in massive silver, and a diamond crescent brooch for Mrs. Blackburn.

The Alfred brethren entertained their W.M. at dinner on Friday evening, the 4th inst., and accompanied in many instances by their wives, assembled in large numbers to do him honour and witness the presentation.

The guests who accepted invitations were: Bro. Wm. Blackburn, Mrs. Blackburn, and Miss Blackburn, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Conyers, Mrs. Holliday, Miss Holliday, and Miss A. Holliday, Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Bro. Herbert G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. Joseph Matthewman, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Bro. J. H. Barton and Mrs. Barton, Bro. Wm. Thornton and Mrs. Thornton, Bro. Tom Child and Mrs. Child, Bro. Walter Critchley and Mrs. Critchley, Bro. Arthur Jubb and Mrs. Jubb, Bro. W. F. Smithson and Mrs. Smithson, Bro. Perkin Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, and Bro. R. I. Critchley, J.P., and Mrs. Critchley.

Amongst the officers and brethren of the Alfred Lodge, their wives, and lady friends, were Bro. J. C. Malcolm and Mrs. Malcolm, Bro. John Dyson, Mrs. Dyson, Miss Dyson, and Miss Wake, Bro. D. Wedderspoon, Mrs. and Miss Wedderspoon, Bro. W. C. Ellisdon and Mrs. Ellisdon, Bro. W. M. Tate and Mrs. Tate, Bro. S. E. Seanor and Mrs. Seanor, Bro. A. Redmayne and Mrs. Redmayne, Bro. George Darley and Mrs. Darley, Bro. Tom Batt and Mrs. Batt, Bro. William Horsfall and Mrs. Horsfall, Bro. E. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Bro. C. H. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Bro. J. H. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Bro. A. Neill and Mrs. Neill, Bro. D. J. Miller and Mrs. Miller, Bro. D. MacIver and Mrs. MacIver, Bro. Jos. Flockton and Miss A. Flockton, Bro. J. A. Boorman, Bro. E. Schofield and Mrs. Schofield, Bro. J. H. Barracrough and Mrs. Barracrough, Bro. Henry Kitchen and Miss Kitchen, Bro. James Bowers and Mrs. Bowers, Bro. W. A. Millard and Mrs. Millard, Bro. H. Hunt and Mrs. Hunt, Bro. W. W. Sleight and Mrs. Sleight, Bro. R. H. Blackburn, Bro. E. C. Shackleton and Miss Shackleton, Bro. R. A. Blackburn, Bro. S. Peckover and Mrs. Peckover, and Bro. A. Schofield and Mrs. Schofield.

After dinner, at which, being the ordinary lodge meeting, Bro. BLACKBURN presided, a short toast list was gone through, comprising "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, with the Officers of Grand Lodge," and "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge."

These having been duly honoured, Bro. J. C. MALCOLM took the chair to carry out the presentation. He said that as Chairman of the Testimonial Committee, he had been deputed to introduce what he believed to be the last function in connection with the centenary of the lodge. As they well knew, Bro. Blackburn's year was now rapidly coming to a close, and they could not let him leave the chair without recognising as effectually as they were able, the hospitable, courteous, and efficient manner in which he had presided over them during this, their centenary year. They of the Alfred, Bro. Malcolm explained, had been placed in somewhat of a difficulty, it being the third Leeds lodge within the past few years to celebrate a centenary. Having recalled the able way in which the Fidelity and Philanthropic Lodges had kept their festival, he showed how the Alfred brethren decided that, following the usual course, Bro. Wm. Blackburn should be placed in the chair, and that the remaining offices should be filled by Past Masters. Though not a Past Master, they had the fullest confidence that the due celebration of their festival would not suffer at the hands of Bro. Blackburn, and that meeting and the presentation now about to be made proved that they were fully justified in their anticipations. Bro. Blackburn had made progress in the lodge so far as numbers were concerned, but he (Bro. Malcolm) believed that only those had been admitted who would be a credit to them. As to his working, they all knew that he had kept up the standard, whilst the success of their centenary celebration, he might say, was unprecedented, graced as it was not only by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, but also by that of several distinguished officers of Grand Lodge. Now they were approaching the end of the year they felt that they were bound to show to the W.M., in a substantial form, the deep obligation they were under to him for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of the office. They thought that was the most suitable occasion to make the presentation, not only because it was the last working lodge of the year, but because it was an occasion on which they had the pleasure of seeing ladies at their board. The Alfred was the first lodge in Leeds to introduce what is called "the ladies' night," and their example had been followed. As an old Mason, he had been reluctant to see the social element grow to such an extent, but perhaps he was converted; at all events, they must march with the times. In addition to honouring the W.M., they were determined also to honour his wife for they felt they were under obligation to her for coming amongst them. They recognised also that her husband's position necessitated frequent absences from his home, and consequent interference with domestic arrangements. He would now call upon their Secretary to read the address.

This was a beautiful specimen of illuminated work. It was in book form, bound in Craft blue morocco, with gold ornamentation and embossment. Upon

the title page, which was bordered with Masonic emblems, were emblazoned the arms of the W.M., whilst the frontispiece consisted of an exquisite drawing of the five pieces comprising the dessert service.

Bro. WEDDERSPOON, P.M., Sec., read as follows:

"To Bro. Wm. Blackburn, Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge (No. 306).
"Worshipful Sir,—We, the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, whose names are appended, of Alfred Lodge (No. 306) on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and meeting in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, present you with this address (together with a Past Master's jewel, a service of silver plate consisting of five fruit dishes, and a personal ornament for Mrs. Blackburn) as a slight token of our fraternal affection towards you and of our high appreciation of the great services you have rendered by your labours and example to the Craft in general and to this lodge in particular.

"As Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge in this its centenary year you have been unremitting in your exertions for its welfare. You have presided over its proceedings with dignity and ability, and while you have been careful to preserve inviolate the landmarks of the Order, you have displayed towards the brethren a courtesy, a kindly consideration, and a brotherly spirit which have deepened the esteem and love in which the brethren have previously held you and the affection they bore towards you.

"When difficulties have arisen you have surmounted them by the exercise of delicate tact and sound judgment, and the noble example you have shown of your adherence to the three grand principles which are the foundation of the Order—"Brotherly love, relief, and truth"—has had the effect of healing differences when such have arisen and of encouraging the brethren to cultivate those truly Masonic ornaments which are necessary to the peace, harmony, and success of the lodge.

"The Masonic Charities have had in you, Worshipful Sir, an enthusiastic, a consistent, and a capable advocate. You have supported them most generously yourself and to your energy and advocacy are due in no small measure the handsome gift of 500 guineas which the lodge has been enabled to contribute towards that beneficent and important branch of Masonic work during your year of office.

"We honour you as an expert Craftsman, and our sincere desire and prayer is that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare you to come amongst us to assist the brethren in the lodge by your council and encourage them by your example, and that a large measure of success to you and your family in your and their future career be granted.—We are, Worshipful Sir, Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"JNO. C. MALCOLM, Chairman of Committee.

"D. WEDDERSPOON, Sec. and Treas.

"Leeds, October 4th, 1895."

Bro. MALCOLM then explained how the idea of a presentation originated and grew, and called upon Mrs. Dyson, the wife of their worthy Past Master and Treasurer, Bro. John Dyson, to present to Mrs. Blackburn this (handing it to her) brooch.

Mrs. Dyson adjusted the brooch, which was crescent in form with a triple row of diamonds, the ladies and brethren applauding vociferously.

The presentation of the Past Master's jewel was deferred, as Bro. Blackburn, "had not yet done all that was required of him," as Bro. MALCOLM explained in other words, the year of his Mastership had not yet expired.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, then rose at the request of the chairman to present the address and dessert service, which consisted of five massivesilver pieces, a centre, two side salvers and two dishes, all handsomely chased with a lovely floral design and together weighing 185 ounces. Each piece bore the following inscription:

"To W. Bro. Wm. Blackburn, Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge (No. 306), from the Past Masters, officers and brethren of the lodge to mark their high esteem and deep appreciation of the ability, courtesy, and generosity displayed by him as Worshipful Master of the lodge during its centenary year. October 4th, 1895."

Bro. Henry Smith expressed the sincere pleasure it gave him to hand to the Worshipful Master of the lodge that very beautiful address, so charmingly illuminated, and so exceedingly well expressed. He begged, on behalf of the lodge, that Bro. Blackburn would accept it, and he trusted it might long lie upon his table, and subsequently be handed down to his successors a memento of his own worth and of the esteem in which he was held by his brethren. With the address he would include these five magnificent pieces of plate, which the members of the Alfred Lodge hoped he would also accept at their hands. He could add little to what had been so well said by Bro. Malcolm, but might, he trusted, be allowed to express the hope that Bro. Blackburn might be long spared to enjoy the use of the present, which the brethren tendered as a small recognition of his valued services.

