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THE KELLY MEMORIAL FUND.

There are few brethren who have deserved so well of the Craft as the late Bro. WILLIAM KELLY, F.S.A., P.P.G.M. of Leicestershire. Almost from the day of his initiation till within a short time of his death he was an active member of our Society in nearly all of its most important branches. Not only was he more than once elected Master of his own mother lodge, but he was likewise a founder of quite half the lodges in his Province, and the first W.M. of sundry of them. He was also a P.Z. of Royal Arch chapters and P.M. of Mark lodges, while in the Province he attained to the highest Provincial rank in Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry which it is possible for any brother to have conferred upon him. He greatly interested himself in the establishment of a Masonic Hall at Leicester, and was one of the Trustees of the building at the time of his death. He was also a supporter of our Institutions, and the author of a very interesting *History of Masonry in Leicestershire and Rutland*. There are, indeed, few men who could have undertaken the many and various duties which at different periods in his career were assigned to or devolved upon him, and fulfilled them all with equal zeal and ability. He was, in short, during the whole period of 50 years and upwards, during which he was a member of our Society, the very heart and soul of Masonry in the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, and it is to the honour of that Province that its brethren should have resolved on erecting a memorial to our late respected brother. The idea of erecting this memorial was foreshadowed at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province at Market Harborough in October, 1894, when, as it was the first time the lodges had met together subsequent to Bro. KELLY's death, the services he had rendered were pointedly referred to by the presiding officer—Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.—and a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect—"That a suitable memorial be adopted by the Province to the memory of R.W. Bro. W. KELLY, P. Prov. G.M., etc., etc., and that it be referred to the Provincial Committee of General Purposes to determine the form of such memorial." At a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, held under the presidency of the same brother, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 21st November following, the Committee of General Purposes reported that in the interim they had met and considered a number of proposals, and had ultimately decided by unanimous resolution that such memorial should take the form of a Benevolent and Educational Fund. The Committee further submitted the scheme they had devised for the establishment of such a Fund, and from this we learn that the Fund is to be made into a Benevolent and Educational

one, "such Fund to be applied to the relief of indigent Brethren and Widows of deceased Brethren; and to the maintenance and education of the children of deceased Brethren belonging to the Province; and also for other Masonic charitable purposes within the Province." It was further recommended that subscriptions towards the Fund be invited, and that a Committee, consisting of the Prov. Grand Master, as President; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and the Secretary of the Prov. Charity Committee, together with a representative from each lodge, chapter, and other Masonic body willing to contribute towards the Fund, be appointed for the purpose of framing a code of Rules and Regulations for the government and administration of the Fund. These Rules and Regulations have since been framed, and were submitted to Prov. Grand Lodge at its annual meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 6th instant, and from them we learn that they provide for the relief of brethren and the widows of brethren in necessitous circumstances, for "the boarding, clothing, and education, wholly or partially," of the children of poor or deceased brethren; and to assist in the advancement of any such child on leaving School. The Fund is to be provided by grants from Prov. Grand Lodge, by bequests, and by donations and annual subscriptions from lodges, chapters, &c., and individual brethren; all donations and bequests to be invested, and the interest thereon, together with the annual subscriptions, to be appropriated to the purposes for which the Fund has been established. These are the main rules, the others relating to such matters of detail as the votes to be given to subscribing brethren, the election of applicants, the amounts to be granted to brethren and widows, or to be provided annually for the education of a child, limits of age for annuitants and children eligible to receive the benefits of the Fund, the appointment of a governing body, the duties of certain officers, &c., &c. The Rules and Regulations were adopted, and the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland has now before it the task of raising the funds necessary to give effect to its laudable resolution of last year to honour the memory of one of the best and most capable brethren it has ever been the pride and privilege of any one of our Prov. Grand Lodges to include among its members. We have no doubt from our familiarity with the proceedings of the Province, and the knowledge we have of the generous support it furnishes to our Central Institutions, that it will fulfil this task promptly and thoroughly, and that in a very short time we shall hear of the "Kelly Memorial Fund" dispensing its benefits to the poor members and their widows and children of the Province in which our late Bro. WILLIAM KELLY was for so many years the leading spirit.

MASONIC CELEBRITIES: No. VI.—THE DUKE OF WHARTON, G.M. 1722-23*.

In our former article we contented ourselves with a consideration of Bro. GOULD'S paper so far as it dealt with the career of the Duke of WHARTON as a private person and as Grand Master of English Freemasons. In this we purpose giving our attention to that portion in which the Society of the Gormogons and the Duke's connection with it are considered. The general opinion appears to be that this Order was estab-

*"Masonic Celebrities: No. VI.—The Duke of Wharton, G.M. 1722-23, with which is combined the true History of the Gormogons. By Bro. R. F. Gould. Reprinted from "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum." Margate: Printed at "Kehle's Gazette" Office, 1895.

lished about the year 1724. The late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, editor of Kenning's "Masonic Cyclopædia," dismissed it very briefly, indeed, almost contemptuously, by describing it as "A secret and ridiculous society," which was "established about 1724, in opposition to and ridicule of Freemasonry." Bro. GOULD mentions three conjectures as having been advanced respecting it by Dr. KLOSS—"I. That the Œcumenical Volgi was no less than the Chevalier RAMSAY, then at Rome in attendance upon the Young Pretender; II, That the movement was a deeply-laid scheme on the part of the Jesuits to obtain certain ends; and III. That in the Gormogons we meet with the precursors of the Schismatic Masons or 'Ancients.'" FINDEL, who also assigns the foundation of the Order to the year 1724, appears to favour a view which may be said to be compounded of the first two of these conjectures. "Brother KLOSS," he writes, "supposes, and not wholly without foundation, that the setting up of these Gormogones (*sic*) may have been an attempt of the Jesuits, by the help of the Freemasons' ceremonies, to win the credulous over to Catholicism, and to regain their lost dominion in England. Most likely the notorious RAMSAY, the inventor of the so-called higher degrees and an adherent of the Stewarts, had something to do with the matter." We may, indeed, go a step further, and look upon FINDEL as accepting all three of KLOSS's conjectures, for in the section of his History which is devoted to the Gormogons he suggests that it may have been against them that "most probably, until the year 1725, many of the laws issued by the Grand Lodge were directed." Be this as it may, Bro. GOULD, after such a critical examination of the materials obtainable for the purpose as characterises whatever he writes, shows clearly that the two periods of time in which the Gormogons displayed their greatest activity corresponded as regards the first with the period when, after his retirement from the Grand Mastership of Freemasons and his failure to prevent the choice of Dr. DESAGULIERS as Deputy to the Earl of DALKEITH, he must have been utterly disgusted with our Society; and as regards both with his espousal and most active support of the cause of the Pretender. Bro. GOULD's theory, so far as we have been able to follow him, appears to be either that the Order of the Gormogons was his creation; or, if not, that finding it a society already organised to his hand, he made use of it to inflict as much damage and ridicule as possible upon the Freemasons, and at the same time to win all the support in his power for the Jacobite cause, of which from about the year 1724 till his death in 1731, he was the confirmed adherent. There is a great deal of plausibility about the theory, which is further strengthened by the evidence which Bro. GOULD is able to adduce with a view to showing that about the years 1723 and 1724, and again about 1730, there were published a series of attacks upon and so-called exposures of Freemasonry. It is, indeed, a most ingenious, as well as plausible, theory, that WHARTON was, as it were, the head-centre of Gormogonism, which he either created or utilised as an engine of warfare against Freemasonry and in support of the Jacobite Pretender. Let those who desire to learn how and by what means Bro. GOULD has put forth and supports this view study very carefully that part of his paper about WHARTON which more immediately concerns the Order of the Gormogons. It is, perhaps, as we remarked in our general review of the second part of the current volume of the Quatuor Coronati Transactions, to be regretted that he should have overlaid his views with such a mass of detail, that it is quite within the bounds of probability that some of his readers may have doubts as to whether or not they have succeeded in grasping the true intent and purpose of his meaning. This is undoubtedly a blemish, but it is a pardonable one in the case of such a writer as Bro. GOULD, who loves to demonstrate the justice of any and every proposition he may lay down, not merely step by step, but at every minutest fraction of a step. It is impossible we can do otherwise than commend this caution, which is in such marked contrast with the utter carelessness exhibited by writers of the old school who, while they never hesitated to propound a theory which fitted in with their particular purpose of the moment, rarely, if ever, troubled themselves as to its being possible or even probable.

There are some other points respecting which we are desirous

of offering a few remarks before concluding our review. As to the pronunciation of the word "Gormogon," we incline to the opinion of Bro. CRAWLEY rather than to that of Bro. GOULD, that the "o" in the middle syllable is short, and that the word is pronounced as, in the interests of scansion, it must of necessity be pronounced in the lines at foot of HOGARTH'S print and the passages quoted from CAREY and POPE. Bro. GOULD'S defence of the long "o" in this syllable strikes us as being somewhat feeble. It is nothing to the point that "Gormogon" is a compound Chinese word consisting of "Gor," signifying "Brother or Friend;" "Mo," a "word of Eminence;" and "Gon," signifying "Antiquity;" or that the province of "Mo-Gon," in China, denotes "The Most Excellent and Most Ancient Kingdom." If the word is uttered syllabically, by which we mean, with a pause between each syllable, to correspond with the hyphens in the written word "Gor-mo-Gon," as in Bro. GOULD'S paragraph at p. 154, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to determine the quantity of the middle "o," as the same degree of stress or accent will be laid on each syllable. But if the word is uttered as polysyllables ordinarily are uttered, without any pause between the several syllables, then it seems to us to be most natural—though it is obviously not a necessity inherent in the word itself—that the "o" in "Mo" should be short as in the verses quoted.

As regards that part of the inscription on the "Gormogon" medal, "An. Reg. XXXIX," which Bro. GOULD does not attempt to explain, but respecting which Bro. RYLANDS suggests that it may be interpreted as standing for "1699," because that was the 39th regnal year of the Stuart dynasty, counting from the return of CHARLES II. to England in 1661, we do not, with all deference to our worthy brother, consider this will hold water. The Stuarts never acknowledged any break in the continuity of the sovereignty of their dynasty. In their estimation on the execution of CHARLES I., his son, CHARLES II., became King *de jure*; and though he was not King *de facto* till some 12 years later, the Acts of Parliament—if we remember rightly—that were passed during his reign, are severally assigned to what they hold to be the successive years of his reign as reckoned from the date of his father's death. Thus, to speak roughly, an Act passed in 1664 would figure as the 15th CHARLES II.; in 1669, as the 20th CHARLES II., &c., &c., &c. However, there is a suggestion which, though we have not time or the materials at hand to prosecute the investigation, may be of some slight use to those who are better circumstanced in these respects. JAMES II. died at St. Germain in September, 1701, and, according to the STUART theory, his son JAMES, commonly known as the Pretender, became King of Great Britain, Ireland, France, &c., on his father's death. His 39th regnal year, therefore, would be 1740. Bro. RYLANDS speaks of the Gormogons being a "moribund Society" in 1742, when the Scald Miserables were ridiculing the Freemasons, and there is no reason that we are aware of why a Gormogon medal should not have been struck off in 1740. At all events, there were doubtless Gormogons in that year, even though the Society as a whole may not have given any great signs of life.

The illustrations, which comprise the Duke of WHARTON'S portrait, the Gormogon medal, and HOGARTH'S Caricature of Freemasonry, add materially to the value of the Paper; indeed, without the last-mentioned, the merit of many among the points in Bro. GOULD'S essay would not be appreciated as it deserves.

In conclusion, we endorse the opinion expressed by the brethren who took part in the discussion that followed the reading of the Paper in lodge, that it is one of the most valuable of the many valuable papers for which we are indebted to the pen of our distinguished brother.

LADY RENALS, wife of the ex-Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Joseph Renals, was presented by the Court of Common Council, on the 5th instant, with a magnificent diamond tiara, forming also a brooch and hair-comb, as a tribute to the courtesy and uniform kindness of her ladyship during her husband's mayoralty. The presentation was made in the Saloon by the Chief Commoner, and amongst those present were Bros. Aldermen Davies, M.P., Trilgar, Sir J. Voce Moore, and Alliston, and Bro. Sir Albert J. Altman. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Sir Joseph Renals.

THE 41ST ANNUAL MEETING and Autumnal Election of the Royal Hospital for Incurables will be held under the presidency of Bro. Herbert John Allcroft, Treasurer, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Friday, the 29th inst. The chair will be taken at 11 a.m., when the Annual Report and Financial Statement will be presented and considered and the ordinary business transacted. The poll for the election of 25 candidates will be opened at 12 noon, and closed at two p.m. precisely. There are in all 140 candidates, of whom 20 are for election as inmates of the hospital and 120 as pensioners.

CONSECRATION OF THE CROUCH END LODGE,
No. 2580.

An important addition was made on the 7th inst. to the lodges in the north of the Metropolis by the consecration of the Crouch End Lodge, No. 2580, at the Ga'e House, Highgate. The ceremony took place in the new hall attached to the building, which was well adapted for the occasion, and was rendered bright and cheerful by the plentiful use of flags and banners. The Consecrating Officer was, as usual in the Metropolis, Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, who was ably assisted by Bros. Lennox Browne, P.D.G. D.C., as S.W.; J. S. Cumberland, Dep. G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; F. Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Slaughter, as I.G.