Bro. BLACKBURN, who, on rising to reply, was greeted with hearty cheers, said he appreciated the kindness which had induced the brethren to give him such a token of their respect. Words failed him to express the gratitude of his heart. When at the request of their worthy Secretary, Bro. Wedderspoon, and their equally worthy Treasurer, Bro. Dyson, he went back to his lodge from which he had long been absent in support of their excellent Senior Warden, Bro. Malcolm, who was then W.M., he had not the slightest idea that he should occupy the important position of W.M. during their centenary year. On that occasion, when called back by duty to his lodge, he said most decidedly that he should exercise his vote in the cause of righteousness. He had done so. When asked to occupy his present position, he felt he was unequal to the task, but he was delighted to think from the evidence before him that he had fulfilled his own wish, which was to make the Alfred Lodge pre-eminent amongst West Yorkshire lodges. As Bro. Malcolm had explained, their position in relation to the centenary celebration was somewhat difficult, and the brethren of No. 306 were afraid that their efforts might fall short of those of the Fidelity and Philanthropic. By the presentation of that testimonial, the most handsome he believed ever presented to a Master of a lodge in West Yorkshire, they had, however, practically said that they were perfectly satisfied with their Worshipful Master's conduct during this somewhat trying year. He thanked them for that unmistakable evidence of their approbation. As to the Past Master's jewel which was all he ever expected at their hands, he should prize it even more than he did the service of plate, and his gratification would be great indeed if he could honestly believe he had earned it. The present, however, which he should value most was the address, for its kind words appealed more strongly to him than anything else. He knew the expressions it contained were more than he deserved; but he had honestly striven to do his duty. He knew his own shortcomings; no one so well, and on reading those kindly words he should, he feared, be met with reproaches from a guilty conscience. He had endeavoured to steer the bark of the Alfred Lodge over the sea of passion into the harbour of rest. He had been actuated by a sense of duty, and they would doubtless remember he told them on assuming the chair his thoughts would be Alfred, his name would be Alfred, he would have Alfred written in golden letters, and until his year expired Alfred should be his foremost care. He hoped that the younger members and many of the seniors would also engrave Alfred on their hearts, and then no single individual, no half dozen individuals, would be allowed to interfere with the peace of the lodge; and the success of the bi-centenary might even exceed their present magnificent condition. He must also thank them on behalf of his wife, who, he was sure, had no idea that through the election of himself to that chair she would become the recipient of such a beautiful present. "She asks me, brethren, to thank

you on her behalf, and I have no doubt the handsome dessert service will speedily be put into practical use, when both my wife and myself hope that you will partake of the good things which from time to time it may contain."

The W.M. afterwards gave the toast of "The Officers."

This was responded to by Bros. A. REDMAYNE, D.C., and D. WEDDERSPON, P.M., Sec.

Bros. ELLISON, SEANOR, and TATE each added a few words, and thus closed a most interesting and delightful meeting.

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Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. W. Fisher, W.M.; Robert Sarson, S.W.; A. J. Holmes, J.W.; Rev. T. Selby Henrey, Chap.; T. Cohn, P.M., Treas.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; Chas. Garton, S.D.; William Baker, J.D.; Frederick Hughes, P.M., D.C.; C. Couchman, Tyler; Abbott, P.M.; Goodas, P.M.; Mower, P.M.; J. Smith, I.P.M.; Fergusson, Peach, S. Rippin, A. J. Rippin, Crawshaw, Welch, Robeson, F. R. Kenning, Stokes, Bevan, Martyn, Scott, Chatterton, and Roche. Visitors: Bros. Harry Johnson, 2409; and J. S. Purser, 87.

The winter session of this old established lodge was successfully inaugurated by a strong muster of brethren. The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the I.P.M., Bro. James Smith (at the special request of the W.M.), very ably raised Bros. Peach and S. Rippin, after which the W.M. passed Bro. A. J. Rippin to the Second Degree. Resuming the lodge in the First Degree, and the ballot proving unanimous in favour of Mr. Edward Ewart Scott, he was duly initiated by the W.M., who was heartily congratulated on his efficient working during the evening.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

A meeting of this lodge was held in the Nether Hall Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. T. H. Pawson, W.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, I.P.M.; R. Bridge, S.W.; F. H. Buckland, J.W.; F. Rand, Treas.; W. W. Peacock, J.D.; F. Webb, D.C.; S. Lester, I.G.; F. Duff, Org.; H. Foster and S. B. Castle, Stwd.; J. Mason, Tyler; C. Richardson, Asst. Tyler; C. Goldthorpe, Charity Steward; W. W. Peacock, Almoner; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; W. C. Wright, Sam. Smith, P. Jenner, H. Gunby, J. Hastie, S. W. S. Taylor, T. Bletcher, C. Reasbeck, and C. Hopkinson.

Bros. Bletcher, Hastie, and Taylor were duly passed to the Second Degree, the work being performed by the W.M., Bros. Buckland and Bridge giving the working tools and the charge. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates and the W.M. intimated that he would, with the approval of the brethren, invite Provincial Grand Lodge to hold their April meeting under the banner of St. George's Lodge, No. 242. This intimation met with hearty and unanimous approval.

Architect Lodge, No. 1375.

At the regular meeting of the above lodge, held on the 3rd instant at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, a large gathering of brethren assembled. The lodge was opened by Bro. Alfred Pickford, W.M., with Bros. C. H. Brewer, P.M., as S.W. and W. Dyson Fryer, P.M., Treas., as J.W. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Prov. G. Officers were announced, including Bros. T. W. Rice, P.M., P.S.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; and others, and duly saluted. The ballot was taken for Bro. T. Notton, and, proving satisfactory, he was announced and congratulated. The W.M. announced that since their last lodge a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge had been held, and he had great pleasure in indicating to those present that Bro. Henry Nall, P.M. of their lodge, had been unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and highly complimented him upon attaining that high position. Bro. Nall, with feelings of deep emotion, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for this kind expression, and sincerely trusted they would never have reason to regret him being elected to that high and important post. It was proposed by Bro. Nall, and seconded by the W.M., "That Bro. J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Keg., be elected an hon. member of the lodge," which was unanimously agreed to. At this meeting there were melancholy events to be referred to as well as those of pleasure, and it is a pleasing thing to note that Freemasons, even in the height of happiness and elation, do not forget their brethren who are afflicted, and there were three letters of condolence sent to three respective brethren who had bereavement in their families. The members of this lodge do their duties well, and are well governed by their Worshipful Master, Bro. Pickford.

The visiting brethren were invited to supper as the guests of Bro. H. Nall.

All the loyal toasts and others were earnestly given and responded to.

A very pleasing programme of music and recitations was given by Bros. H. Nall, Martin Thomas, William Rushton, G. S. Smith, and C. H. Beever.

The following were present: Bros. Alfred Picton, W.M.; W. Dyson Fryer, P.M., Treas.; H. Nall, P.M., P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. Coupland, S.D.; A. Redfern, J.D.; A. Moss, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Rushton, Org.; J. M. Crowe; H. Bloomer, P.M.; C. H. Beever, P.M.; W. Moul; W. Lea; J. Bromley, P.M.; and G. Roberts, P.M. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Rice, P.M., P.S.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; Martin Thomas, P.M., P.G.D. E. Lances; G. A. Myers, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Heywood, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Hardwick Marsh, P.M.; T. W. Foster, P.G.T.; A. Cross, P.P.G.D.; T. Notton; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. East Lances, P.P.G. Org. West Lances; Jas. Hurst, W.M. 2109; and others.

Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Crowle, when there were present Bros. H. Burtonshaw, W.M.; W. Pickering, S.W.; G. S. Tyack, J.D.; A. Cundall, I.G.; T. Oates, Asst. I.G.; J. Turner, Stwd.; R. Wood, P.M., Sec.; W. Chamberlain, P.M., D.C.; T. Staniforth, P.M., Almoner; T. C. Horolin, P.M.; H. Hoe, Std. Br.; G. W. B. Kent, J. G. Barratt, J. Batty, W. E. Cranidge, and G. Naylor, Tyler. Bro. G. W. B. Kent was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. A gentleman was proposed and seconded, and the lodge was closed.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. W. H. Rylands, P.M., A.G.D.C., in the chair; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, I.P.M.; E. Maclean and C. Kupferschmidt, Wardens; G. W. Speth, Sec.; S. T. Klein and C. Purdon Clarke, Deacons; E. Conder, jun., Stwd., as I.G.; and John Lane, P.A. G.D.C. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. A. C. A. Higerty, G. J. Pinckard, D.D.G.M. Louisiana; W. H. Tiffany, Dr. T. Charters White, A. Digby-Green, C. H. Barnes, W. C. Barnes, J. W. Barnes, J. Dhonaw, G. Stevens, E. Conder, sen., T. Cohn, W. F. Stauffer, H. Woodcock, J. A. Brown, P.M., D.P.G.M.; the Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, F. F. Giraud, C. H. Risher, Dr. W. A. Dingle, M. Pulvermann, W. P. Eversley, R. A. Gowan, W. H. Colman, G. Powell, Hannon le Strange, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; H. W. Tharp, W. A. Tharp, Harry Tipper, A.G.P.; A. T. Breed, C. B. Barnes, W. S. Ayling, C. W. Capel, G. J. Taylor, C. H. Bestow, W. Lake, A.G. Sec.; T. Aitken, F. Dowse, the Rev. E. S. Wright, H. C. Hounell, H. B. Chamberlain, C. W. Mapleton, W. G. Poole, R. Orttwell, E. Glaeser, J. C. Peacock, and F. Bird. Also the following visitors: Bros. J. Tharp, 1228; H. Hapgood, 2128; and P. E. Edwards, 1027.