The strong body of founders present included—

Bros. E. Stratton Gerrish, W.M. 9; H. J. Abrahams, 201; C. T. Rayner, 1328; Geo. Colville, 176; A. C. Dove, 1349; N. J. Levy; H. Ogden Mellor, W.M. elect 1597; R. C. Turner, P.M. 1004; G. C. Dent, P.M. 176; T. P. Cook, 144; W. R. Bennett, 1597; G. R. Beardmore, P.M. 9; E. A. Ebblewhite, 34; E. B. Harris, 160; W. W. Fletcher, 1365; E. C. Kilsby, P.M. 1702, 453, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; Thos. Briggs, 1657; H. E. Lewis, 1261; W. R. C. Moore, 142; and C. J. Miller, P.M. 1672.

Amongst the visitors present were—

Bros. Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.; J. Wynn, P.S.G.W. Victoria; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. Thompson, S.D. 1328; C. Bloomfit, P.M. 185; T. Heath, 366; G. Voizey, W.M. 176; E. P. Davis, J.W. 1869; M. G. Laughton, P.M. 476; F. B. Kent, 176; J. W. Martindale, S.D. 1685; F. Hodge, S.D. 2020; F. Knight, 1185; A. L. Arnett, P.M. 180; S. Hobbs, P.M. 453; W. T. Roberts, D.C. 1827; E. Faux, S.W. 1328; Dr. W. Cock, P.P.G.D. Middx.; A. Davies, S.W.; T. Tollworthy, W.M. 170; J. W. Dixon, W.M. 2168; F. J. Eedle, P.M. 2184; L. A. Withall; W. Newman, 2396; W. B. Tuck, P.M. 1366; M. R. Webb, P.M. 1607; R. Fendick, P.M. 1426; G. J. Wyatt, 1559; E. Melson, 177; ex-Sheriff Geo. Hand, 1827; F. J. Mann, 2009; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org.; W. Bradford, 2168; J. Bartlett, 2020; W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897; and others.

The Grand Officers entered in procession, and the lodge was opened and a hymn sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, in addressing the brethren, said it was quite unnecessary that he should occupy their time for many moments with any words of his own. As they were all aware, they had met for a very solemn and interesting ceremony—the constitution of a new lodge and its dedication to God. He was present by command of H.R.H. the M.W. G.M., as his most humble representative, to conduct that ceremony, and he could only express the hope that the lodge they were about to constitute might have before it a career of great prosperity, and that it might be the means of advancing the best interests of Masonry in that neighbourhood.

An oration was afterwards delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWN-RIGG, Deputy Prov. G.M. Bucks, and the new lodge was dedicated and constituted with the usual solemn formalities.

The next business was the installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. E. Stratton Gerrish, W.M. 9, which was happily accomplished by the Grand Sec., and the following officers were then invested: Bros. G. R. Beardmore, P.M., 9, acting I.P.M.; H. J. Abrahams, 201, S.W.; C. T. Rayner, 1328, J.W.; H. Ogden Mellor, W.M. elect 1597, Treas.; R. C. Turner, P.M. 1004, Sec.; Geo. Colville, 176, S.D.; A. C. Dove, 1349, J.D.; N. J. Levy, I.G.; G. C. Dent, P.M. 176, D.C.; T. P. Cook, 144, and W. R. Bennett, 1597, Stwds.; and R. W. Edgley, Tyler.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then moved a resolution thanking the Consecrating Officers for their services, electing them hon. members, and asking their acceptance of a jewel struck to commemorate the lodge.

This founders' badge was specially designed by Bro. E. A. Ebblewhite, F.S.A., and a full description of the design was supplied to each brother present.

The G. SECRETARY, on behalf of himself and colleagues, returned thanks for the honour, which they highly appreciated and accepted with pleasure.

Fifteen candidates were proposed for initiation, and five as joining members, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in a manner reflecting the highest credit on all concerned, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER briefly gave "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said they had the privilege of entertaining a large number of those distinguished brethren, and on behalf of the new lodge he welcomed them most heartily.

Bro. Sir J. C. DIMSDALE, P.G. Treas., said he deemed it no small honour to be permitted to endeavour to tender the thanks of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, for the honour done them in drinking their toast so enthusiastically, and which was proposed so eloquently by the W.M. The fact of seeing that great meeting showed the sympathy which existed between Grand Lodge and the lodges throughout the kingdom, and which, to his mind, was the real cause of the success and development of Masonry. He felt that nobody could be present at a ceremony such as they had witnessed without being deeply impressed with the proper side of Masonry. It was true they met over the festive board cheek by jowl with their brethren, and it was right and proper, but that was only the fringe of Masonry. They had, under the auspices of their excellent Bro. Letchworth, dedicated another lodge to the honour and glory of the Great Architect, and it was that which made Masonry sink deep into the hearts of every right feeling man, whether he happened to belong to that portion of her Majesty's dominions or the great and unique dominion over which she ruled. Masonry was established upon religion, and led every man to realise that the only true usefulness was to feel charity and affection towards his fellow-man. So long as that was the foundation, great as Masonry was, and greatly as it was developing, they should see it still further consolidated, and he trusted they should always feel that in their generation they had, at any rate, furthered the beneficent ends of Masonry. He could not sit down without personally thanking them for the honour done him in asking him to be present, neither could he forget that to a certain extent he stood in the same position as the W.M. It was only a few days ago that the Grand Secretary consecrated a new lodge, of which he was the first Master, and he knew that every Mason wished them God-speed. He thanked them for their kindly reception and for the great honour in permitting him to be present.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said he now approached the toast of the evening with a full conviction that

he was quite incapable of doing justice to it, or of expressing the feelings of gratitude they felt towards the Grand Secretary, and the rest of the Consecrating Officers who had assisted him so ably in performing the excellent ceremony they had witnessed. The impressiveness and solemnity with which that ceremony was performed must have given the greatest satisfaction, and made a deep impression upon all. On behalf of the lodge, he tendered most hearty thanks to the Grand Secretary and his colleagues. The Grand Secretary had often said that of all his varied duties, he took the greatest interest in consecrating a lodge, and no one who witnessed that ceremony would have the least difficulty in knowing why.

The GRAND SECRETARY, who was very heartily received, said that as the unworthy mouthpiece of the Consecrating Officers, he begged to be allowed in the fewest words to express their acknowledgments for the extremely kind and more than cordial way in which they had received the toast, proposed in such a kind way—and in far too flattering terms so far as he was concerned—by the W.M. Their W.M. had truly said that of all the duties he had to perform there was none which gave him greater pleasure than that of assisting in starting a new lodge into existence. He firmly believed that that new lodge was composed of those elements which could not fail to lead to great success. He believed the lodge was required—notwithstanding the fact that he was invited to assist at the installation of the Highgate Lodge—and that there was plenty of room for a new lodge. He hoped it would have the effect of bringing together a large number of gentlemen who were not in their ranks. He was only expressing the feelings of those associated with him when he said they hoped the lodge would have a great and prosperous future before it. With those few words he thanked them for the high compliment paid the Consecrating Officers.

Bro. G. R. BEARDMORE, P.M. 9, Acting I.P.M., said he felt it a great honour to propose the next toast, although he regretted it had not fallen into more able hands. It was "The Health of the W.M.," and from the way that name was received it was evident that few words would be required. To the founders Bro. Gerrish was well known, and the esteem in which he was held was shown by the proud position in which they had placed him. Personally he had known the W.M. for a number of years and considered himself his Masonic father, as it was through him that Bro. Gerrish first saw the light of Masonry, in the old Albion Lodge. He had watched the W.M.'s career from his initiation, until at the present time he held the unique and proud position of being Worshipful Master of one of the oldest and also of the youngest lodge in existence. His work had been done in an admirable way, and there was no more regular attendant at the Albion Lodge of Instruction than the W.M. Bro. Gerrish had shown he knew how to do his work and they would find him letter-perfect. They all hoped the W.M. would be spared with health and strength to live long in the esteem and affection of this lodge.

Bro. E. STRATTON GERRISH, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast. He also wished to thank the brethren of the Crouch End Lodge for the great honour done him in nominating him as its first Worshipful Master. He was deeply sensible of that honour, and also of the responsibilities with which they had charged him, and asked them to believe that no effort would be spared on his part to maintain the honour and dignity of the lodge. There was plenty of work to be done, and with their assistance and co-operation he saw no reason why he should shrink from his duty. He thought the future was particularly promising. The lodge commenced its career in every sense on the top of the hill, and that hill no small one. It had virgin ground to work upon, and plenty of recruits ready at hand. The accommodation which Bro. Wyatt had provided for them was everything they could possibly desire, and their best thanks were due to that brother, not only for the special efforts put forward that night, but for the generous manner in which he had studied their wishes. They had also to thank Bro. Ebblewhite, who had dug out the material from by-gone days for a jewel to commemorate the lodge, which would at all times remind them of their duties. They had their three deserving Charities, and he was sure it would be the wish of all to be represented at one of them at the next Festival. He should be pleased to serve as Steward for the Boys' School, and he asked for their hearty support. He thanked them for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and asked them to drink "The Masonic Charities and Success to the Crouch End Lodge."

Bro. WYNN, P.G.W. Victoria, replied for "The Visitors," and said that, although an Englishman, he had lived abroad for 20 years, he well knew how conservative they were, and how loyally they carried on their old institutions, and especially Freemasonry. With reference to Freemasonry in the Colonies, perhaps some might think they did not take the right step in forming a Grand Lodge there, but being so far removed from the Grand Lodge, it was sometimes 12 months before they could get difficulties dealt with. It was through no feeling of disloyalty, for there was the greatest love and regard for the mother lodge in the Colonies. He appreciated the hospitality accorded him, and in return could assure them that should they visit the Colonies, they would meet with a very warm reception.

Bro. Dr. W. COCK, P.P.G.D. Middx., said he could not help thinking in the lodge, when the list of propositions was read out, that a lodge in that neighbourhood was absolutely necessary. It was a privilege to every Mason to hear the ceremony done as it was by the Grand Secretary, who had almost excelled himself.

Bro. ex-Sheriff George Hand expressed gratitude for the splendid entertainment offered them. The excellent muster that evening he felt guaranteed the success of the lodge.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated.

The Schartau Part Singers (Bros. H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org., J. Bartlett, A. Appleby, and W. Bradford) were in charge of the musical arrangements during the ceremony and after the banquet, and, as usual, contributed considerably to the success of the evening.

It is worthy of mention that in the "programme of ceremonies" compiled for the occasion is contained a description of the founder's badge, which was specially designed by Bro. E. A. Ebblewhite, F.S.A., and from this we learn that Crouch (or Cruch) End, in the parish of Hornsey, was so named "from its position at the foot or end of a hill running through the parish in the form of a cross or crutch," the Latin word *crux* signifying not only a cross but also anything resembling it in form as the beam of a chariot or a crutch. As, however, the cross is "so entirely a Christian emblem" and Masonry "ignores distinctions of creed," "two gold crutches in *caltre*" have been adopted in the design. These are tied together by means of pale blue ribbon, bearing the inscription "auxilio miseris," which is equally applicable to the crutch and to Masonry. The star on the base is emblematical of the "Five Points of Fellowship."

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dorchester, on Friday, the 1st instant, when there was a good attendance. The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. Montague Guest, G. Supt.; the chairs of Prov. G.H. and J. being filled by Comps. Col. Brymer, M.P., P.G.H., and J. Andrews, P.G.J.

The roll of the province was called, and every chapter was represented, the following being among those present—

Comps. W. W. Stieckland, P.G.S.N.; E. Newman, P.G. Org.; D. J. Lawson, P.G.S.B.; Zillwood Milledge, P.P.G.S.; Russell Patey, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Davis, P.P.A.G.S.; A. Toleman, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Hann, P.P.G.S.N.; J. S. Bibb, P.P. G.H.; E. W. Young, P.P.G.S.N.; Henry Tizard George, P.P.G.H.; O. F. Freeman, P.P.G. 1st A.S.; J. B. Best, P.P.G.S.; J. S. Stroud, P.P.G.P.S.; T. Eveleigh, P.P.G.S.B.; B. A. Hogg, P.P.G.R.; J. E. Stroud, P.P.G. 1st A.S.; W. Farrance, W. J. Tarrant, H. and B. Frampton, G. E. Turner, A. Wilkins, J. Lowe, W. Hain, E. W. Clapp, A. Knight, A. Harris, and W. Talbot.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Beaminster, having been read by Comp. W. B. MORGAN, P.G.S.E., the report for the year and the accounts of the P.G. Treasurer, Comp. Rev. Mortimer Heath, were presented. Both financially and as regards membership the reports were satisfactory.

On the motion of Comp. ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE, seconded by Comp. ANDREWS, the Prov. Grand Treasurer was re-elected by the unanimous vote of the Prov. Grand Chapter.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions on the state of Royal Arch Masonry, and congratulated the Prov. Grand Chapter on the maintenance of their position, both financially and as regards members.

The Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the year as follows:

Comp. W. E. Brymer, P.Z. 417	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Zillwood Milledge, P.Z. 170	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Barlow Morgan, P.Z. 170	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. Newman, P.Z. 417	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.Z. 622	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. Oldfield, P.Z. 417...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. J. Tarrant, H. 137	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" A. Rayner, H. 170	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" A. Wilkins, H. 622	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. McNicholl, J. 137	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Hair, J. 1037	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Talbot, J. 417	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

At the close of the business, the companions adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a banquet was served by Comp. Bilham, whose catering was of the highest order.

The chair was occupied by Comp. Col. Brymer, who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Chapter and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Comp. H. T. GEORGE, and was acknowledged by the CHAIRMAN and Comps. ANDREWS and WEBB.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the toast of "The First Principal and Officers of the Receiving Chapter (Dorchester, No. 417)," and thanked the companions for the reception of Prov. Grand Chapter.

The toast was acknowledged by Comp. E. W. YOUNG.

In cordial terms the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of Comp. Bilham," who was congratulated on the successful manner in which he had catered for the Prov. Grand Chapter.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, under the banner of Sincerity Chapter. The chapter was opened by Comp. Viscount Dungarvan, M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. J. Bowyer, H.; T. H. Chaffin, J.; G. C. Strawbridge, Scribe E.; W. H. Westlake, Prin. Soj.; J. S. Haddon, P.Z.; and W. Bidgood, P.Z.

Comp. Viscount Dungarvan then received the Provincial Grand Chapter, and the chair was taken by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. R. C. Else. Comps. C. F. Marshall and F. W. Macdonald were present from the Supreme Grand Chapter. The following represented the chapters: Comps. T. R. Gill, S. Bigwood, and W. Peach, of 41; E. Noke, B. H. Watts, B.A., Dyer, A. J. Salter, C. F. Marshall, H. F. Gould, and G. H. Perrin, of 53; Meyler, Vile, Haddon, Bowyer, Chaffin, G. C. Strawbridge, Bidgood, Viscount Dungarvan, Westlake, French, Hartnell, Powell, Spiller, Cooksley, J. Gill, W. Adams, W. H. Wake, F. Tidbury, W. Jones, F. B. Smith, H. K. Law, and J. Smith, all of 261; T. F. Norris, 291; F. B. Smith and L. H. Ruegg, 329; F. W. Macdonald, A. J. Salter, and B. H. Wetts, of 379; R. Norton, R. C. Else, and W. Long, of 446; G. R. Wilson and R. S. Gough, of 973; S. J. Sellick, W. E. Perrett, sen., W. E. Perrett, jun., and W. H. Webb, of 1222; and F. B. Wickenden, W. Jupp, and J. Homny, of 1750.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. W. Long	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. Meyler	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. Noke	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. W. Macdonald	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" B. H. Watts	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" B. A. Dyer	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Norton	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" S. J. Sellick	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Johnson	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. Bowyer	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. Chaffin	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. E. Pearce	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. Thomas	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. A. Salter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" S. Bigwood	...	...	Prov. A.G. Janitor.

The offertory, amounting to £1 14s. 9d., was devoted to the funds of the Jubilee Nursing Institute.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the companions partook of a banquet, provided by Comp. F. B. Wickenden. The G. Supt., Comp. R. C. Else, presided.

The following toasts were honoured: "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry;" "H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the M.E. First Grand Principal of England;" "The Pro First Grand Principal, the M.E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the Second Grand Principal, the M.E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; the Third Grand Principal, the M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; and other Officers of Grand Chapter, Present and Past;" "The Most Excellent the Grand Superintendent, Comp. R. C. Else, and the Second and Third Principals of the Province;" "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Present and Past Principals, Officers, and Companions of the Receiving Chapter;" "The Present and Past Principals, Officers, and Companions of the other Chapters of the Province;" "The Visiting Companions;" and "The Masonic Charities."

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire was held on the 5th instant at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot. The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., presided, supported by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Captain G. S. Strode Lowe; Bro. H. Stocker, P.G.D. England, Prov. G. Sec.; and the following—

Bros. Jno. Lane, P.S.G.O. England, Prov. S.G.W.; Andrew Hope, P.P.G. Treas., as Prov. J.G.W.; W. French, Prov. G. Chap.; A. E. Maddock, Prov. G. Reg.; A. Roberts, Prov. S.G.D.; E. M. Moyle, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Parker, Prov. A.G. Sec.; James Gidley, Prov. G. Tyler; Samuel Jones, 31°, P.S.G.D. England; J. Du Pre, P.G.S.B. England; J. Oliver, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Chewis, P.P.G.C.; J. Endicott, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Andrews, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Charles Pope, P.P.G.S.B., P.P.G. Treas.; G. Dunsterville, P.P.G. Treas.; John Stocker, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Stevens, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Martin, P.P.G.R.; C. Hunt, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hicks, P.M. 66; T. Reynolds, P.M. 169; J. U. Valentine, P.M. 316; J. T. Allingham, P.M. 64; H. W. Mayne, W.M. 35; C. F. Dunsterville, S.W. 35; L. Wills, W.M. 383; E. H. Shorto, W.M., P. H. Clark, J.W., A. M. Lawrence, S.D., and W. H. Jones, of 15; R. H. W. Foss, I.G. 215; W. H. Pillage, W.M., and P. J. Luscombe, J.W., of 100; Geo. West, S.W. 319; J. R. Cull, W.M., and M. Fortescue, M.O., of 215; W. H. Corser, W.M., F. H. Littleton, and W. Brickman, J.W. of 91; S. H. Woolland, W.M., A. Brown, S.W., and W. H. Tucker, J.W. of 16; R. Hambly, jun., S.W., and Thos. Wills, Stwd., of 215; and H. A. B. Davies, J.D. 1138.

After the confirmation of the previous minutes, the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. H. STOCKER, read letters of apology received from various brethren.

Bro. the Hon. Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, Bart., C.B., M.P., in moving the adoption of the Prov. G. Secretary's report, congratulated the province on having attained an increased number in membership, and hoped it would still continue to prosper.

Bro. G. S. STRODE-LOWE seconded the proposition, which was carried.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's report showed a substantial balance in hand, and it was agreed to contribute out of the same funds to the Mark Benevolent and to the Fortescue Annuity Funds.

Bro. James Cull was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bros. John Olver and Charles Pope were selected as Auditors.

It was unanimously agreed to re-elect Bros. J. Lane, J. Stocker, J. Gover, and Francis Crouch on the Committee of General Purposes.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were then appointed:

Bro. G. Strode-Lowe	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Dr. R. H. Grimbley	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. H. Shorto	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Captain T. Reynolds	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Hicks	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" S. Woolland	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. C. Gordon Browne	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. R. Cull	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. H. Wilton	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Henry Stocker	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Hersey	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. E. Weale	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Wills	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. Gould	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Corner	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. Rogers	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. J. Allingham	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. W. Mayne	...	...
" J. Goad	...	...
" James Gidley	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. G. STRODE-LOWE referred to the great service their Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, had rendered to the province during the last six years, and proposed that the present Prov. Grand Master be recommended to preside over them for a further term.

Bro. JONES seconded, and the proposition was received with great unanimity.

At the conclusion of the Prov. Grand Lodge business, the PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked those present for so kindly receiving his name, and trusted that if again placed in the proud position he then held he should continue to do his best for the welfare of the province he had the honour to represent. He (the Right Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote) desired to thank the D.P.G.M., Bro. Strode-Lowe, for the valuable assistance rendered during the past three years, and also to record the thanks of those present to the brethren of Lodge Devon for so kindly placing at their disposal the lodge room for the purpose of this year's annual meeting.

The brethren then adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an admirable repast was served by the proprietor, presided over by the Prov. Grand Master and his officers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at the Arcade Hall, Market Hill, Barnsley, on Thursday, the 31st ultimo, under the banner of Portal Lodge, No. 127, Barnsley, when there were present—

Bros. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. Grand Master; John Barker, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. E. Smithies, P.M. 58, as Prov. S.G.W.; M. J. Dodworth, P.M. 53, Prov. J.G.W.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 58, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.W.; Edwin Billington, P.M. 127, as Prov. G.M.O.; E. J. Massie, P.M. 127, as Prov. S.G.O.; W. R. Massie, P.M. 127, as Prov. J.G.O.; Richard Hodgson, P.M. 58, P.P.G.O.; Wm. Flockton, P.M. 111, P.P.G.O.; the Rev. J. L. Brereton, M.A., 127, as Prov. G. Chap.; W. W. Clayton, P.M. 374, Prov. G. Treas.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 110, Prov. G. Reg.; Joseph Matthewman, W.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; G. H. Radcliffe, P.M. 58, as P.S.G.D.; W. J. Morris, P.M. 58, Prov. J.G.D.; G. H. Parke, P.M. 16, G. Stwd., P.P.G.D.; J. J. Martin, P.M. 110, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Senior, P.M. 147, Prov. G. I. of Wks.; Alfred Leach, P.M. 110, Prov. G.D.C.; T. G. Howell, W.M. elect 137, as Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. H. Gratton, P.M. 127, P.P.G.W., as Prov. G.S.B.; Chas. Lingard, P.M. 127, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Geo. Wragg P.M. 53, as Prov. G. Org.; George Carbert, P.P.G. Org.; Benjamin Smith, P.M. 127, P.P.G. I. of Wks., as Prov. G.I.G.; W. A. Statter, P.M. 110, Prov. G. Stwd.; George Jackson, W.M. 137, Prov. G. Stwd.; Geo. Hy. Clemons, W.M. 374, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. H. Newton, 111, Prov. G. Tyler; also Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers from lodges in the province.

The Prov. G. Master, Bro. Charles Letch Mason, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Barker, and the Prov. Grand Officers having entered the lodge,

The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. JOSEPH MATTHEWMAN, read the endorsement entitling the Prov. G. Master to hold office for the three years next ensuing, and handed to him his patent.

The Prov. Grand Master and the Dep. Prov. Grand Master were then saluted according to ancient form.

The roll of lodges was afterwards called, only three being unrepresented.

After the roll of Acting Provincial Grand Officers was called, apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. Thomas Wrigley, P.M. 14, Prov. S.G.W.; F. Cleaves, P.M. 53, P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br.; Chas. Woollons, P.M. 110, P.P.G.W.; F. Smith, P.M. 352, P.P.G.W.; J. L. Atherton, P.M. (T.I.), P.P.G.W.; Dr. Samuel Jacob, P.M. 352, Prov. G.M.O.; Tomas Norfolk, P.M. (T.I.), Prov. S.G.O.; Walter Hanson, P.M. 58, Prov. J.G.O.; W. D. Shoebridge, P.M. 58, P.P.G.O.; J. E. Darling, P.M. 53, P.P.G.O.; Richard Nelson, P.M. 14, P.P.G.O.; the Rev. W. Wilkinson, M.A., Chaplain 374, P.P.G. Chaplain; J. P. Hewitt, P.M. 53, P.P.G. Registrar; Thomas Uttley, P.M. 14, Prov. S.G.D.; F. Smith, jun. P.M. 352, P.P.G.D.; T. Robertshaw, P.M. 58, P.P.G.D.C.; Tom Tomlinson, P.M. 111, Prov. G.S.B.; T. E. Greenhough, P.M. (T.I.), Prov. G.I.G.; T. B. Wilson, P.M. 457, Prov. G. Stwd.; S. Pegler, I.P.M. 398; Richard Bowman, J.W. 110; and F. W. Wilkinson, P.M. 58. Bros. T. G. Armstrong, Prov. G. Sec. Northumberland and Durham, and A. W. Walker, Prov. G. Sec. North and East Yorkshire, also wrote regretting they were unable to accept invitations.

The Prov. G. Sec. presented the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Leeds on Wednesday, 15th May.

Bro. BARKER, D.P.G.M., moved "That as the minutes had been printed and circulated, they be taken as read."

This was seconded by Bro. J. GRATTON, P.P.G.W., and carried.