The following four lodges and 51 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: Winton Lodge, No. 2305, Winton, Queensland; St. David in the East Lodge, No. 371 (S.C.), Calcutta; Townsville Lodge, No. 1506, Townsville, Queensland; Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9, Dundee; Bros. W. F. Brookings, P.M. 449 (I.C.), New Plymouth, New Zealand; in Queensland, J. H. Thoruber, P.M. 1554; A. K. Hamilton and T. J. Douglas, both of 1554, Mackay; S. G. Stephens, P.M. 1315, Toowoomba; G. Ross, P.M. 752 (S.C.), Maryborough,

R. G. Dutton, 730 (S.C.), Roma; W. M. Bonhar, P.M. 1798, Herberston; G. A. Leichney and W. H. Pimlott, both of 2419, Clifton; W. H. Boyd, 818 (S.C.), Warwick; W. H. Kirtin, 1596, Townsville; H. Johnson, P.M. 677 (S.C.), Rockhampton; and C. Carkeek, P.M. 2207, Blackall; in New South Wales, J. Leech, P.M. 97; in Victoria, H. W. Sinclair, P.M. 110, Melbourne; in India, R. J. Coster, 2545, Virudapati; in Natal, A. C. F. Elstob, 738, A. Chapman, 447 bis (S.C.), and J. W. Bradley, 731, all of Durban; A. W. Rowsell, P.M. 1665, R. McAlister, W.M. 701 (S.C.), and J. Brooks, 1729, all of Pietermaritzburg; in Griqualand West, W. Brookings, 2486, Klipdam; in the Orange Free State, G. Myers, Ficksburg, and I. H. Haasburger, 1022, Bloemfontein; in the South African Republic, A. F. Schnieder, 2310, and T. W. Goodwin, P.M., both of Johannesburg, and M. Seehoff, W.M., Krugersdorp; in the U.S.A., S. R. Moore, W.M. 2, Steilcoom, Washington, and T. Footer, P.M. 100, Cumberland, Maryland; Dr. A. E. A. Nickel, Perleberg, Germany; L. Ghislain, Mons, Belgium; A. W. Peebles, 101, Edinburgh; B. F. Noble, 4, Glasgow; A. Darling, W.M. 393, Berwick-on-Tweed; J. Watson, P.M. 1342, Newcastle-on-Tyne; the Rev. C. C. Bluett, P.M. 2326, Wigan; E. Hinxman, W.M. 76, Winchester; Dr. F. A. Brooks, 2371, Felixstowe; H. Woodcock, 2470, Welling; C. Smith, 19, South Croydon; M. W. Dodge, P.M. 1564, Godalming; F. Bird, P.M. 1042, Maldon; and E. Ayres, 1343, M. Pulvermann, 19, F. J. Street, P.M. 180, H. W. Kiallmark, P.M. 180, J. Tickle, P.M. 1199, C. H. Risher, 1777, and W. H. Colman, 2513, all of London.

Bro. Edward Maclean, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Sir Walter Besant was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Freeman, Tyler. It was resolved: "That Bro. the Rev. Charles James Ball, M.A., having completed his year of office as W.M. of the lodge, the thanks of the brethren be suitably engrained on parchment and presented to him." It was also resolved: "That the W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London, do most heartily rejoice with their Danish brethren who are about to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into their country, and the 25th anniversary of the initiation of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark into the Craft. That they respectfully beg to tender their fraternal congratulations to his Royal Highness and to their Danish brethren in general; and that Bro. Simonsen, Local Secretary to the lodge in Denmark, be charged to communicate the above resolutions." The Secretary called attention to the following articles exhibited by Bro. A. C. A. Higerty: a French apron, collar and jewel; an old Knights Templar apron; and a curiously hand-painted apron, with collar, to which was attached a Past Master's jewel, presented about 1750 to Bro. Houston, a Governor of Georgia in colonial times, and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, by the said Grand Lodge. The apron had also been worn by Bro. Houston, and the articles are now in the possession of Bro. Colonel Molyneux, W.M. 2437, who is a grandson of the old Governor. Bro. John Lane read a most valuable paper, entitled, "The Early Lodges of Freemasons, their Constitution and Warrants, 1717-1760," in which he traced the manner of legalising lodges, from the date of the revival up to the time when warrants of constitutions similar to our present ones came into use. The matter was so interestingly dealt with and practically tabulated for future use and reference, as to merit the warmly expressed acknowledgments of every brother who spoke in the succeeding discussion. To this contributions were made by Bros. H. le Strange, E. Conder, jun., G. W. Speth, W. H. Rylands, W. J. Hughan, and J. R. Riley. Bro. Lane responded, replying to several criticisms, which, however, referred to subsidiary points, and not to the main lines of his paper, and subsequently also acknowledged the hearty vote of thanks which was accorded him. The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

Chough Lodge, No. 2264.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. G. S. Miller, W.M.; W. C. Smith, S.W.; W. B. Marcus, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Percival, W. V. Jull, H. Saqui, J. W. Breeze, G. J. Judge, P.M.; C. Mussared, P.M.; Walter Martin, P.M.; M. J. Almond, A. Strugnell, J. Turle Lee, A. Haynes, C. Frohlich, Miles Mole, J. Mullerhausen, Percy Gray, T. Bowler, Tyler; and many others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; A. S. Berenberg, W.M. 1728; Wint, W.M. 101; H. S. Pulman, W.M. 2303; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. G. S. Miller, initiated Mr. Percy Gray, and his working of the ritual was excellent. The Auditors' report of the Lodge and Benevolent Funds having been received and adopted, Bro. Wm. Close Smith, the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Walter Martin, P.M., and installed into the chair by Bro. G. S. Miller. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M. for the ensuing year: Bros. J. F. Percival, S.W.; W. V. Jull, J.W.; Geo. S. Miller, I.P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; H. Saqui, S.D.; J. W. Breeze, J.D.; M. J. Almond, I.G.; A. Strugnell, D.C.; J. Turle Lee, Org.; A. Haynes and C. Frohlich, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. G. S. Miller in such an able and praiseworthy manner that it elicited the hearty commendations of all the brethren.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the large company partook of a sumptuous banquet.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received. In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Clowes, whose name was associated with the toast, stated that it was gratifying to the Grand Officers to know that they were always received in as kind and hearty a manner as he had been that evening. The I.P.M. was a very good fellow, and he was sorry that he had missed seeing him instal his successor. He congratulated the W.M., and remarked that the lodge was favoured in having so excellent a ruler.

Bro. G. S. Miller, I.P.M., proposed the "Health of the Worshipful Master." He said that it was a great honour to propose the toast, which was the greatest that could be given that evening. He and the W.M. were initiated at the same time, but by an accident his name came first, and he was glad to have the pleasure of installing him. He had not the slightest doubt that he would make a splendid Master and keep the lodge to the front. He had done great things for the Charities, and he felt that he would continue his efforts in that direction.

Bro. W. C. Smith, W.M., on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. He said that he could not agree with the I.P.M. that the toast of the W.M. was the one of the evening, but the next one, that of the I.P.M., was, he considered, the most important. He would do his very utmost for the lodge (and that could not be too much), and endeavour to keep up its great reputation. In earnest terms he urged the members to attend the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge, where he had obtained all his Masonic knowledge, and as the principal officers of the lodge of instruction were members of the lodge, they would be only too anxious to give every instruction. In conclusion, he paid a tribute to Bro. Walter Martin, P.M., their able Preceptor, for his valuable services in the lodge of instruction.

The W.M. gave "The Immediate Past and Installing Master, Bro. G. S. Miller," observing that it was, as he had before stated, the toast. At the night of his initiation he was side by side with the I.P.M., and he was still by his side. They all knew his great worth, and he had had a brilliant year of office. It was now his pleasure and honour, on behalf of the lodge, to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and he did not think he could receive any jewel in the Craft which he would prize more than that for his services as W.M. of the Chough Lodge, his mother lodge, and he hoped he would be spared for very many years to be with them.

The inscription on the jewel was—"Presented to Bro. G. S. Miller in consideration of his valuable services as W.M."

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and

Bro. Miller, I.P.M., in response, said that it was with feelings of pride he returned his sincere thanks for the many things he had received at their hands, one being the honour of having been sent to represent the lodge as Steward for the Boys, when the lodge was third on the list. He was proud to hear that his services were appreciated. He was the first initiate of the lodge, and the first initiate to reach the chair, and all the members present, with the exception of the Past Masters, had gone through his hands in some way. He honoured the jewel, and it would be a pleasure to him to continue to do everything in his power to add, if he could, to the prosperity and happiness of the lodge in every way.

In submitting the toast of "The Initiate," the Worshipful Master stated that from what they had heard from his introducers he would make a good Mason in every respect, but if he would only follow in the footsteps of his proposer—an eminent Mason—he would have a brilliant career before him, and, if he did that, he would ever bless the day he joined Masonry.

Bro. Percy Gray responded. He thanked the W.M. and the members for the kind way he had been received. He had long aspired to be a Freemason and he hoped some day to be in office, and perhaps in time become W.M. To be made one of them was, he considered, a great honour.

In proposing "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master stated that they had a goodly array, many of whom were distinguished in the Craft. They were all very welcome and he would be glad to see them again. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. A. S. Berenberg, W.M. 1728; Wint, W.M. 101; and H. S. Pulman, W.M. 2309.

Bro. Berenberg responded. He had known their genial W.M. for many years and he hoped the members would rally round him and send him up as Steward for one of the Charities with an amount that would make the lodge the first on the list.

Bro. Wint also replied. He had enjoyed himself very much and hoped to come there again.