Bro. RICHARD HODGSON, P.P.G.O., proposed "that the minutes be confirmed"; seconded by Bro. H. G. E. GREEN, P.P.G. Treas.; this was also carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER rose to give his usual address. He said: Brethren,—It is not my intention to take up much of your time this afternoon, as we have important business to discuss—business closely concerning the welfare of our Order, particulars of which you will, doubtless, have seen upon the agenda paper for to-day's meeting. I will not, at this stage of the proceedings, dilate upon this subject, but will briefly explain that we propose to make such additions to our provincial by-laws as will enable us to form a Charity Committee, and, in fact, create an organisation whose object shall be to work in a systematic way in the interest of our Mark Benevolent Fund. The Mark Charities are conducted upon sound economical principles, and appeal strongly to the sympathies of us all. They are making satisfactory progress, and I commend them to your support. With respect as to the passing, or otherwise, of these propositions, perhaps I ought to explain that by our Constitutions, only Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, W.Ms., P.Ms., and Actual Wardens and Overseers can vote upon this question, as they constitute Prov. Grand Lodge, but I am quite sure that if any other brother present desires to express an opinion, Prov. Grand Lodge will give him a hearing. At our last meeting, we were, as you will remember, honoured by the presence of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston. Bro. W. L. Jackson, Prov. G.M. of the Craft, although then admitted to the Order of Mark Masonry, was unable to be present on that occasion, but to show that his interest in the Degree is not waning, I may mention that on Tuesday last I had the pleasure of installing him as W.M. of my own Lodge Copley, No. 3, Leeds; and I may add, that only urgent business prevents him from being with us to-day. He told us when he was advanced that he was a busy man, and that he would, he was afraid, be unable to attend all our meetings. I am disposed to think that a busy man is, perhaps, the happiest man, as he gives all his time and attention to his affairs, and has no leisure to bestow upon the petty side of life. You all, I suppose, received the report of our Mark Benevolent Fund, with a full list of West Yorkshire subscribers. This province, I am glad to say, sent up 200 guineas—a sum just about double what we have ever sent before. I think honour should be given to whom honour is due, and this exceedingly satisfactory result was owing largely to the interest displayed by two of our brethren—Bro. G. H. Parke, and our Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Matthewman. Bro. Parke has nobly supported our Charity, and Bro. Matthewman, by the energy he has thrown into the work, and the deep interest he has displayed, is equally deserving of our thanks. I think, brethren, that I owe an apology to you, the members of Prov. Grand Lodge, inasmuch as I accepted an invitation to preside at the next Mark Benevolent Festival, without previously consulting you. The fact is, I had no opportunity. The arrangements are made long beforehand, and it would have been quite impossible to ask Grand Lodge to wait until our next meeting. By accepting the post, I have, as it were, pledged my province to support me. I felt it was an honour, not to me only, but to West Yorkshire, and I have no doubt, had you had the chance, you would have promptly recommended the course I have

pursued; nor have I the least hesitation in believing that you will ungrudgingly give me your hearty support. Interest in Mark Masonry is still increasing. In proof of which, I may say that the muster of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers at Bro. Jackson's installation was a very large one. He declared himself much honoured and gratified by their attendance. Further, the lodges are working satisfactorily and harmoniously, and I feel confident when our next returns come in, that our Prov. Grand Registrar will be able to report two most satisfactory conditions of affairs, viz.: a considerable increase in our members, and a large diminution of arrears. To this last point, at the Prov. Grand Secretary's request, I specially call the attention of lodge Treasurers, and I should be immensely gratified if we could secure an annual return absolutely free from arrears. And now, brethren, let me commend Mark Masonry to you with all sincerity. I thank you for your attendance here to-day. Our meeting is not a large one, but large gatherings are not always best for getting on with business. You have often heard me say that the Mark Degree is especially interesting and instructive from the teaching underlying its symbolism. Take away this and what is left? And this is so in Masonry in all its Degrees. If we only endeavour to realise in our lives the splendid lessons which Mark Masonry, rightly understood, imparts to us, we shall, I am sure, not only become better Masons, but also worthier and nobler men. I have great pleasure in announcing that my worthy Deputy, Bro. John Barker, has kindly consented to hold office for a further term of three years. He will, doubtless, have a few words to address to you. Accept, one and all, brethren, my warmest thanks for your fraternal reception and salutations.

Bro. BARKER, who was most cordially received, thanked the brethren for the greeting they had given him. He said he entered upon his new era in Mark Masonry with hope and confidence: as he had done in the past so would he show in the future the same determination to do the best he was able to advance the interests of Mark Masonry in this province, and trusted his efforts at the expiration of the next three years would command their entire commendation. He had listened with interest and satisfaction to the Prov. Grand Master's address, and he thought the immediate prospects of Mark Masonry were bright and cheering. Next year would be full of interest. On the 2nd of August they would keep the 25th anniversary of the formation of the province. Their Prov. Grand Master, too, as he had told them, would preside at the Benevolent Festival in July. Splendid as had been the results for the present year, results which, as he also knew, were largely due to Bros. Parke and Matthewman, yet he ventured to hope that the amount recorded in July next, would make other totals sink into insignificance, and that West Yorkshire would show a sum greater than that ever sent up by any single province in the kingdom. The brethren would remember Bro. the Earl of Euston's challenge at Leeds: he hoped they would take it up and so give the Pro Grand Master another opportunity to benefit the funds. He trusted they would give the propositions about to be made by Bro. Parke, fair and candid consideration. For his own part they had his entire approbation. Bro. Barker then gave some most valuable counsel to the brethren; impressing upon them the duty of a careful and judicious selection of W.Ms. He declared that it was not well that a brother who had, perhaps, only indifferently gone through the minor offices should necessarily be chosen for the most important chair. They wanted real live workers, brethren who could inspire confidence and rouse enthusiasm, and he declared that apathy and self-satisfied indifference were fatal to the interests of any lodge and made its progress impossible. With a word or two of reminder to Secretaries as to their duties, Bro. Barker concluded by again thanking the brethren for their salutations.

Bro. G. H. PARKE, G. Stwd. Eng. and Patron of the Mark Benevolent Fund, was then called upon by the Chairman to move the propositions appearing under his name. He said that he would make his remarks as brief as circumstances would permit, yet with a view to a proper comprehension of the subject, it would be necessary to go into some amount of detail. Bro. Parke then explained fully the aims and objects of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and showed how it was divided and in what way it carried out its work. It was inaugurated publicly, he declared, in 1809, its first festival being held at Hampton Court, under the presidency of the then M.V.G.M., Bro. Rev. Canon Portal. The number of Stewards on that occasion was six, and the amount raised £97 2s. 8d. Continuing year by year but with varying success, the total sum collected in 1890, when Lord Euston took the chair, was £254. This was the highest yet recorded. This year (1895) the result was, he believed, £2108, of which, as they had heard, West Yorkshire had contributed £210. After giving details as to the amount of capital invested, the money spent in the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity divisions of the Fund, Bro. Parke deplored the apathy which existed amongst the brethren in regard to this most useful Institution, and declared his belief that that want of interest arose purely from want of knowledge of the subject. Some of the West Yorkshire lodges showed a zeal and activity in the cause deserving of all praise, whilst others he had noticed seemed absolutely to know nothing about it. This condition of affairs had been discussed and lamented from time to time, and a general feeling arose that unless some organisation on systematic lines was set on foot, it would be impossible to rouse that interest which the importance of the subject demanded. Bro. M. J. Dodworth, Prov. J.G.W., gave voice to this sentiment at the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Leeds, and the Board of General Purposes took it up. After serious consideration, that body decided that something should be done, and, as the present by-laws made no provision for the formation of a Provincial Charity Committee and the election of Charity Stewards for each lodge, instructions were given to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Matthewman, to draw up and submit for consideration such additional by-laws as would meet the circumstances. These rules were now before them; they had been passed by the Board, and he submitted them with confidence for their approval. They were, he might explain, modelled, but with modifications, upon the by-laws of the Craft, and if they received the sanction of the meeting, as he believed they would, the Provincial Grand Secretary was instructed to immediately forward them to London, to the General Board, and once accepted, they would promptly be put into practice, and a Charity Committee formed for the province. Bro. Parke, whose heart was clearly in the cause, pointed out that in advocating the formation of this Charity scheme, he was in no sense acting in hostility or even rivalry to the great and noble Institutions of the Craft. He looked upon the proper working of the Mark Benevolent Fund as a valuable adjunct to our other Charities, a relief to them; and he reminded them that the Fund was for Mark Masons only, and therefore especially deserving of their support. Bro. Parke further argued that the step was necessary with a view to protect and safeguard their own interests, explaining that, although no voting papers had so far been issued, and no election had taken place, yet the time was fast approaching when this must be done, and without some such organisation as he was proposing, they would have no power to carry their candidates, and no influence in the contests. Bro. Parke concluded a powerful

appeal by reminding the brethren that, in addition to the advantages which he had mentioned, the formation of a Charity Committee would bring the lodges into closer touch with each other and into more intimate relation with the executive, and thus tend to cement the feeling of mutual help and brotherhood which it was so desirable to cultivate. He moved that, subject to sanction by Grand Lodge, the following rules be added to the by-laws of this province:

I. There shall be a Committee to be called the Charity Committee, for the purpose of promoting the interest of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and for the investigation of all claims or applications for relief that may be referred to it by the Provincial Grand Master or by Provincial Grand Lodge.

II. The Charity Committee shall be constituted as follows:

1. One member from each lodge in the province to be elected annually on the night of installation of the Master.
2. Brethren who have acted as Chairmen of the Committee.
3. Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and Vice-Presidents of the Mark Benevolent Fund, who are subscribing members to a lodge in the province.

III. The name and address of the member shall immediately upon election be transmitted to the Provincial Grand Secretary, and should any such elected member be unable to attend the meeting of the Committee, he may depute the Master, or any Past Master or Warden, of his lodge to act in his stead.

IV. The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Secretary respectively shall, *ex-officio*, be President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Committee. The Committee shall, however, elect annually, at its first meeting prior to the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the former of whom, and in his absence the latter, shall conduct the business of the meeting.

V. The Charity Committee shall meet at least once in every year, and shall present at each annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge a report of its proceedings.

Bro. BARKER, D.P.G.M., seconded, and pointed out that in an informal manner the Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, had for some years partially carried out the scheme suggested.

Bro. M. J. DODWORTH, P.J.G.W., thought that the brethren were considerably indebted to Bro. Parke for bringing that important subject before them so clearly and distinctly. Personally, he gave it his warm support, and considered that the thanks of the province were due to Bro. Parke, not only for thus bringing the subject to the front, but also for his most generous support of the Fund.

Bros. H. S. HOLDSWORTH, P.P.G.W., P.G. Sid. Br., and W. E. SMITHIES, acting P.S.G.W., also supported the scheme.

Bro. J. H. GRATION, P.P.G.W., pointed out that as the Mark Benevolent Fund was inaugurated, if not actually founded, by the Rev. Canon Portal, it seemed just and proper that the elucidation of a scheme contrived to develop the working in the interest of that Fund should be initiated and adopted under the banner of the lodge which was proud to bear his name.

Bro. MASON, P.G.M., considered the circumstances pointed out by Bro. Gration a happy augury as to the success of this movement. It had his warmest approval, and he endorsed Bro. Parke's statement that harm to the Craft Charities was their furthest thought. He could add nothing to Bro. Parke's able exposition, and would therefore simply put the proposition to the meeting.

This was done, and the resolution carried unanimously.

Bro. T. G. HOWELL, W.M. elect 137, and acting P.A.G.D.C., in very hearty terms invited Provincial Grand Lodge to hold its next meeting at Huddersfield.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked him, and assured him his invitation would receive all consideration, and the decision would be duly communicated.

Bro. BARKER, D.P.G.M., proposed:—"That the best thanks of this Prov. G. Lodge be given to the W.M., Bro. J. Clinton Browne, the officers and brethren of the Portal Lodge for their excellent arrangements."

This was seconded and carried by acclamation.

The W.M. of the Portal Lodge having replied, and there being no further business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

An excellent tea was provided at the Masonic Hall, Eastgate, of which upwards of 30 brethren partook. The P.G.M. was present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF CHESHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Priory was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen-street, Chester, on Monday, the 4th inst., under the banner of the Grosvenor Preceptory. Sir Knight Hugh Lowndes, E.P., opened the preceptory, the muster roll was called, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

At this stage of the proceedings E. Sir Knight W. S. Sutton, Grand Sub-Prior, assumed the throne in order to formally instal Sir Knight Hugh Lowndes, P.E.P., on the throne for the second year, and he was duly saluted and declared.

The Sub-Prior then opened Grand Priory, the muster roll was called, and the minutes of the last Grand meeting (which is some years since) were read and confirmed.

It was then announced that the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales, demanded admittance, along with his officers. They were received under an arch of steel with great dignity, Sir Knight Gordon acting as Sword Bearer, and Sir Knights R. Newhouse and G. Constable as Banner Bearers. The Great Sub-Prior ascended the throne, and he was saluted.

V.E. Sir Knight the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Prov. Prior nominate, was announced, and, after preparation, was conducted to the throne under an arch of steel by the Prov. Sub-Prior and Sir Knight F. K. Stevenson, G. Chancellor, and was invested and placed on the throne by the G. SUB-PRIOR OF ENGLAND, who said: I must now congratulate you, the Grand Prior of Cheshire, upon being placed in this high position to which the

sir knights of Cheshire have elected you. I am sure you are quite worthy of the office, and under your able guidance I hope the province will flourish more than it has for some years. I have not the slightest doubt that the officers you will appoint this year will support you well, and do the utmost in their power to give you every assistance they possibly can. I must also congratulate you upon another very high office I have just been told you are about to fill, viz., the Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Province, and I venture to assert you will fill that office also with dignity and ability.

The Hon. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON, Prov. Grand Prior said: Great Sub-Prior and Sir,—I must first thank you for your kindness in coming here to-day with your officers to perform this important function of Knight Templary in this county. I am sure it has been a great trouble to you to come so far, and I trust that the success of the Order which we hope will follow may be pleasing to you. I must also thank from my heart all those sir knights who have rallied round their noble Order and have placed me at their head in the province. I can assure you and them I shall do my best in the capacity of Grand Prior, and hope by their willing assistance to make Knight Templary popular in the district. It was some time since they had a meeting, but he could assure them they should at least have one meeting a year.

He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:

Sir Knight	W. S. Sutton	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
"	Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson	...	...	Prov. Prelate.
"	F. K. Stevenson	...	...	Prov. Chancellor.
"	F. K. Stevenson (previously elected)	...	...	Prov. Treas.
"	R. Newhouse	...	...	Prov. Constable.
"	J. Fred. May	...	...	Prov. Reg.
"	J. Cullman	...	...	Prov. V.C.
"	H. G. Small	...	...	Prov. Marshal.
"	J. Wagstaffe	...	...	Prov. Almoner.
"	E. G. Parker	...	...	Prov. W. of R.
"	E. Crew	...	...	Prov. S.M.
"	T. W. A. Napier	...	...	Prov. Std. Br.
"	Blackshaw	...	...	Prov. S.B.
"	H. Lowndes	...	...	Prov. C. of G.
"	J. Cuzner	...	...	Prov. Organist.
"	J. W. Alcock	...	...	Prov. Eq.

Application was made by Sir Knight J. Fred. May, Prov. Reg., to the V.E. Grand Prior for the next meeting to be held at Macclesfield.

The V.E. GRAND PRIOR said he would consider the matter, and intimate to the sir knights of the province in due time.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of this body was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 7th instant, the Grand Master Mason, Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., presiding. There was a large attendance, including Bros. James Berry, Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire; George Christie, Prov. Grand Master of Stirlingshire; and Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, Perth, S.G.W.

A statement by the Grand Cashier showed that the income during the past quarter had been £878, and the expenditure £549, and that there had been 1100 entrants to the Order. There had been £135 voted from the Benevolence Fund to distressed Masons or widows of Masons.

It was intimated that Bro. Sir Henry C. Macandrew, of Airthorpe, had asked to be relieved from further service as Provincial Grand Master of Invernessshire in respect of increased professional duties requiring his whole attention. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sir Henry for his services to Masonry during his five years of office.

It was resolved that charters be granted to the following new lodges: Pittsworth, Pittsworth, Queensland; St. Clair, Cleveland, Queensland; St. David of Springhill and Valley, Brisbane, Queensland; Aubigny, Crows' Nest and Pechey, Queensland; and Hope, Bridge Castle, Arma-dale, Linlithgowshire.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination of brethren for election as office-bearers at the annual meeting, and the Grand Master was unanimously nominated for re-election.

The GRAND MASTER, in accepting this, said the great wish on his part was not only that justice should be done to individual brethren, but that the interests of the Craft should not suffer.

The other nominations were:

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn	...	...	Grand Senior Warden.
" Major F. W. Allan, Glasgow	...	...	Grand Junior Warden.
" Rev. Robert McClelland, Inchinnan	...	}	Grand Chaps.
" Rev. Canon J. S. Wilson, Edinburgh	...		
" Sir John Stirling Maxwell, of Pollock, Bart., M.P.	...	...	Grand Senior Deacon.
" Sir James R. Gibson Maitland, of Sauchie, Bart.	...	...	Grand Junior Deacon.
" Councillor R. F. Cameron, Edinburgh	...	...	Grand Architect.
" Robert K. Inches, Edinburgh	...	...	Grand Jeweller.
" W. Munro Denholm, Glasgow	...	...	Grand Bible-Bearer.
" James Muir, Uddingston	...	...	Grand Dir. of Cers.
" George Dobie, Edinburgh	...	...	Grand Bard.
" Col. W. Ivison Macadam, Edinburgh	...	...	Grand Swd. Br.
" Emile Berger, Glasgow	...	...	Grand Director of Music.
" John Carruthers, Glasgow	...	...	Grand Marshal.
" W. Phillips, Glasgow	...	...	Grand Inner Guard.

In regard to the question of honorary membership in lodges, it was resolved to set aside the former ruling, and that an obligation shall be taken by recipients of this honour.

On the motion of Bro. W. OFFICER, S.S.C., it was resolved to suspend the standing orders as to the alteration of laws, and to give effect to a long

list of alterations on the constitution which had been approved by Grand Committee.

Grand Lodge approved of the appointment by Grand Committee of a Committee to consider and report upon a proposal that Grand Lodge initiate a fund to be raised by general subscriptions among the brethren of Scotland to provide at least one lifeboat to be placed at a point subsequently fixed upon, in the name of the Freemasons of Scotland. This was all the business.

ANOTHER "OLD CHARGE."

We are very pleased to announce the discovery of another Roll of the "Old Charges." It is written on paper, and dates from about A.D. 1670, the document being slightly imperfect at the commencement and at the end.

Bro. Hughan is satisfied that this transcript from an older scroll was made in the latter part of the 17th century, and has entered it under the "Grand Lodge" Family as D 40, there being now that number of MSS. of that particular text. All information as to this "Family" and as to all the known MSS. may be obtained by consulting Bro. Hughan's "Old Charges of British Freemasons," just issued, of which there are only a few copies left as yet unsubscribed for, though only published last month.

It has been decided that this Roll shall be No. 3 of the Reproductions of the Newcastle College of Rosicrucians, and the copy will be placed in Bro. George Kenning's hands for publication in the Christmas *Freemason*, on the sole condition that the reproduction shall be as well done as possible. An introduction is promised by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, the authority on the subject, the Transcript and notes being by Bro. F. F. Schnitger, of Newcastle, who has already done good service in the preparation and editing of the "Newcastle College MS." and the Alnwick Records, 1701-1754, of exceptional value and importance.

The newly-discovered Roll is to be called "The Langdale MS.," and measures six feet in length, the width being fully six inches. Any more particulars may be learnt by communicating with the owner, care of Librarian, Newcastle College, S.R.I.A., Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where the document may be inspected by previous appointment.

It is most fortunate that the Roll is in such competent hands, as the text will be done justice to and be widely known through the medium of the Christmas *Freemason*.

AN AUTUMN HOLIDAY.

Profiting by the advice given in the *Freemason* last autumn that the round trip from Southampton to Rotterdam or Antwerp, and Hamburg and back, given by the Union Line in their South African boats, was a most enjoyable one, I am glad to say I had one of the pleasantest holidays I ever spent. Having more than the requisite 10 days at my disposal, I was granted the favour of breaking the outward voyage (begun in their splendid steamer the *Goth* on 24th August) at Rotterdam, and of joining another of their steamers a fortnight later at Antwerp, enabling me to go up the Rhine by the Netherlands Steam Company's boat. You can either go the entire way by river from Rotterdam, or rail across to Cologne, and embark there; you can book at either place, but should make sure that it is with the *Netherlands*, as their boats are more comfortable, and are not crowded with German trippers, and if you have the longing to visit Alsace that possessed me, take your ticket to Mannheim, the terminal point of the river journey. The scenery of the Rhine between Cologne and Mayence—where the boat stops for a night both going up and coming down—is too well known to require description, but one could never tire of its magnificence and beauty. Passengers have stop-over privileges at the principal towns, with leave to join the steamers of the next day, or later if required; but I did not delay going up, being anxious to get to Strasbourg, deciding on making my return voyage the more leisurely one, which I was very glad of. There are three railway routes from Mannheim to Strasbourg, and your return ticket is good for all.

I was fortunate in finding a delightful old Alsatian tavern all but under the tower of the glorious Cathedral, and it was a pleasure to find oneself amongst French-speaking and French-sympathising people again. Of course, you hear German spoken all over the place, but in the quaint old shops of the little crooked streets it is nearly always French; and one word of advice—if you avoid hotels and shops where English and American are spoken you will fare better, much more reasonably, and, instead of being a mere number, like a convict, you are the object of numberless *petits soins*. There is plenty of amusement in Strasbourg, and any amount of good music, but the authorities will not allow a play to be represented or a song to be sung in French in any theatre or café concert, so I had the pleasure (?) of hearing "La fille du Tambour Major" in German. They are great beer drinkers at Strasbourg—Grüber's brew is famous, but the Alsatian of the country justly clings to his beloved wine.

Returning to Mannheim—which is a rather Yankee-looking place; streets at right angles, the blocks lettered and numbered, not named; very convenient, no doubt, but very horrible—you embark at 2.30 p.m., and are due at Mainz at 6.30. Certainly from Mannheim to Coblenz one should drink nothing but Rhine wine, and at the last-named place it would be treason to ask for any but Mosel wine, which is a drink fit for the gods; poured out of a big pitcher into a goblet, costing 3d. or 4d., it is a wine to drink and to dream of. These lovely wines seem to spoil in bottle, and we appear not to know how to treat white Rhine or Mosel wines here, as they should be *always* iced. I wonder could they be introduced in cask at some of our big restaurants and cafés—better far and more wholesome than the regulation port, sherry, and champagne.

At the hotel I stopped at in Mainz they would not serve beer, nothing but wine. You leave there at 6 a.m., get to Bingen at 8.30; Coblenz, 11.30; Bonn, 3 p.m.; and Cöln, 4.30. It is a delightful city, bright and clean, with a cathedral perhaps more beautiful, if far less magnificent, than that of Strasbourg, the singing and music at *grand messe* are sublime. I went from there to Antwerp by rail, a weary journey, and much regret I did not go down by the boat to Rotterdam, thereby avoiding 24 hours in that morally and physically offensive place—Antwerp. It was a real pleasure to leave the Scheldt, and get to sea for a splendid run to Hamburg. The season had just commenced, theatres, cafés, concerts, the Circus Renz (a splendid show), and the Flora Gardens in full swing, the Alster crowded with pleasure steamers and sailing boats, and the entire city bright and attractive, three days there, with your steamer in port as your hotel, then two days' glorious run to Southampton, and good-bye to Captain Sylvester and the other genial officers of the Arab, wishing them *bon voyage* to the Cape.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the Council was held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Friday, the 25th ult., Bro. Richard Eve in the chair. There were also present Bros. Keyser, Smithson, Cumberland, Russell, Burgess, Diamond, Imray, Pritchard, Greaves, Le Feuvre, and J. M. McLeod, Sec.

On the recommendation of the Board of Management, two grants of £10 each were made towards the apprenticeship of deserving ex-pupils.

An investment of over £4000 was ordered to be made from the General Funds, and the Secretary announced that the total amount of investments now reached a sum of £60,000, over two-thirds of which had been secured during the past four years, and had been effected without charge for brokerage by Bro. Thos. Fenn, Past Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purposes.

The announcement gave general satisfaction, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Fenn.

Seven petitions were accepted for the next election, and one rejected as not being considered eligible under the objects of the Institution.

It was reported that the health of the School continued most satisfactory, and that the examination of the whole School by the Cambridge University Syndicate would be held on October 28th and following days.

Reviews.

"THE ART LIFE OF MANCHESTER."—The admirable series of illustrated articles on "Provincial Art Galleries," which have appeared in the "Windsor Magazine" during the past few months, are brought to an end in the November number with a valuable account of the Corporation pictures at Manchester. The writer observes—"Manchester was one of the first cities in the kingdom to recognise the advantages of a public gallery of art in the development of a municipal and commercial life. Indeed, long before any Corporation awakened to the necessity of brightening the lives of its people by making accessible to them the attractive and never-ending pleasures of good pictures, the liberal-minded and good citizens of Manchester established by private enterprise a noble building that has now become the home of some of our highest national art. It is now more than 70 years ago that the wealthy merchants of Manchester decided to raise the necessary funds for the erection of an art gallery, wherein could be accumulated some examples of the works of modern British painters, as well as a satisfactory exhibition of works of art calculated to develop and stimulate principles of good taste among the people—principles which should not fail of effect in improving the quality of the city's important industries. The result of their labours was the formation of a society, under the name of 'The Royal Manchester Institution,' which erected a large building in Moseley-street in 1825, from designs by Sir Charles Barry, and on a site in the very centre of the city, where it would be most easy of access. The wisdom of this was fully proved by the use and growth of the institution, for throughout the 70 years that have elapsed the success of the art gallery has been steady and continuous, whilst its influence on the city's welfare, even in its most material aspect, can never be adequately measured. Nowadays a municipality has only to erect a suitable building to ensure a ready response of gifts and means of purchase, and by these they are rapidly enabled to cover the walls with a display of pictures which lifts the effort to the rank of an art gallery in the best sense. But in the early days of the twenties the taste for purchasing pictures was not so widespread amongst the wealthy as later culture has made it. Hence the Royal Manchester Institution was mainly dependent on periodical exhibitions for filling their rooms, and so with them began the earliest attempts in the provinces to provide in the autumn an exhibition of those pictures that in the earlier part of the year had been first shown in the Royal Academy and other Metropolitan art institutions."

"THE DRAPERY WORLD"—An Independent Trade Journal London: 19, Cheap-side, E.C.; and Manchester: York Buildings, Mosley-street.—The number issued on the 9th instant is "a Christmas Novelty Number," and will be found of great use to those who carefully heed the time-honoured observances of Christmas and present gifts to the members of their families and their particular friends. The body of the journal contains a considerable number of illustrations, with descriptive letter-press, of all kinds of articles that are suitable for presents. In addition there is the usual quantum of news relating to the drapery business. It is, in fact, quite a magazine of literature concerning drapery and its allied trades, and will, or should, prove a great attraction as well as of great use to our fair friends, to whom the mysteries of the draper's art are a source of inexpressible pleasure.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

Voice of Masonry (November); Masonic Tidings (November); Australasian Keystone (October); Toronto Freemason (October); Monist (October); Philadelphian Keystone; Le Fenix (June and September); Annual Report of Dr. Barnardo's Homes; Sunday Times; The Country House; The Military and Naval World Magazine; The Batters' Gazette, Diary, and Trade Directory, 1896; Plucky Rex (Hogg); The Lad from London (Hogg); and The Land of Arthur (Hogg).