Bro. Pulman said the Masonic Choughs were all good fellows and it was a pleasure to visit their happy lodge. With their I.P.M. they had had a most efficient and pains-taking officer and if the W.M. turned out as good the lodge must prosper.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters." The members appreciated the great worth of the Past Masters, who had been through the heat and burden of the day, and he hoped that he would have their great assistance during his term of office. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. W. B. Marcus, P.M., and G. J. Judge, P.M.

Bro. W. B. Marcus, P.M., acknowledged the toast, observing that he stood before them in a new light. He had been the Treasurer for six years, and had had no rest, having had such a lot of work to do, but now that was over; he responded as a Past Master, one of the so-called "old fossils," and he was proud he was one.

Bro. G. J. Judge, P.M., also responded. As one of the founders, he was proud of the Chough Lodge, which was always earnest in the cause of Charity, and they would loyally support the Worshipful Master for any of the Charities that he would go up as Steward for.

In giving "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. stated that he regretted they were not honoured with the attendance of any representative of the three Institutions, but he trusted during his term of office to have the pleasure of the company of all the Secretaries. In eloquent terms he urged the members to give liberally, and he hoped that the forthcoming year would be one of the biggest, financially, in the annals of the noble Institutions.

The next toast was "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. observing that the Treasurer, Bro. G. S. Miller, I.P.M., was new to that office, and they had to prove him, but he thought that the end of the year of his office would speak well as to his efforts. The Secretary was a splendid officer, and had done his work in the past with every satisfaction. He was one of the best of friends, and he (the W.M.) was proud that he had such an efficient Secretary, and he looked to him for many things while he occupied the chair.

Bro. G. S. Miller, I.P.M., Treas., who was again received with much warmth, responded. He thought they had already heard too much of his voice. The outgoing Treasurer, Bro. Marcus, P.M., had carried out his duties in such a way that it would be impossible for him to do better, and later a suitable acknowledgment would be made to him for his great services to the lodge.

Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec., also replied. He said that he was honoured by again being appointed Secretary, and he was proud and thankful that he was able to serve the lodge. He was a poor speechmaker, but what he lacked in that respect he hoped to make up in deeds. Might he mention that all the time he had been in office he had not had one complaint against him, and he took that as a great compliment, and he would continue to do his best for the lodge. He was sorry they had lost the services of the old Treasurer, but with the new one he thought he would be able to work well.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Officers of the Lodge." He stated that all the officers, with one exception, were initiates of the lodge. The visitors had been kind enough to say that the lodge was well-known for excellent working of the ritual, and he had no hesitation in affirming that his officers were such that they would keep up the great standard of the lodge.

The toast was cordially received and suitably responded to by Bros. J. F. Percival, S.W.; W. V. Jull, J.W.; H. Saqui, S.D.; M. J. Almond, I.G.; A. Strugnell, D.C.; J. Turle Lee, Org.; and A. Haynes and C. Frohlich, Stewards.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a grand evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The vocal and musical entertainment was one of the very best, and ably carried out under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, assisted by Bros. J. A. Brown, Lester, Miles Mole, J. Mullerhausen, and Arthur Strugnell, who were all members of the lodge, with the exception of Bro. Lester.

St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271.

The installation meeting of this distinguished and flourishing lodge was held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when many attended to honour Bro. James Irvine, the W.M. elect, a very popular and esteemed member of the Craft. There were present Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx. Vice-Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Sec.; James Irvine, P.M. 865, S.W.; H. R. Graham, M.P., P.M., Treas.; C. Jacob, S.D.; R. Chattey, J.D.; C. H. Worley, G. F. Vine, W. H. Curtis, A. Cuzner, T. Parker, Frank Cuzner, C. W. Matthews, H. C. Vennall, R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler; and the following honorary members; Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; and A. H. Scurrah, P.M. 2048 and 2206, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx. Visitors: Bros. C. H. E. Gornell, I.P.M. 2519; G. H. Wavell, W.M. 862; James Weaver, P.M. 862, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; W. Sparks, 1744; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, Prov. G. Treas. Bucks.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G. W. Derby, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Captain C. J. Knightley, P.M. 1744; H. W. Parker, W.M. 2048; E. H. Lea, I.P.M. 49; Geo. E. Fairchild, Asst. G.D. of C.; T. M. Ormiston, W.M. 1507; Oscar Barrett, W.M. 2127; A. H. Cole, W.M. 1744; T. Jefferies, S.W. 1744; Lieut.-Colonel Henry Gardner, 1718; C. H. Vennall, 173; H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1708; S. Godden, P.M. 862; and R. T. West, 1744.

In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. R. S. Chattey, who was detained through pressing business, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted, the W.M. elect, Bro. James Irvine, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., in an exceedingly able and impressive manner. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. H. E. Vennall, who must have been deeply impressed with the manner in which the ceremony was performed. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Sir Geo. Harris, P.G.D.; R. Grey, Pres. Bd. Ben.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; Loveland Loveland, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; and many others.

The lodge was closed, and a *recherche* banquet followed, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

In eloquent terms the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and afterwards gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stated that the Grand Officers carried out their duties excellently, and they had given much time to promote Freemasonry. All who attended Grand Lodge knew the great work they did, and no better officers could be found in the world. They were honoured that evening with the presence of four Grand Officers, and they were highly welcome, and he coupled the names of Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg responded, remarking that it was the first time he had had the advantage of speaking first. He was one of the Consecrating Officers, and he thought that all the members had gone right, but he left it to the Grand Registrar to tell them where they had gone wrong, and he felt he had set him a difficult task.

Bro. Philbrick stated that he also had taken part in consecrating the lodge, of which he was an honorary member. He congratulated the lodge on the position it had attained and the Grand Officers present were delighted to see the success the members had achieved. The lodge had survived its seventh year which was started under splendid auspices and it had maintained that thorough splendid Masonic work, and he hoped it would ever prosper.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was left in the able hands of Bro. H. R. Graham, M.P., P.M., who stated that the I.P.M., Bro. R. S. Chattey, had requested him to submit the toast as he did not feel he could do it in as able a manner as it ought to be done, as he was not present in the lodge that night, and on his behalf he thanked Bro. W. A. Scurrah for having performed the installation ceremony. The new W.M.,

Bro. Irvine, would, he felt sure, carry out his duties in an excellent manner and the lodge would be quite safe in his hands. Bro. Irvine had worked hard in Masonry for the last 19 years and it was a great honour to have one so eminent as their W.M. and that as he had postponed his projected visit to India so as to be installed, showed, he thought, that he also considered it an honour to be W.M. of the St. Pancras Lodge. No words of his could add to his great worth and to the esteem in which he was held in the Masonic world.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Irvine, W.M., on rising to respond had a very hearty reception. He thanked Bro. Graham for the kind manner in which he had placed his name before them, and he thanked them all for the generous acclamation with which they had received the toast. He was indeed honoured by being the Master, and he would do his utmost to carry out his duties to their entire satisfaction, but words failed him at that moment to express himself as he would wish.

The W.M. gave "The Initiate," remarking that he hoped he would be a credit to the lodge and the Craft in general, and if he aspired to go higher he would see as he went step by step the great beauty of Masonry, which he could not fail to appreciate, and he would never regret having joined the Craft.

In response, Bro. H. E. Vennall said that it was a great pleasure to him to be a Mason, and he wished to do that which would accord credit to the Craft.

The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master, the Immediate Past Master, and Past Masters." He stated that to give praise to the Installing Master, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, was like painting the lily. Bro. Scurrah was founder, and had been a good servant to the lodge, having been the Secretary from its consecration, and he was its parent and no one was more respected. His rendering of the installation ceremony was perfect, and it had been his pleasure to see him perform that ceremony on many occasions, and he was always excellent. He was proud to have been installed by him, and he was indebted to him for much of his knowledge in Masonry. He was sorry that Bro. Chattey, I.P.M., was not able to be present in the lodge, but he had satisfactorily explained to him the reason of his absence. Bro. Chattey had conducted himself well as W.M., and at the next lodge meeting he would be invested with a Past Master's jewel for his services, it having always been the practice of the lodge to present jewels in open lodge. He also referred to each of the Past Masters by name, who had all rendered good service, and were more than pillars of the lodge, which, he thought, was one of the best in the metropolis, and they would keep them correct and right.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, Installing Master, responded. He thanked the W.M. for his kindness. It had been his great ambition from the consecration to make the lodge one of the very best. It was the proudest moment of his life to instal so good a man as Bro. Irvine, who was a thorough Mason in heart and action, and under his genial rule the lodge must and would prosper. He had been invested that day as S.W., but their first W.M. was Sir Robert Fowler, and he was his deputy and had to do nearly all the work during his year of office, and it was a pleasure to have assisted Sir Robert Fowler, whose death he and the members regretted very much. In conclusion, he stated that he had an announcement to make that would give joy to Bro. McLeod, which was that the W.M. would go up as Steward for the Boys, and that his list at present amounted to the substantial sum of £89 odd.

Bro. R. S. Chattey, I.P.M., also acknowledged the toast. He regretted not being able to be present at the installation of the W.M., but business of a pressing nature was the cause, and he hoped the members would forgive his absence. He congratulated the W.M., and wished him a prosperous and happy year of office.

Bro. Graham, M.P., P.M., also responded, paying a tribute to the memory of Bros. Sir Robert Fowler and Dr. Powndrel, whose great services to the lodge, although they were no more, would never be forgotten. He had had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Lord Lathom, who gave him good advice by telling him never to neglect any Masonic engagement, which he should do his best to follow, and he had come from abroad earlier in order to attend the lodge that evening.

In submitting "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. said that nothing was required from him to impress upon the members the importance of the toast. Charity always began at home, but they had a margin, and that would gladly be given to their noble Institutions. He hoped the members would give him great support in his Stewardship for the Boys, and send him up with a list large in amount. They had well supported the Charities in the past, and he trusted that they would continue their efforts in the future. He had done his best for the Girls, and his ambition was to do likewise for the Boys. He thanked the members for the £89 odd, but, for the integrity of the lodge, he trusted that he would have at the least 100 guineas, as Charity was the mainstay and the greatest institution of Masonry. He was a poor beggar and he would leave it to Bro. McLeod, who was a most enthusiastic pleader in the cause, to urge the members to give all they could spare, and they would never regret it.

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., responded in a very eloquent speech, which was received with marked attention, and the outcome of it, we think, will be that the W.M.'s list, as Steward for the Boys, will be very much increased in amount.

"The Visitors" having been honoured,

Bros. Oscar Barrett, W.M. 2127; G. H. Wavell, W.M. 862; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; James Weaver, P.M. 862; and C. H. E. Gornell, I.P.M. 2519, replied, all bearing testimony to the excellent working of the W.M. and Installing Master, and the way they had been welcomed and entertained by the brethren.

In appropriate terms the W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was suitably responded to by Bro. Graham, M.P., P.M., Treas., and Bro. W. A. Scurrah, in the absence of the new Secretary.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers," observing that without good officers a Master would be all at sea. Those that he had appointed were of the very best, and he hoped with their great assistance to be able to carry out his duties without a single hitch. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. C. Jacob, J.W.; R. Chattey, S.D.; and G. F. Vine, who all responded.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy meeting, and one that will long be remembered.

Bro. James Weaver, P.M., was assisted in the excellent musical entertainment by Bros. F. J. Brittain and H. Tipper, Messrs. G. W. Turner, H. G. Ryall, and F. J. Belton, Miss Louise Jenkins (who received a well-deserved encore), and Miss Maggie Purvis, R.C.M. Special mention should be made of the two ladies for their exquisite singing, which was very much appreciated.

The portrait of Bro. James Irvine, the W.M., appears in our Gallery of Worshipful Masters this issue.

Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

The annual festival of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. James Webb, W.M.; J. W. H. Littleboy, S.W.; Captain G. Hoey, Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Jackson, S.D.; C. F. Passmore, I.P.M.; C. Pulman, P.M.; G. J. Woolridge; F. M. Wilkins; J. T. Tomlinson, R. Clamp; J. H. Askham, P.M.; J. Wenham, and H. Whitburn. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; W. E. Robinson, W.M., Dr. A. J. Howlin, S.W., R. Mossop, J.W., C. T. Tyler, P.M., Sec., Prov. G. Sec., and S. C. Knight, I.P.M., of 1395; J. Larcombe, W.M., A. Gayton, S.W., T. L. Smith, J.W., and J. J. Black, P.M., Sec., of 1564; Thos. Dix, W.M., H. J. Bidwell, P.M., R. Hunt, J.W., and E. Squire, of 2120; F. Harper, W.M. elect, and A. H. Gale, 2521; Dr. Wellington Lake, 52; C. Butler, P.M. 2394; W. A. Shaw, P.M. 1687; A. M. Kennett, 2475; and A. Gunning, 1457.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of two previous meetings confirmed, the retiring W.M. at once proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which was performed in a very able and impressive manner. The following are the office-bearers for the year: Bros. J. W. H. Littleboy, W.M.; James Webb, I.P.M.; Capt. G. Hoey, P.M., S.W.; A. G. Jackson, J.W.; Major G. Collins, P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Tomlinson, S.D.; R. Clamp, J.D.; J. H. Askham, P.M., I.G.; J. Wenham and H. Whitburn, Stewards; and G. F. Mason, Tyler.

The business of the lodge concluded with the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Webb, I.P.M., after which the brethren adjourned to another portion of the building, where an excellent banquet was provided by the Tyler, Bro. Mason.

On the removal of the cloth, the toasts of "The Queen" and of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," were proposed in very eloquent terms by the newly-installed W.M., after which, in giving that of "The Officers of the Grand Lodge," the W.M. said: We are honoured this evening by the presence of a very worthy and distinguished Grand Officer, viz., Bro. Gould, whom I am sure I am only echoing the sentiments of the brethren in saying, we are always delighted to see among us; we shall always welcome him as often as he can visit us. I have not had the pleasure of associating with many Grand Lodge Officers, but I can only say that if Bro. Gould is a fair sample, they are a very genial set of men. I ask you therefore, brethren, to drink

"The Health of the Pro G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the remainder of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Gould.

Bro. Gould said that he had much pleasure in responding for the body with which his name had been associated. The brethren would be aware that, according to the Constitutions of their Society, the Grand Master had the power of sending his Grand Officers to visit any of the lodges, and if that evening, instead of attending as a private guest, he had been deputed to do so by the Grand Master, it would have afforded him the utmost satisfaction to report that he had witnessed for the fourth time in succession the ceremony of installation performed by the out-going Master of the Bisley Lodge in a manner which absolutely left nothing to be desired. A noticeable feature of the meeting was its representative character. The Provincial Grand Officers mustered in considerable force; the Masters and Wardens of all the Woking lodges and of several other lodges were also present. The high reputation achieved by the Bisley Lodge in past years, he felt sure, would be equally secure under the new W.M., who was supported, he might add, by officers of exceptional ability. His acquaintance with the S.W. dated from 1858, at Gibraltar, where they first met in lodge. A couple of years later their two regiments were again united in the same brigade, in the North of China, but, though there were lodges in both, Masonic meetings were, of course, impracticable until the conclusion of the war. The J.W., he was certain, would be a source of strength to the lodge. The familiar face of the Treasurer, Major Collins, was much missed by them all; but he was glad to see present their energetic Secretary, to whose Masonic experience and untiring industry the lodge owed no slight portion of the high reputation it had acquired. Nor could he pass away from the officers of the lodge without expressing the satisfaction it had afforded him to see a veteran Past Master like their Bro. Askham cheerfully undertaking the comparatively minor rôle of I.G., in which he had been that evening invested. In conclusion, Bro. Gould stated that the pleasure of residing at Woking had been much enhanced by the Masonic kindness he had met with at all hands, and he trusted that many opportunities might yet be afforded him of being present at future anniversary meetings of the Bisley Lodge.

The W.M. then said: Our present Provincial Grand Master has a very difficult task before him, and that is to follow in the footsteps of such a man as the late respected Col. Noel Money. At present our Prov. Grand Master reminds me of the algebraical formula X—an unknown quantity—but I have no doubt that when we do know him we shall find in him a man well worthy to occupy his exalted position. I hope at some future time he will be able to visit us, and I can only say we will extend to him a very hearty reception.

The toast of "The Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M.," having been very warmly received, in proposing the next the W.M. observed: I think the Masons in this part of the province are to be congratulated on the fact that the Prov. Grand Master has selected from the prominent Masons among us one to fill the office of Prov. Grand Secretary. In Bro. Tyler we have a very popular Mason, and deservedly so, and I am convinced our Prov. Grand Master could have selected no one more worthy or more fitted to fill that very onerous post than Bro. Tyler. I sincerely hope he may long occupy that distinguished position, and I can assure him he will always receive a very hearty welcome from the brethren of the Bisley Lodge. We have among us this evening a good array of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, whom we are pleased to see. I shall couple the name of Bro. Tyler with the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Prov. Grand Secretary, in the course of his reply and after thanking the brethren for the kindness which they had always extended to him, assured them that the Earl of Onslow was looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the time arriving when he should have personally visited every lodge in his province.

The W.M. then said: I am taking the liberty of altering the arrangement of the programme, and proposing "The Health of the Visitors" next, as several of our visiting brethren have to catch trains, and time is ever on the wing. We have among us this evening brethren who have visited us frequently, and consequently know us well, but there are several brethren present who are paying their first visit to us this evening, and to them I may say, I think without undue egotism or conceit, that the Bisley Lodge is famous for its hospitality, and the hearty welcome it extends to those who honour it with their company. We are always pleased to see them, and we generally find they repeat their visit at no great interval. Let us hope they will follow the example set by others, and repeat their visit soon. I couple with this toast the names of Bros. Robinson, W.M. 1395; Larcombe, W.M. 1564; H. J. Bidwell, P.M. 2120; and C. Butler, P.M. 2394.

These brethren having suitably responded,

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying, amongst other things, he was the first initiate to reach the chair, and hoped he would have a good and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in reply, said: I.P.M., Officers, and Brethren.—It is with feelings of no ordinary pleasure that I rise to return thanks for the very kindly manner in which you, Bro. I.P.M., have proposed this toast, and you, brethren, for the hearty reception you have given it. I can assure you it is one of the proudest moments of my life, I now having attained to the highest ambition a Mason can desire—the Mastership of his mother lodge. I also am the first initiate of the lodge to attain to this high honour. I was initiated in this lodge six years ago next month, when we used to meet at the school-room on Bisley Green, which I am thankful to say we have left and come to more comfortable quarters here. I have filled every office with only one exception from Steward upwards. I thank you, brethren, very sincerely for having elected me to the post of W.M., and I shall endeavour to fill that post with credit to the lodge and satisfaction to yourselves. I echo the wish of our I.P.M. that we may have a very successful year. We have made a good start, and we must keep it up. If every brother, or at least every other brother, can bring a joining member or initiate when we close our session in May next, we shall look back at a very prosperous year. I cannot resume my seat without expressing my great pleasure that the slight misunderstanding which arose at the beginning of the year between several of the brethren has been cleared up, and as they have amicably settled their differences, we can, with apologies to the immortal Bard, Bro. William Shakespeare (for I am sure he was a Mason), say, "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this 'reconciliation,'" and the clouds which o'er our lodge lowered, in the deep bosom of the ocean buried.

In giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. said: This, brethren, I consider is the toast of the evening. The W.M. is an untried man; he may be a good Master and he may not; he has yet to prove himself. But the I.P.M. is proven, we know what he is; he has been weighed in the balance and found full weight. Bro. Webb is a good fellow all through, he has proved himself to be a good Master, efficient in work, genial in disposition, and a credit to the lodge. May he long be spared to remain a member of us, and benefit the lodge by his presence as a Past Master!

Bro. J. Webb, I.P.M., replied, saying he had only done his best to fill the office of W.M., and hoped he would long remain a member.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. expressed his pleasure in having two such well tried and zealous Masons as Bros. Collins and Lancaster to act in those capacities, and congratulated the lodge on their good fortune in having two such members to fill those posts.

Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very hearty reception they had given this toast, and said he very much regretted that a sudden call of duty had prevented Bro. Major Collins from being present and replying. In Bro. Major Collins the lodge had an officer of exceptional ability, one who from the formation of the lodge had done much to bring about the measure of success it now enjoyed. After relating several facts as to the past year's work, he (Bro. Lancaster) dwelt upon the pleasurable prospect of a good year for the present W.M., whose Masonic career, though somewhat brief, had been of so enthusiastic and capable a nature as to warrant the assurance that the duties of his high station would be performed with satisfaction to himself and advantage to the lodge.

The Wardens and the I.G. having severally responded for "The Officers of the Lodge," the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening, the pleasure of which was greatly heightened by the excellent singing of a goodly number of the members and visitors.

THE MARRIAGE of the Marquis of Worcester, eldest son of the Duke of Beaufort, with the Baroness Carlo de Tuyl was solemnised in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on Wednesday, among the congregation being the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, the Duchess of Abercorn, Lord and Lady E. Somerset, and many others. In the course of the afternoon the Marquis and Marchioness of Worcester left for Cassiobury Park, near Watford, the seat of the Earl of Essex, brother-in-law of the bride.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. JAMES IRVINE,

whose installation as Worshipful Master of the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271, is reported in another column, was initiated in the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, in the year 1878, in which he filled all the minor offices from D.C. upwards, after which he was elected W.M. in 1888, just 10 years after he first saw the first light in Masonry. In 1883 he was elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund of the Whittington Lodge, which position he now holds. Our brother is a companion of the Whittington Chapter, and has passed through the various offices, and is now a P.Z. and Treasurer of the chapter. He has served as Steward to the Charities three times, twice for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and once for the Girls. He is a subscriber to all three, and it is his intention to go up this year as Steward for the Boys, when it is very probable that he will have a good round sum to show for his Stewardship. He was the first joining member of the St. Pancras Lodge, in which he has served the various offices, and was installed Worshipful Master on the 3rd inst. He is a founder of the St. Pancras Chapter, and is now H. elect. Bro. Irvine, who has taken an active interest in supporting the Masonic Charities, has ever been a great enthusiast in Freemasonry, and has taken a deep interest in the Craft, which is testified by the brethren of the St. Pancras Lodge, in which he is very popular, and they are to be congratulated on having so eminent a ruler.



BRO. REV. DR. WIRGMAN,

District Junior Grand Warden of South Africa (Eastern Division) and W.M. of the Good Will Lodge, No. 711 (E.C.), Port Elizabeth, was initiated into Freemasonry at Port Elizabeth in the above lodge in June 1878, was passed in July, and raised in August of the same year. He served his mother lodge as Chaplain and as Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, and Senior Warden, and was finally installed in the chair in June last. In 1880 Bro. Dr. Wirgman was appointed District G. Chap. of South Africa (Eastern Division), and he is now District J.G.W. Bro. Dr. Wirgman has taken a keen interest in the other Degrees of Freemasonry. He was one of the original members of the St. Croix Rose Croix Chapter, No. 81, Port Elizabeth, which was founded in

1878, under the Supreme Grand Council for England and Wales, &c. He became M.W.S. of this chapter in 1884. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter of Good Will, No. 711, in 1879, and was one of the first members of the Spes Bona Mark Lodge of Port Elizabeth, and was advanced to that Degree in 1881. He is now S.W. of the Spes Bona Mark Lodge, and is District Grand Chaplain of the District Grand Mark Lodge in South Africa. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Wirgman is an old colonist, for he came to South Africa in 1874 as Vice Principal of St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown, and in 1875 he became rector of St. Mary's, Port Elizabeth. He graduated in 1870 B.A. (classical and theological honours) at Cambridge, where he was a foundation scholar of Magdalene College. He became M.A. in 1873, and graduated as B.D. in 1893, upon the qualification of his book on the Canon law of the English and Colonial Churches, which was published under the title of "The Church and the Civil Power." Bro. Dr. Wirgman was ordained in 1870, and served for four years in the diocese of Lichfield under the late Bishop Selwyn. Bro. Dr. Wirgman has been much occupied in literary work for the past 20 years, and is the author of several well-known theological works. His best known work is his "History of the Prayer Book," which rapidly passed through three editions, and was the cause of his receiving the honorary degree of D.C.L. from the Church University of the South, U.S.A., in 1878. He has also published three volumes of sermons, and has just brought out a "History of the English Church and People in South Africa," which has had a rapid sale. For some years Bro. Dr. Wirgman was editor of the *Southern Cross*, the newspaper organ of the English Church in South Africa. The total destruction of St. Mary's Collegiate Church by fire last March caused deep sympathy to be expressed for Bro. Dr. Wirgman, who had for over 20 years been Rector, and his Masonic brethren gathered round him in strong force at the recent meeting of the District Grand Lodge in Port Elizabeth, when the D.G.M., Bro. Dr. C. J. Egan, laid the memorial stone of the fabric which is being rebuilt and restored. An account of the proceedings will be found in another column.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Marriott-Matthews, W.M.; Austin, S.W.; Bradley, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Royle, S.D.; Fleming, J.D.; Illing, I.G.; Bates, P.M.; Holland, P.M.; Beauchamp, Lightfoot, Ollive, Thwaites, Thomas, Nichols, A. W. Thompson, and Sellick.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thwaites being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Lightfoot, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thomas, who performed the ceremony of the investiture of officers. Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Hinds, W.M.; H. Scharien, S.W.; Joseph Cox, W.M. 865, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Clark, S.D.; E. F. Nash, J.D.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., I.G.; Jesse Collings, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c.; William Hide, Richard Josey, P.M.; W. W. Williams, P.M.; and Robert Reid.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, the questions being put by Bro. Collings. The 5th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. W. W. Williams, the questions being put as before by Bro. Collings. Bro. Scharien was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. E. Lewis, W.M.; D. Baker, S.W.; Palmer, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Henry Weston, Treas.; Jabez Mason, Sec.; S. Drewell, S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; G. Sharpin, I.G.; Dickson, P.M.; Roberts, West, Rowe, Kelly, and McVey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mason, worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Roberts answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being candidate. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and Bro. D. Baker, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, when there were present: Bros. R. J. Rogers, P.M. 733, W.M.; W. H. Faircloth, W.M. 733, S.W.; W. M. Roberts, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. D. Hood, S.D.; G. Weaver, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; A. Clark, P.M., W.M. 1668; T. M. Lamble, C. Riemann, J. H. R. Kelly, and W. Smith.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being the candidate. Bros. Kelly and Smith were instructed preparatory to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Lamble being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Faircloth was elected W.M. for the next meeting—officers to be in rotation. The brethren expressed their regret that Bro. G. Read, P.G.S.B., the Preceptor, was in such a state of health as to incapacitate him attending the meetings. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. D. C. Ritchie, W.M.; C. Smith, S.W.; C. T. Rayner, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; W. Ropley, S.D.; G. T. Peall, J.D.; A. F. Hardyment, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; J. Birks, R. P. Upton, J. E. Thomas, J. R. White, J. H. Thurman, C. Nicole, M. Miroy, C. Weston, J. Amand, G. Yexley, W. G. Carrington, and W. A. Goring.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Amand being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Peall. The lodge having been opened in the Second and Third Degrees, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Miroy being the candidate. Bro. C. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Ritchie for his services in the chair for the first time. A ballot then took place for a Life Subscribership in one of the Masonic Charities amongst the brethren who had attended 20 meetings during the past year, 12 participating. Bro. Peall was the successful member. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. A. F. Taylor, W.M.; J. H. Neville, W.M. 1767, S.W.; A. J. Turner, J.W.; George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; J. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Charles Ortner, S.D.; Maurice Moss, J.D.; A. J. Clayton, I.G.; H. G. Danby, P.M.; T. W. Heath, P.M.; W. Thwaites, J. J. Rumbal, T. T. Gething, T. Pringle, and A. J. Battersby.

The lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Thwaites having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was therefore examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and called off. When called on again, Bro. R. H. Williams worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture, the questions being put by the Preceptor. Bro. A. H. Neville was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

A meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, when there were present Bros. W. Jenkinson, W.M.; F. Blake, S.W.; T. D. Lyle, J.W.; H. F. Whyman, Preceptor; H. A. Potvine, Sec.; L. W. Stansell, I.G.; E. Gratwick, and W. Belcher.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, after which the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Bros. F. Wright, P.M., President; Bro. H. F. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; Bro. W. P. Dickinson, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. H. A. Potvine, Sec. The Audit Committee was also appointed. It was then unanimously carried that the evening for meeting be altered from Saturday to Thursday for the future. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. F. Blake was elected to the chair for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 890.

A meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. C. Tilt, H. 262, Treas., M.E.Z.; J. Bailey, P.Z. 1602, H.; A. J. Taylor, J. 186, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, Prov. G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; W. Hillier, J. 834, P.S.; M. Spiegel, P.Z. 1356, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; and G. Gregory, J. 862.

The chapter was declared open for the purpose of improvement. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Comp. Gregory being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two meetings—Comp. Bailey, M.E.Z., and the officers in rotation. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday last in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, Patron and Treasurer of the Institution. Bro. Smith was supported at the chairman's table by Bros. A. C. Spaul, Frank Richardson, Sir J. B. Monckton, and C. E. Keyser, and among others present were Bros. W. F. Smithson, John Wordsworth, Capt. Herbert Green, John Chadwick, R. Wylie, W. Goodacre, F. Spaul, J. H. Matthews, William Vincent, Peter de L. Long, Edward Letchworth (G. Sec.), Thomas J. Maidwell, Magnus Ohren, J. Page, J. W. Burgess, George Adamson, W. A. Scurrah, H. Massey, W. Lake, Neville Green, C. F. Matier, George E. Fairchild, Colonel A. Thrale Perkins, George Ward Verry, Walter Martin, Daniels, J. D. Langton, H. Maudslay, J. E. Le Feuvre, Geo. Everett, H. Dehane, Russell (Prov. G. Treas. Kent); C. J. R. Tjou, James Stephens, S. H. Goldschmidt, J. Aldis, C. D. Cheetham, J. T. Newbold, J. H. Sillitoe, Thos. L. Waldon, Charles Newhouse, C. S. Dean, John Clayton, W. Goodman, H. Nuding, Edward Margrett, Henry Baldwin, C. K. Bensoll, J. G. Stevens, John Robinson, C. H. Webb, Baron Stone, Thomas H. Tobias, Col. Kentish, John Slyman, Maj. C. W. Carrell, G. H. Newington Bridges, H. Percy Smith, Dr. George Mick'e'r, Percy Wallis, George Goble, E. M. Money, W. C. Claridge, Geo. W. Dixon, J. B. Leaham, B. Kelly Thorpe, and James Eberall.

In the course of reading the summaries of minutes of General Committees for information, Bro. HEDGES, the Secretary announced that to one of those Committees the gratifying intelligence had been communicated that the Earl of Yarborough, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, would preside at the 108th Anniversary Festival of the Institution in May, 1896.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., moved—"That one further vacancy (making 18 in all) be declared for the October election in consequence of the withdrawal of Mabel Margaret Vale from the Institution." He said he thought it right that he should state the reason why that child was withdrawn from the Institution, because it was a very happy cause. The mother of the girl had married again, and the marriage was a very fortunate one. She was now able to support and educate her daughter, and she did not consider it right that the presence of the girl in the School should keep out of it another child who was not so fortunate. She, therefore, withdrew her with the consent of the Committee, and he hoped it would be both for the benefit of the mother and for that of the child. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was put by the Chairman, and carried.

The Scrutineers of votes were then nominated, and the brethren proceeded to elect 18 girls into the School from a list of 34 approved candidates.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates; the successful will be found in our advertisement columns:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Lomer, Julie Kate Ruby	2526	Franklin, Marion Ruby	042
Eastment, Rose Ellen	2525	Williams, Violet May	543
Hancock, Muriel	1907	Cain, Alice Louise	351
Taylor, Elsie Hollowel	1795	Dransfield, Laura Elizabeth	313
Richardson, Florence	1136	Minns, Dorothy Leonore	215
Kingsmill, Winifred Mary	1060	Tanner, Sybil	55
Canova, Trixie Kathleen Copeland	959	Kemp, Olive	33
Holloway, Maggie	697	Hawkins, Phillis	—

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE CHAPLAIN of the Savoy has appointed the Rev. G. Napier Whittingham, M.A., vicar of Evesham, to be one of the Assistant Chaplains of the Chapel Royal, Savoy.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, having concluded his visit to Lord and Lady William Beresford at Deepdene, Dorking, returned to Marlborough House on Monday, and the following day left again for Newmarket.

FRO. THE REV. FREDERICK JOHN FOAKES-JACKSON, M.A., has been appointed Dean of Jesus College, Cambridge, *vice* the late Rev. E. H. Morgan, and Bro. Arthur Gray, M.A., to be one of the Tutors of that College.

BRO. W. KUHE has announced that to-morrow (Saturday) M. Paderewski will give a pianoforte recital in the Home of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, this being the artiste's only appearance prior to his departure on a long American tour.

THE CAMBRIDGE ATHLETES were entertained at West Point on Monday, and attended a reception at the Harvard Club, New York, on the following evening, leaving at midnight by train for Cambridge, Mass., amid the cheers of those who witnessed their departure.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, accompanied by her sister, the Princess Elizabeth of Waldeck Pyrmont, and attended by Miss Maxwell and Bro. Sir Robert Collins, visited Croydon on Monday, for the purpose of opening a bazaar at the Public Hall in aid of the St. Andrew's National Schools.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES will preside at the banquet which will be given by the United Service Club to the Duke of Cambridge on the occasion of his Royal Highness relinquishing the chief command of the British Army. The 11th November has been fixed as the date of the proposed banquet.

MR. JOHN CALVER and Miss Maude Adeane, daughter of the Lady Elizabeth Biddulph and the late Mr. Henry J. Adeane, of Babraham, Cambridge, were married in All Saints' Church, Ennismore Gardens, on Monday, the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Rev. Canon Wilberforce, assisted by Bro. the Rev. Lord Victor Seymour.

THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, Secretary of State for War, will preside at the dinner at which the civil and military officials at the War Office who have served with the Duke of Cambridge purpose to entertain his Royal Highness on his retirement from the post of Commander-in-Chief. It is intended that the dinner shall be held on Tuesday, the 5th November.

ADA CAVENDISH, the popular actress, and widow of Mr. Frank Marshall, dramatist and Shakespearian critic, died on Saturday morning last after a long and painful illness. She made her name as the heroine in the dramatised versions of sundry of Wilkie Collins's works, the character with which she will be mostly associated being that of Mercy Merrick in the "New Magdalen."

THERE ARE NOW ON VIEW at the Empire of India Exhibition, Earl's Court, a choice collection of relics associated with the old East India Company, to whose courage and enterprise we are indebted for the establishment of our Empire in India. The relics are various and most interesting and include charters, swords of honour, shields, swords, &c., with portraits of distinguished Anglo-Indians.

AT A MEETING of the Court of Assistants of the Loriners' Company of London on Monday, Bro. Sir Augustus Harris was elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year, in succession to Sir John Voce Moore. The Guild is the largest of the City Companies, having some 450 members on its roll. Sir John Moore remarked that it had produced more Lord Mayors and Sheriffs than any one of the other 50 City Companies.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 2560, will take place on Friday, the 18th inst., by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. Thos. Mellor, M.D., P.M. 128, 191, W.M. designate; Thomas James Hutchinson, S.W. 1392, S.W. designate; and James Bailey, Sec. 934, J.W. designate. It is expected a large number of brethren will be present.

WE HAVE THE PLEASURE to announce that the consecration of the Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579, will take place on Monday, the 28th inst., at 4.30 o'clock, in the Parish Hall, Ladywell, when the ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, and Bro. Christopher Sims, P.M. 1208 and 861, W.M. designate, installed into the chair. It is anticipated that there will be a goodly assemblage of brethren upon the occasion.

ADMIRAL THE HON. SIR JAMES R. DRUMMOND, G.C.B., second son of the eighth Viscount Strathallan and Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, died at the Hook, Farnham, Hants, on Monday morning at the ripe age of 83. The deceased was in command of the Retribution at the bombardment of Odessa and Sebastopol, and had seen a good deal of public service. In 1883 he was appointed Gentleman Usher, with a residence in Royal Court, Palace of Westminster.

THE DAIRY SHOW at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, has been open during the present week, and has attracted a very large number of visitors. The Cattle Classes, which form the basis of the Show, were not up to the high standard of quality which has characterised these exhibitions in previous years, but cheese was in great force, all the exhibits being of this year's make, except in the Cheddar classes. The show of bacon was poor, but the butter classes were well filled and of excellent quality. There were also classes set apart for models, plans, and designs for dairies, and a fairly good display of dead poultry. A meeting of the Council of the British Dairy Farmers' Association was held at the Hall, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Derby, when a resolution of regret at the great loss to the scientific world by the death of M. Pasteur was adopted unanimously.

THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.—A New Departure.—An important new departure, in the form of a comprehensive policy providing for compensation in the event of accident or disease, is now being made by the Accident Insurance Company, St. Swithin's-lane, London, E.C. It is believed that many who have not seen the wisdom of taking out policies covering accident alone will avail themselves of the increased advantages now offered, and will insure themselves against the risks to which all, of whatever rank, profession, or occupation are liable. The company, it may be noted, continues the business founded in 1849. The office instituted the system of general accident insurance, under which nearly £1,000,000 has been paid in compensations, giving relief in thousands of cases of death or disablement, and providing help when most needed by the insured or their families.