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Holland, P.M., W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; Lightfoot, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Saunders, P.M., Treas.; Stutfield, Sec.; Austin, S.D.; Marriott Matthews, J.D.; Nicholls, I.G.; Bradley, White, Weller, Ollive, Royle, Cooke, Markland, and Luckfield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting and the statement of the year's account were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. White, who had previously answered the usual questions, being the candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. A ballot for five guineas was taken, which proved in favour of Bro. A. W. Thompson; this being the third ballot which has occurred during the year. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. J. Pau, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; F. Jackson, S.W.; G. Hill, P.M., J.W.; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, P.M., and B. Dukes, Secs.; J. J. Moar, S.D.; J. Mason, J.D.; F. A. Zeppenfeld, I.G.; F. Jackson, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., G. Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; H. C. Parker, H. Smith, G. A. Sturgess, and W. Merrett. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Farrar, E. Bissel, and T. C. Pratt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the Second. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. J. Moar; the 2nd by Bro. W. E. Wilby; and the 3rd by Bro. G. Hill. The Grand Treasurer here arrived and was received with formal and due ceremony. The lodge being resumed in the Third Degree, Bro. F. Jackson, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Lecture; Bro. J. Mason the 2nd; and Bro. Dukes the 3rd. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. Farrar and Bissel, 1339, were elected joining members, and the dues were collected. After the second and third risings, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed. The Grand Treasurer and Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes were elected honorary members.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

There have been several Provincial meetings recently held in addition to those of which reports are published in our columns. Prominent among these are the Prov. Grand Lodges of Leicestershire and Rutland and Hertfordshire. The former was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 6th inst., and attention is called in one of our articles to the most important portion of the business dealt with, namely, the consideration of the Rules and Regulations which the Committee appointed at Market Harborough in November of last year had framed for the government of the "Kelly Memorial Fund." The meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Hertfordshire was held in the Town Hall, St. Albans, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Reports of the proceedings in both cases we trust we shall be able to find space for next week.

Next week also there will be held, as we have already announced, the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cambridge. The meeting is fixed for Monday next, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, and the banquet which customarily

follows will take place at the Lion Hotel. We may add that the Great Eastern Company have kindly consented to issue return tickets at a single fare and a quarter, available for return only on the day of issue, to brethren attending Prov. Grand Lodge, who travel in parties of not less than six first and 10 third class.

The post of Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire, which some time since was rendered vacant by the resignation of Comp. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, and to which his Royal Highness the Grand Z. appointed Comp. Viscount Valentia, has been filled up, his lordship having been installed in office during the present week. Comp. Lord Valentia has had a very distinguished career in Masonry. He is a Past Prov. Grand Warden of the Craft Prov. Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, was Prov. G.H. in the Prov. Grand Chapter at the time of Comp. Pickard's vacation of his office, and is Prov. Grand Master of the Mark Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Oxon. We congratulate the Royal Arch Masons of Oxfordshire on having so able and zealous a companion to preside over them.

It will be seen from our report of the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the 7th instant that M.W. Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., was unanimously nominated—which is tantamount to unanimously re-elected—Grand Master Mason of Scotland for the ensuing 12 months. We consider the Grand Lodge has acted wisely in this matter. Sir Charles has taken a very great interest in the affairs of Masonry during his tenure of the office, and has been very active in the discharge of his duties, and there is no doubt that Freemasonry in North Britain has prospered greatly under his auspices. We trust the same success may attend his efforts during the ensuing year.

We learn, from a review of the Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine at its annual communication in June last, which will be found in the current number of the *Voice of Masonry*, that sundry claims advanced by certain lodges for reimbursement of moneys they had expended for sick and funeral expenses in behalf of members of other lodges, were considered, but not approved, the Committee of Grand Lodge, to which the matter was referred, expressing its opinion that "it would be most unwise to say that one lodge can act as the agent of another to expend its funds without its knowledge and consent." They found that these moneys had been expended without, or before notice, and recommended that the question should be referred to Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. Accordingly it was so referred, and the point remains over for decision till next year.

But what kind of Masonic Charity can it be which helps a necessitous brother in sickness and provides him with decent burial, and then demands reimbursement of the amount so expended. This is not Charity, which consists in helping those who need help without looking to be reimbursed. A brother binds himself to relieve the necessities of a fellow Mason, so far as that can be done without detriment to himself or his connections, but to call that Charity which claims reimbursement of the moneys spent in relief is a monstrous absurdity.

In its review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island at its 20th annual communication in June last, the *Voice of Masonry* mentions that "the assumed Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognised" by the said Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. It adds, however, that "It (the Grand Lodge of New Zealand) is not a sovereign body. Its authority is disputed by a number of regular lodges, and until they yield allegiance to it, recognition should be withheld." It would be well, and save a great deal of heart-burning, if others would bear this in mind, and act upon the advice of our respected contemporary. There are not far short of 60 lodges in New Zealand, which refuse to have anything to do with its so-called Grand Lodge. This should be borne in mind by those Grand Lodges which are always in a hurry to recognise everything.

The office of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in Cheshire having become vacant by the lamented death of Comp. the Rev. Charles W. Spencer-Stanhope, his Royal Highness, the Grand Z., has been pleased to appoint Comp. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., to be his successor. The matter was referred to at the recent installation of Sir Knt. Alan de T. Egerton as Prov. Prior of Cheshire.

Craft Masonry.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. W. Fisher, W.M.; R. Sarson, S.W.; A. J. Holmes, J.W.; T. Selby Henrey, Chap.; T. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; C. Garton, S.D.; William Baker, J.D.; F. Hughes, P.M., D.C.; C. Couchman, Tyler; G. Abbott, P.M.; J. M. Mower, P.M.; G. Goodes, P.M.; Stokes, Johnson, A. J. Rippin, S. Rippin, Peach, Fergusson, Miner, Simmonds, Scott, Martyn, Bevan, Welch, Crawshaw, and Doody. Visitors: Bros. F. Evans, 1421; F. Withaus, 2509; and Chubb, 87.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. J. Rippen was raised, and Bro. Scott passed. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Mr. F. J. Doody, he was initiated, after which the lodge was closed.

Newall Lodge, No. 1134.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. Chas. Driver, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by his officers. There were present Bros. W. Eckersley, I.P.M.; H. Waterhouse, S.W.; R. W. Martin, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. Waring, P.M., Sec.; J. Green, S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.G.D.C., D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. H. Browne, acting I.G.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; E. Webb, P.M.; J. Parkinson, J. J. Wright, M. Oliver, J. Ogden, R. C. Gray, W. E. Hands, F. Brierley, F. H. Gregory, F. Curtis, W. J. Todd, T. H. Drew, E. W. Williams, and E. H. Flower, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G.S.; J. Cliffe, P.P.G. D.C.; J. W. Millward, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; F. G. Boden, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. M. Graham, P.M.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; J. M. Veal, W.M. 2359; W. Dumville, P.M.; H. R. Thornton, P.M.; H. H. Ward; Thos. Markland, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; J. W. Wrigley, P.M.; R. A. Hepworth, W.M. 163; W. H. Worsley, S.W., W.M. elect 1458; J. W. Leathley, P.M.; S. Gaskill, R. Race, H. Greenhaigh, S.W. 1126; N. Stokes, E. J. Moss, C. Blacow, J. E. Peacock, W. T. Howarth, H. White, A. Grundy, A. Sutcliffe, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Waring was the Installing Master, which ceremony he performed with great credit to himself and honour to the lodge. He appointed as Installing Officers the following: Bros. John Holroyd, P.P.G.S. of W., as S.W.; E. Webb, P.M., as J.W.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O., Org.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M., as I.G.; whilst Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.G.D.C., acted as D.C. Bro. Harold Waterhouse, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. John Barker, P.P. G.T., the oldest member and founder of the lodge. Bro. E. Webb, P.M., presented the working tools, and Bro. Barker gave the address to the W.M., while Bro. Duffin those to the Wardens and brethren. The ceremony was fully choral throughout, under the direction of Bro. G. S. Smith, the Organist.

During the banquet, which was subsequently held, the usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to, and a very handsome 18ct. gold jewel was presented to Bro. Chas. Driver, the retiring Master.

Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Rising Sun Inn, Church-street, Enfield, when there were present Bros. E. J. Tilley, W.M.; W. Marshall, S.W.; A. J. Monk, J.W.; H. V. Clements, P.M., Treas.; A. G. Fidler, P.M., Sec.; W. Humphrey, S.D.; G. Gange, A.D.C.; J. M. Dexter, I.G.; H. E. Brown, Stwd.; J. Very, Tyler; C. W. Offord, Org.; A. Bryant, P.M.; H. Woodley, P.M.; J. Hicks, P.M.; J. A. Taverner, P.M.; S. Parsons, P.M.; E. T. Vint, C. Willis, H. Matthews, and A. Millbourn. Visitors: Bros. J. Little, Loyalty Lodge; and W. J. Symons, 1489.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Marshall was then elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Clements, P.M., re-elected as Treasurer; and Bro. Very, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing Master on the proposition of Bro. Woodley, and after appointing Bros. Venn, Offord, and Willis as Auditors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, where songs by Bros. Offord, Venn, and Millbourn, interspersed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Waverley Lodge, No. 1322.

The 25th installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Queen's Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne. As this was the quarter of a century, it naturally was a source of great interest. The event brought together a large number of brethren. Promptly at the hour appointed, Bro. Arthur Sumner, W.M., opened the lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting and also of an emergency were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was considered and proved to be very satisfactory. The W.M. at this point requested Bro. J. M. Jones, P.M., to take the chair for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Rawlinson. He appointed as Installing Officers Bros. W. Newton, P.P.G.D., as S.W.; John Smith, P.P.G.D., as J.W.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., as Org.; and G. W. Davis, W.M. 1459, as I.G. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. J. M. Jones. The brethren having saluted the newly-elected W.M., the following officers were invested and addressed effectually by Bro. John Smith, P.S.G.D.: Bros. Samuel Grundy, S.W.; Montgomery Newman, J.W.; W. Newton, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Walter Eastwood, P.P.G.S., Sec.; Enos Andrew, P.P.G. Org.; Alfred Cooper, S.D.; James Travis, J.D.; Tom Ogden, I.G.; R. Wood and G. W. Davies, W.M. 1459, Stwds.; and D. Birkby, Tyler. Bro. Walter Newton presented the working tools in the Three Degrees, whilst Bro. Eastwood gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and the installation ceremony was brought to a close. After all business had been attended to and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently a banquet was given, presided over by Bro. Walter Rawlinson, W.M., and we should imagine by the manner he conducted the proceedings, the brethren of the Waverley Lodge have made a very happy choice.

The loyal and other toasts were heartily given and responded to. A capital programme of music was arranged by Bro. Enos Andrew, P.P.G. Org., who acted as accompanist all the evening.

During the progress of the banquet, Bro. Wright Wood, P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Walter Newton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.," in eulogistic and graceful terms. He referred to him as the "father" of the lodge, having been one of its founders, and one of its most active workers since its consecration 25 years ago. On behalf of the brethren he presented Bro. Newton, amid loud applause, with a combined Past Master's and Treasurer's jewel of solid gold, of beautiful design and exquisite workmanship, on the back of which was engraved the following inscription, viz.: "Presented to Brother W. Newton, P.M., P.P.G.D., by the brethren, as a mark of their esteem for services rendered as Treasurer for 15 years in succession, and in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Lodge. 31st October, 1895."

Bro. Samuel Grundy, S.W., supported the proposition on behalf of the junior officers and brethren of the lodge, and expressed his gratification that association with Bro. Newton had given him, and who was a guide, philosopher, and friend to all young Masons, and one in whom they might, in case of requirement, appeal to with safe assurance that their confidence would never be betrayed. He was a worker in the Craft of the highest eminence, as had often been recognised by visiting brethren, and his urbanity and geniality had endeared him to them all. They would be pleased if he would accept the jewel, and prize it as not the least in value of the many jewels of which he was the proud possessor.

Bro. Newton, who was received with rapturous applause, responded to the toast with feelings of emotion, and gave a very full and interesting account of the formation of the lodge, how it got its designation of "Waverley," and its history up to the present time. He was exceedingly proud to be the "father" of the lodge which had undergone many vicissitudes, but was now, he was happy to say, in its most prosperous state financially, numerically, and as regards the efficiency of its officers. He accepted the jewel with the greatest pleasure, and assured them he would prize it above all his possessions, and that wherever he went it would always be worn by him. He tendered to the brethren his warmest and grateful thanks for their generosity.