THE OLD "GOOSE AND GRIDIRON," Sir Christopher Wren's house in St. Paul's Churchyard, just destroyed for improvements, claims to be the first "music-house" licensed in the City of London. The Corporation have always retained their licensing power within the City limits, and have conferred musical privileges on taverns, both "within" and "without," very sparingly. Theatres they have always set their faces against, even in the days when the City could have supported a theatre, and Shakespeare and his partners were kept outside the walls in Playhouse-yard, when they started their drama-shop at Blackfriars. The two theatres that were built nearest to the City boundary were "The City of London" at Norton Folgate (now occupied by the Young Men's Christian Association), and the Holborn Theatre, which has been absorbed by the First Avenue Hotel. The City of London Theatre has a history, and got stars like Macready and Elton to appear on its boards. The only music hall property so-called that had a tolerably long existence within the City precincts was the "Doctor Johnson Tavern" in Fleet-street, and this place was finally closed more than 40 years ago, after being conducted on the lines of old "Evans's" and the "Cyder Cellars." The few licences now granted by the Corporation are chiefly confined to banqueting houses like the Albion in Aldersgate-street.

A MOST WONDERFUL BUILDING up of the constitution takes place after Holloway's famous medicines have been used for a reasonable time. They are pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particularly for the cure of liver complaints and disorders of the stomach; carpenters, bricklayers, &c., would find the Ointment invaluable for curing wounds, cuts, sores, and bruises. Men in all conditions of life find it of incalculable benefit, as it penetrates internally, and thus strikes at the root of the ailment. The Pills act like magic in curing low spirits, and they repel all attacks on the nerves through excitement, excessive heat, brain worry consequent on business troubles, &c. They purify the blood, and give a new lease of strength to the constitution.

BRO. THE REV. J. STEPHEN BARRASS will commence a series of Church History Lectures on Monday evening next, at St. Lawrence, Jewry.

A MEETING of the New York Yacht Club has been summoned for Monday, the 14th inst., to take into consideration the formal challenge of Mr. C. D. Rose to sail for the America Cup next year.

ACCORDING TO a New York telegram, the marriage of the Duke of Marlborough with Miss Vanderbilt has been fixed for the 14th November, and will take place in St. Thomas's Church, New York.

WE LEARN WITH PLEASURE that his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire, has most kindly consented to preside at the 98th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, due to be held on the 24th June, 1896.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, Baron von Marschall, and the Baroness von Marschall entertained Bro. Sir E. and Lady Ermytrude Malet at a farewell dinner at Berlin on Wednesday evening, while on Monday next the Imperial German Chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, will give a farewell banquet to his Excellency.

THE CESAREWITCH was run for at Newmarket on Wednesday, and, after a very keen contest, was won by half a length by Mr. C. J. Blake's Rockdove, Mr. A. Taylor's Bard of Avon being second, C.-l. J. Lloyd's Count Schomberg, a length and a half behind the Bard, being third, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Florizel II. fourth.

AT A QUARTERLY COURT of the Loriners' Company, held last Monday, Bro. George Kenning was chosen one of the Auditors. Bro. Kenning has been connected with this Guild for 45 years. At the same Court Bro. Sir Augustus Harris was elected Master for the year ensuing. The inauguration and subsequent banquet does not take place till January next.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT occurred on Wednesday at the new Board Schools now in course of erection at Forest Gate. An iron girder, weighing close on six tons, was being hoisted to the top storey, when just as it had reached its destination the tackle gave way, and the girder fell, bringing with it a large portion of the scaffolding. Four persons sustained serious injuries.

THE OFFICERS AND MEN of the Brigade of Guards celebrated their harvest festival at the beautiful chapel at Wellington Barracks on Sunday, the chapel being rendered still more beautiful by its decorations. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. Reginald Moseley, Chaplain to the Guards, while the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. St. John Corbett, of St. Michael's, Chester-square.

ON THEIR WAY south from Dunrobin Castle, where they had been visiting the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, the Duke and Duchess of York were met at Inverness Railway Station by the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council, and presented with an address on the occasion of their first visit to the north of Scotland. In reply, his Royal Highness expressed thanks for the Duchess of York and himself for the very cordial welcome they had received.

A STAFF OF SURVEYORS arrived at Dover on Tuesday for the purpose of commencing the work of surveying the area for the National Harbour at that port. A vote on account was passed by Parliament during the present year, and all the plans are to be completed by March next, when tenders will be invited and the work pushed forward to completion as rapidly as possible. A large torpedo station will be about the earliest of the works to be proceeded with.

THE DEATH is announced of Mr. Andrew Fountayne Wilson Montagu of Igmanthorpe Hall, Wether, Yorkshire. The deceased was 80 years of age, and on the recent marriage of Mr. G. Denison Faber with Miss Hilda Graham, presented the bridegroom with a cheque for £10,000. On his country seat was the famous Cowthorpe Oak, which is reputed to be 1600 years old, is 36 feet in circumference five feet from the ground, and is estimated to contain 73 tons of timber.

A CORRESPONDENT WRITES: The question discussed at the week's reunion of the Piscatorial Society at Holborn Restaurant as to whether luminous floats were well adapted for night-fishing, reminds me of a recent case which came beneath my personal notice, in which a brutal, but ingenious, poacher used the electric light in bottom-fishing, and as the fish, with eager curiosity, were swimming around the light (placed just above a flight of 10 or 12 hooks) he suddenly "snatched" at them, and foul hooked any number.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. George Denison Faber with Miss Hilda Georgiana, youngest daughter of the late Bro. Sir Frederick Graham, Bart., of Netherby, and Lady Hermione Graham, was solemnised in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on Monday. There was a large concourse of the friends of the two families, both in the church and at the reception which followed. In the afternoon the newly-wedded pair left for Gorbamby, near St. Albans, one of the Earl of Verulam's seats, to spend the honeymoon.

SEVERAL highly-placed dignitaries of the Craft of Freemasonry are to take part in the annual festival of the Alpass Benevolent Institution at Southport on Wednesday next, and the well-grounded expectation of the active promoters of the gathering is that it will be singularly successful. Freemasonry in England is noted for its charitable and educational guardianship, and the Alpass Institution is one of the organisations which best conduce to the efficacy of that philanthropic purpose. Mr. Philip Armstrong, of Liverpool, is the honorary secretary of the festival.—*Liverpool Mercury*.

THE WORKS which have been erected by the Corporation of Tunbridge Wells for supplying the town with the electric light were formally inaugurated on Wednesday. The Mayor and Mayoress took the leading part in the procession which was organised for the occasion, and which included the members of the Corporation, the local troop of Yeomanry, the fire brigade, the cycling and other athletic clubs, &c., &c. At the Town Hall an exhibition was on view of all kinds of electrical apparatus, which will remain open till to-morrow (Saturday). The event was celebrated with great rejoicings.

A SERIES OF SUNDAY EVENINGS FOR THE PEOPLE was inaugurated by the National Sunday League at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on Sunday last with a performance of Handel's "Messiah." The musicians who took part in it were mostly members of the League's Musical Society, of which Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan is President and Bro. Sir Joseph Barnby Vice-President. Bro. Alderman Treloar, who is President of the League, in the course of his remarks, announced that Bro. the Hon. Massey Mainwaring, M.P., intended to introduce the subject of opening the National Gallery and British Museum on Sundays to the House of Commons next session.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN OXFORDSHIRE.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has received, with regret, the resignation of Comp. the Rev. H. A. Pickard of the office of Grand Superintendent for Oxfordshire, to which Comp. Pickard was appointed in succession to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, and which he now vacates, carrying with him the gratitude and good wishes of every companion of the Order in the province. The Prince of Wales is pleased to compliment Comp. Pickard on having so well filled the office for 10 years. The Royal Arch Masons of the province are to be congratulated on the choice which his Royal Highness has made of a successor to Comp. Pickard, in the person of the Right Honourable the Viscount Valentia, M.P., who is already D.P.G.M. of the province. His lordship is to be installed on the 12th of November, when a large and influential gathering is expected; the G.S.E., Comp. Edward Letchworth, and Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Superintendent for Suffolk, having already intimated their intention of honouring the Province with their presence on this auspicious occasion.

THE REPRESENTATIVES of Cambridge University in their contest with the athletes of Yale University fared better than the London Athletic Club did against their New York opponents. In the latter contest New York scored a victory in every one of the 13 events, but on Saturday last on the Manhattan field, New York, Cambridge were victorious in the half mile, mile, and quarter mile, Horan securing the first, with the greatest ease, in 2 minutes 2.5 seconds, the Yale representative covering the distance in 2 minutes 11.3.5 seconds. Lutyens won the mile with equal ease, but in the quarter mile the Cambridge man—Lewin—only won on the tape by a couple of feet in the fast time of 49.2.5 seconds. The other eight events fell to Yale, which won the 100 yards, both the hurdle races—one on the cinder track and the other on grass—the running high jump, and the long jump, putting the shot, throwing the hammer, and the 300 yards. All these were easy wins for the Americans, with the exception of the hurdles on grass and the 300 yards, in which the Englishmen were only defeated at the finish after an exciting struggle. In the evening the teams were entertained at dinner by the Yale Alliance Association.