The following were present: Bros. Albert Sumner, W.M.; Walter Rawlinson, S.W.; Saml. Grundy, J.W.; Walter Newton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; M. Newman, S.D.; Alf. Cooper, J.D.; Enos Andrew, P.P.G. Org., Org.; D. Birkby, Tyler; John Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. W. Wood, P.M.; Walter Eastwood, P.M.; J. Mercer Jones, P.M.; John Miller, P.M.; Joseph Riley, I.P.M.; Geo. Wenham Davies, W.M. 1459; Geo. Mamwood, William Garside, James Travis, Hy. Stockton, Geo. Parry, and Alf. Evans. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Thos. Foreman, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Potter, P.M., P.P.A.G. D.C.; A. W. Siddall, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org. East and West Lancs.; Ernest Moss, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Hy. Lees, W.M. 1088; F. Marland, W.M. 1144; Joseph Hulme, J.W. 830; H. C. Holland, J.D. 268; J. A. Wood, P.M. 89; John Bottomley, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. W. Tanner, P.M. 337; J. Dearden, P.M. 830; Edward Roberts, P.M. 1459; A. B. Wilkinson, P.M. 2322; T. Oldham, St. George's, 6, New York; F. Firth, 337; and R. S. Oldham, 1144.

Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

A regular meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 9th inst. Bro. R. Brookman, W.M., was supported by Bros. J. K. Gwyn, I.P.M., Sec.; G. Fraser, J.W.; R. Fendick, Treas.; R. Lawson, S.D.; J. H. Guyton, J.D.; J. Boyton, D.C.; R. Thomas, I.G.; F. Joy, Stwd.; J. Stevens, P.M.; G. W. Robson, P.M.; R. Greening, P.M.; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; W. F. S. Cook, P.M.; D. T. Keene, P.M.; S. W. Newcomb, T. Halliwell, and F. Parker. Visitors: Bros. A. Chambers, Org. 1044; J. Ortner, 1767; A. W. Watson, 1625; W. A. Waltham, 410; A. H. Church, S.W. 1365; J. Strong, S.D. 1044; R. J. Ball, P.M. 209, P.P.G.R.; J. Cooper, W.M. 3; A. Jones, P.M. 1949; and W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. S. W. Newcomb was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. J. H. Hartland and F. W. A. Parker were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., the charge in the First Degree being impressively delivered by Bro. Gwyn, I.P.M., by request of the W.M. A Committee was appointed to consider what form a testimonial should take in order to recognise the services of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., who had acted as Secretary for the last three years. The resignation of Bro. G. Jenkins, the first initiate of the lodge, who had rendered valuable service as Organist for the past 18 years, was accepted with regret, owing to ill health, and on the proposition of the W.M. he was unanimously elected an honorary member. A notice of motion by Bro. Guyton, P.M., with reference to the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter, was deferred. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

The W.M. in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," announced that a telegram had been received from his Royal Highness, thanking the lodge for the congratulatory telegram sent.

Bro. J. K. Gwyn, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he felt particularly honoured that the toast had been entrusted to him. When he proposed the health of their W.M. last month after having installed him, he said he was convinced they had a brother in the chair who was not only jealous of the honour and reputation of the lodge, but would also prove a most able worker. That night they had seen Bro. Brookman's working, and they would all agree that what he (the I.P.M.) said was thoroughly justified. There was a great deal of work falling to the W.M., but he would doubtless exceed their expectations, and they would therefore drink to the health and prosperity of their esteemed W.M.

Bro. R. Brookman, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and said he was pleased to hear he had given satisfaction on his first night's work in the chair of the lodge. He could not impress too strongly upon the brethren the necessity of devoting two hours a week to a lodge of instruction. He had attended very regularly, but to take the chair in a lodge of instruction and in his mother lodge were two different things. However, he felt more at ease as he proceeded, and if he had given them satisfaction he was amply repaid.

"The Initiates" was next given, and duly responded to.

The W.M. then submitted "The Visitors," and hoped they had had a pleasant evening, both in the lodge and at the festive board.

The visiting brethren present all replied to the toast, and expressed the pleasure the visit had afforded them.

Other toasts were given, including "The Past Masters," before the brethren separated.

Several brethren assisted in the musical programme, including Bro. C. Ortner, whose fine rendering of two bass songs was heartily appreciated by all present.

The following is a copy of the telegram received from the M.W.G.M., referred to above:

"To the W.M. 'The Great City,' 1426,
"Cannon Street Hotel.

"I thank the brethren for their kind congratulations.

"ALBERT EDWARD."

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.

The installation meeting of this popular East London lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. H. C. Turner, W.M.; G. Kebbell, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. J. Short, J.W.; W. H. Christian, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks. Essex, Treas.; James Pinder, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Essex, Sec. F. Kebbell, S.D.; W. C. Lane, J.D.; W. J. Garrard, Stwd.; Marx Gross, Tyler; W. Harris, P.M.; J. H. Wildash, P.M.; F. Probert, P.M.; F. I. Hallows, P.M.; G. Smith, E. R. Kidman, J. J. Kelt, W. W. West, R. W. Pettit, Thos. Maynard, F. J. Short, A. G. Hopkins, and W. A. Sims. The visitors were: Bros. W. J. Welham, 2472; H. Osborne, 2472; J. Cole, 1158; G. Grayur, 1441; Hy. Wilsmer, Sec. 1567; Hy. Cornford, J.D. 1922; F. Small, D.C. 2242; A. F. Wildash, 2374; J. Benston, 228; Louis Honig, 1319; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Kelt was passed by the W.M. in an exemplary manner. Bro. W. Harris, P.M., next presented Bro. G. Kebbell, W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of Bro. Turner, W.M., the benefit of installation, which was carried out most perfectly and impressively, as also the delivery of the three addresses. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. C. Turner, I.P.M.; W. J. Short, S.W.; F. Kebbell, J.W.; W. T. Christian, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Essex, Treas.; J. Pinder, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, Sec.; W. C. Lane, S.D.; T. Maynard, J.D.; J. Short, I.G.; W. J. Garrard, D.C.; H. J. Davis, Org.; E. Alexander and W. H. Jarrett, Stewards; and M. Gross, Tyler. The balance-sheet was presented and adopted, which showed the lodge in a sound financial position. The petition to the Board of Benevolence for the widow of the late esteemed Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Franklin, was signed by the W.M. for presentation at the next Board. The names of four gentlemen were handed in for initiation, which augurs well for the lodge.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet supplied by the host, Bro. F. I. Hallows, P.M., which gave entire satisfaction.

On the removal of the cloth, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received most royally, as also was that of "The M.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. H. T. Turner, I.P.M., in presenting the toast of "The W.M.," dilated upon his capabilities, which were well-known to most of the brethren present, knowing him to be a very hard-working brother. The sincere wish of all was that he might have good health, plenty of work, and succeed as admirably as he had begun that day.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

Bro. G. Kebbell, W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for such kindly expressions and cordial greeting of the brethren. He had that day arrived at the pinnacle of his ambition, and trusted he would have the hearty support of all the officers to enable him to carry out his duties successfully, and to uphold the prestige of the Beaconsfield Lodge.

The W.M. next placed the toast of "The Visitors" before the brethren in terms of the utmost cordiality, which was characteristic of the lodge. There was a goodly array, and he would ask that it should be received as became the Beaconsfield Lodge.

This was very ably responded to by Bros. C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, and H. Wilsmer, Sec. 1567, remarking upon the excellent manner the installation ceremony had been performed by Bro. Turner, I.P.M., as also the investiture of officers by the W.M.,

which was carried out most efficiently. Another excellent quality in the lodge was the cordial feeling which pervaded the whole.

The toast of "The Installing Master and the Past Masters" was next given by the W.M. in becoming terms, stating he had been greatly impressed by the manner the I.P.M., Bro. Turner, had installed him, and it gave him the greatest possible pleasure in presenting him with the splendid jewel which had been so unanimously voted him for the very able and earnest manner he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the past year. He trusted he would live many years to wear the same, and in the enjoyment of good health.

In reply, Bro. Turner, I.P.M., said he could scarce find words adequately to thank the W.M. for such kindly expressions, and to the brethren to thank them for voting him such a splendid jewel. He certainly had during his year of office done his very best, and he should ever wear that token of their esteem, and remember the very happy time he had spent in the lodge.

Bros. Pinder, P.M., and Wildash, P.M., also responded, the latter remarking that he was proud to see the W.M. in the position he so richly deserved. He would unhesitatingly predict a new era in the Beaconsfield Lodge had been commenced that night, and he had every reason to believe, and felt confident that the W.M. would have a most successful year of office.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Officers" in terms very becoming, which was very suitably replied to by Bro. G. Kebbell, S.W.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. Louis Honig, ably supported by Miss A. M. Kebbell and Mrs. F. Coles (most cordially received), Mr. F. Turner, and Bros. F. Small (reciter) and L. Honig. Bro. Louis Honig most efficiently presided at the piano.

Alliance Lodge, No. 1827.

The installation meeting of this well-known civic lodge attracted a representative gathering at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The incoming W.M., Bro. Captain Vickers Dunfee, C.C., was ably installed into the chair by his immediate predecessor, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Smith—a very rare occurrence in this lodge, as the ceremony is usually performed by Bro. Sir John B. Moackton, P.G.W., the "father" of the lodge.

After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. Vickers Dunfee, C.C., was presented for installation, and, the usual ceremonial having been observed, he was installed, as stated above, by Bro. the Rev. J. Henry Smith. The following brethren, with the exception of Bro. Horniman, P.M., who is abroad, were invested with the collars of their respective offices: Bros. W. Bruce Clarke, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., S.W.; J. W. Carlyon-Hughes, J.W.; the Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., Chap.; Henry Clarke, C.C., L.C.C., P.M., Treas.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Baron W. Ernest de Bush, S.D.; E. Clarke, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S., J.D.; Capt. Henry Wright, P.M., D.C.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; W. T. Roberts, I.G.; Percy Monckton and F. J. Horniman, M.P., F.R.G.S. Stwds.; and T. Lovell, P.M., Tyler. A proposition was received for a joining member, the Audit report was unanimously adopted, and the lodge was formally closed. After an excellent banquet, the usual toast list was proceeded with.

"The Grand Officers" was proposed by Bro. H. Clarke, P.M., who remarked that most of the brethren present were business men, and knew that in a large successful business those at the head must possess good business capabilities. The Grand Lodge was a gigantic institution, and there was no doubt that for Masonry to be so prosperous, so useful, and so widespread, showed that those at the head must be singularly well chosen.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., said that not many days ago near that spot, in language chosen with a due regard to that diplomatic reserve his high duties entailed, and which was read through the press by the whole country, Lord Salisbury was fortunately able to assure his audience of the maintenance of peace. Had it been H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. who was returning thanks for the great Order of which he was the esteemed head, possibly he would not have been troubled to have maintained the same reserve, but would have been able equally to assure his audience that never at any time was the Masonic army greater in numbers, never more united in feeling, never was the maintenance of peace and tranquility more secure than it was at that moment. The reign of the Grand Master had been distinguished by the extension of Masonry, by the elevation of the standard of Freemasonry amongst those who ranged under its banner, by an increased vitality and attention to the practice of the ritual of which they were so proud, and of which their I.P.M. gave them so excellent a specimen in the installation—and, above all, they could say that whether the outside prospects of the peace of the country might be the war which Masonry carried on was that of light against darkness, civilisation against ignorance, human sympathy against cruelty and oppression, and every kind of war which brought in its train, not desolation and death, but those blessings which enlighten humanity and warm friendship bring every community. The institution was useful, as they made it useful, and nothing useful could be achieved without hard work and a determination to carry out the great privileges of Masonry.

Bros. F. Green, P.M., P.G.D., and Col. Dundas, G.S.B., also replied.

Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said they knew Bro. Dunfee well, as he had worked up from the lowest office to the highest, and in conferring this position the lodge was honouring the office. They knew his geniality and how sympathetically he was in keeping with all the members, and that he had shown himself interested in everything they did, and had been an excellent worker. They all anticipated that in the coming year they would have no reason to regret the choice they had made. It was his (the I.P.M.'s) good fortune some three months ago to assist in an important ceremony in connection with Bro. Capt. Dunfee that had strengthened him wonderfully. Before that time the W.M. was a whole man, but he assisted in giving him a better half. They wished him a year of prosperity and happiness, and also on the present occasion they would ask the W.M. to convey their good wishes for his better half.

Bro. Capt. Vickers Dunfee, C.C., W.M., in reply, said that words failed him to express his great debt of gratitude for the words which had fallen from the I.P.M., and for the reception of the toast by the brethren. It would be a great pleasure to him to tell his wife all the kind things said about her. That lodge was his mother lodge, and would always be dear to him, and all those friends would be welcome at their little home whenever they honoured them. Sixteen Masters had been in the chair of the Alliance Lodge, and it would only be for him to try as humbly as he could to follow in their footsteps. If he went to the Past Masters for advice he knew they would guide him aright. He would endeavour to keep up the traditions of the lodge, and trusted they would work well together for the good of Freemasonry in general and their lodge in particular. He thanked them all most earnestly for honouring him by putting him in the chair, and for all the kind remarks made that evening. The toast which he had next to propose was a great pleasure to him, and he asked them to drink it in bumpers. It was "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith," who had endeared himself to them by so many acts of kindness, and by the splendid way in which he had carried out the work during the past year. They asked the I.P.M. to accept a very humble souvenir of the past year in the form of a Past Master's jewel, and they asked him to accept it with every kind of loving thought from the members, and trusted he would be spared many, many years to be with them, and continue the good work done in Allen's School at Dulwich.

Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, I.P.M., returned thanks. He reminded them that at his installation he said that if the cordiality then extended to him was continued at the end of the year in the same way he should be extremely happy. They had extended it in a stronger way than he could have expected, and if there was any credit due as W.M. of the lodge, it was owing to the kind way in which every brother had supported him. His year of office, as far as Masonic work was concerned, had been one of the happiest of his life, for he had received nothing but kindness and help, the lodge had been a united lodge, and everyone had felt comfortable, and in sympathy with each other. The jewel was one of the proudest things he could wear, and he should feel he had had a proud connection with the lodge. He hoped to be always willing to do whatever the W.M. asked him in work or advice, and he should always do it with every possible good will and heartiness.

"The Visitors" was submitted by Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec., who trusted their lodge was no exception to the rule of hospitality in Freemasonry. It had given them the opportunity of hearing from the Grand Registrar sentiments which they fully appreciated. They were honoured with a long list, all of whom they greeted with heartiness.

Bro. J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg. Mddx., suitably replied, and said that during his 25 years in Masonry he had never heard the installation ceremony more beautifully delivered.

Bro. Perkins, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Bruce Clarke, S.W., and Capt. H. Wright, P.M., D.C., for "The Officers," after which the concluding toast—the Tyler's toast—was given.

Among those present were Bros. Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., W.M.; Capt. V. Dunfee, C.C., S.W., W.M. elect; Ald. F. Green, P.M., P.G.D.; J. Perkins, C.C., P.M.; Capt. H. Wright, P.M., D.C.; H. Squire, C.C., P.M.; H. Clark, C.C., L.C.C., P.M.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg.; Col. L. G. Dundas, G.D.; Under Sheriff F. G. Beard, P.M.; Under Sheriff C. Beckford; Deputy Halse, C.C.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Capt. W. C. Woollett, G. Stwd.; G. A. Pickering, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. W. Clark, F. Hill, ex-Sheriff Geo. Hand, J. Tickle, C.C., P.P.G. Reg. Mddx.; A. W. Read, C.C.; Baron E. de Bush, J.D.; W. Westcott, J. Carey, W. W. Morgan, H. E. Lewis, A. Ritchie, J.P., C.C.; H. P. Monckton, W. J. Roberts, J. Carlyon-Hughes, A. Greeve, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Gloucestershire; F. Hobbs, H. C. Morris, C.C.; W. J. Rabbits, J. Easterbrook, P.M.; Capt. E. Pugh, F. S. Jackson, P.M.; T. H. B. Hitching, C.C.; Col. E. T. Rodney Wilde, P.M.; Capt. R. Parry, W. Simpson, H. J. Waring, Dr. E. Clarke, F.R.C.S., W. Bruce Clark, M.A., F. A. Jewson, Org.; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 1897; and others.

Cray's Valley Lodge, No. 2147.

The installation meeting of this successful and flourishing lodge was held at the Institute, St. Mary Cray, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Present: Bro. Bros. J. Marshall, P.M., W.M.; R. J. Pugh, S.W. and W.M. elect; A. E. Oxley, acting J.W.; Fred. Lewis, acting Sec.; F. Stanger, J.D.; W. E. Bailey, Stwd.; W. Tapsell, Tyler; Geo. Harlow, P.M.; J. Pollard, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. Kent; Oliver Cromwell, Saml. Gale, G. H. Miles, L. Pugh, A. Taylor, G. Harlow, sen., W. Scott, and A. M. Mitchell. The visitors were Bros. Thos. West, P.M. 1815; J. Hattersley, P.M. 1607; W. W. Arter, Org. 1572; J. F. Bell, P.M. 1613; C. A. Hooper, P.M. 1613; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Pollard, P.M., next presented Bro. R. J. Pugh, S.W. and W.M. elect, to Bro. G. Harlow, P.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a masterly and thoroughly impressive manner, as was also the rendering of the three addresses. The new W.M., Bro. R. J. Pugh, invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. Marshall, P.M., I.P.M.; Jas. Cookson, S.W.; Frank Stanger, J.W.; Henry Tyrer, P.M., Treas.; J. Marshall, Sec.; Geo. Harlow, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Bailey, S.D.; Arthur Oxley, J.D.; Saml. Gale, I.G.; Walter Scott and Llewellyn Pugh, Stwds.; and Wm. Tapsell, Tyler. A ballot was taken for Mr. A. McLaren Mitchell, which proving unanimous, he was afterwards initiated in a commendable manner by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, received, and adopted, which showed the lodge in a good financial position. Bro. J. Pollard, P.M., was elected the Charity Representative of the lodge, which position he has faithfully carried out for several years. The name of a candidate for initiation was proposed for the next meeting, which augurs well for the lodge. Apologies for non-attendance through various reasons were tendered.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Library, where a *recherche* banquet was provided by Bro. J. Marshall, P.M., which gave universal satisfaction.

The cloth removed, the loyal and Masonic toasts were presented by the W.M. in suitable terms, who specially mentioned H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the anniversary of whose birth they were that day commemorating.

The toasts were drunk most heartily.

Bro. R. J. Pugh, W.M., next presented the toast "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in most becoming terms, remarking the great services one and all rendered for the benefit of the Craft.

The toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M. of Kent; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. dilating upon the excellent services so cheerfully and readily bestowed upon the various lodges in the province.

Bros. Knight, P. Prov. G. Org. Kent, and Jno. Pollard, P. Prov. G.S.B. Kent, very gracefully acknowledged the toast.

Bro. J. Marshall, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The W.M.," which he said, to him was the grandest toast of the evening. In the W.M., he was happy to say, they had a real good worker, and one who was able to conduct the affairs of the lodge in a masterly manner. The brethren were proud of him, for from the time of his initiation he had taken a most active part in the lodge of instruction, where he had been a great means in imparting the knowledge so requisite to the younger brethren. There was also one other and still more important phase in his character, and that was the active part he took in the course of benevolence connected with that lodge of instruction, which had during the last two years sent to the various Charities about £130, and the previous two or three years about £200. The lodge having such a Master, could congratulate itself, and feel that its prestige would be fully maintained.

In reply, the W.M., who received quite an ovation, said he was grateful for so cordial a reception and such kind remarks. It had always been his ambition to succeed to the chair in his mother lodge, and, having arrived at the summit, he would perform his duties as faithfully as hitherto. He was proud of his position, and fully realised all their kind expressions, and could not help remarking he was one of the first initiates now left in the lodge, and was its W.M. through the unanimous vote of the brethren. He had just received a telegram from Bro. Cookson, S.W., now in Ilfracombe, expressing hearty congratulations.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Marshall," remarking upon the able services he had rendered the lodge during two years, and for which a bar had been added to the jewel, which he thoroughly deserved.

Bro. Marshall very suitably acknowledged the toast.

Bro. R. J. Pugh, W.M., in presenting the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. G. Harlow, P.M.," remarked upon the able manner in which the ceremony had been performed and with great impressiveness, for which the lodge was greatly indebted to him.

In response, Bro. Harlow, P.M., stated the great pleasure it had given him to install so worthy a brother. He had watched the W.M.'s career from the beginning, and was quite sure the W.M. would do all he possibly could for the welfare of the lodge. He (Bro. Harlow) would most gladly whenever required do all he possibly could to assist the W.M. and further the interests of the lodge.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Initiate," remarked upon the knowledge he had of him, and said he would prove a worthy member of the lodge.

Bro. Mitchell, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour done him, and pledged himself to do his utmost for Freemasonry in general, and the lodge in particular.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially presented by the W.M., and very ably responded to by Bros. Stone, P.M., and West, P.M., who congratulated the W.M. on his honourable position, and wishing him a most successful year of office, which had begun so auspiciously.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Officers and Past Masters," congratulated himself on having so good an array, and hoped they would proceed and progress in the same manner as they had begun.

Bro. Stanger, J.W. and acting S.W., replied most ably, and said he was proud of his own position, and would most gladly do his utmost to support the W.M. during the coming year, as would also the whole of the officers and likewise, he was sure, the Past Masters.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable meeting.

Some excellent harmony was rendered by Bros. G. Harlow, sen., Gale, Arter—who presided most ably at the piano—West, Lewis, and Stone.

Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150.

There was a good attendance of brethren at the installation meeting of this lodge held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. A. F. R. Ulrich was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The members present included Bros. J. C. Radford, W.M.; A. F. R. Ulrich, W.M. elect; R. Schreiber, I.P.M.; W. J. Mason, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. Schmitz; W. J. Stratton, P.M.; J. T. Lacey, P.M., Treas.; James Stephens, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Bucks, Sec.; W. Godson, R. Carpenter, W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Roach, P.M. 55 and 2394; R. Jennings, P.M. 907; J. Spink, Org. 1425; E. Gibbs, W.M. 2420, P.G. Stwd. Bucks; A. Yates, 2301; G. Godwin, 1973; J. Poole, 1901; A. De Hera, 2021; F. Foxley, P.M. 173; G. E. May, 2272; J. A. May, 1901; A. Badeker, 907; H. Enson, P.M. 907; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. M. Bearson,

P.M. 1567; W. T. Dillon, J.W. 1567; W. J. Russell, P.M. 194; S. J. H. Finch, 173; A. W. Ashplant, 179; J. Holland, P.M. 2492; H. E. Pollard, P.G. Stwd.; E. H. Mayer, 2535; M. Van Lennep, 2190; Franklin Clive, 1319; and W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897.

Lodge was opened, and, after the preliminary business had been transacted, the members heard with great regret of the retirement of Bro. H. W. Davie, P.M., from the post of Secretary to the lodge, owing to ill-health. Bro. A. F. R. Ulrich was presented as W.M. elect by Bro. Farthing, P.M., D.C., and was duly installed by Bro. Radford, the retiring Master. The following officers were invested, the W.M. addressing a few appropriate words to each: Bros. F. Schmitz, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, P.M., J.W.; J. T. Lacey, P.M., Treas.; J. Stephens, P.M., Sec.; W. Godson, S.D.; R. Carpenter, J.D.; Craddock, I.G.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; and W. Fowles, Stwd. The usual addresses were rendered by Bros. Farthing, P.M., D.C., and Stephens, P.M., Sec. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Radford, I.P.M., in recognition of services rendered to the lodge, and was duly acknowledged. A sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the Stewards' list of the W.M.

Letters of regret were received from several distinguished brethren, including Bros. Sir John Monckton, E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; and others. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The preliminary toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Radford, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." They had known Bro. Ulrich for some years as an initiate of the lodge, and afterwards in various offices, and he had now attained the summit of his ambition by being installed as W.M. From the specimen of the Worshipful Master's working, as shown in the investiture of officers, they were sure he would prove an excellent ruler. As the W.M. had asked that brevity should mark the speeches, he (the I.P.M.) would ask them at once to drink the toast.

Bro. R. Ulrich, W.M., heartily thanked the I.P.M. for the kind words spoken of him. He knew he was a very poor Mason, and was afraid all the good things said of him would not come true. He would, however, endeavour to steer the lodge into the same smooth waters as the I.P.M. and others had steered it in the past, and no man could do more than try to do his best. He would use his best interest for the lodge while he belonged to it, which he hoped would be as long as he existed. He thanked the I.P.M. once more most heartily for the kind words expressed.

The W.M., in giving "The Masonic Charities," said Charity was the great virtue impressed upon every Mason from the time he entered.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. Boys, in response, said it was a matter for congratulation that they had their noble Institutions to point to with great pride and satisfaction as monuments of perfection in their Order. Grand work was done by the Benevolent Institution in providing annuities for some 500 old people—the majority of whom had been in good circumstances, and through no fault of their own had been reduced to poverty and distress. Some £16,000 was spent annually in that way, and if that was the only Institution would be a gratifying one for the Order. With reference to the Educational Institutions, some 2000 Girls had passed through the School, and 2160 Boys. The Boys' School could now point to the largest number in the history of the Institution—278—and all must recognise the noble work being done. In that lodge they possessed two Past Masters who had taken a great interest in the work—Bros. J. J. Thomas and J. Stephens—both members of a most liberal Board of Management. He was sure the brethren would support the W.M. in his appeal, and thus render his list one of the most important announced at the next Festival.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who said that Bro. Radford had, during his year of office, endeared himself to every brother in the lodge, and had ruled the lodge in perfect peace and harmony, and that was of great importance. He trusted the I.P.M. would carry with him pleasant memories of his term of office, and the brethren would remember him as an excellent Master.

Bro. J. C. Radford, I.P.M., said his year of office had been one of pleasure, and the memento in the jewel presented to him would remind him of it. He hoped the lodge would continue to prosper, and was sure that the present Mastership would be a prosperous one.

"The Visitors" was submitted in kindly terms from the chair, and responded to by Bros. Enson, P.M. 907; Gibbs, W.M. 2420; Roach, P.M. 55; and Foxley, P.M.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., briefly replied for "The Past Masters," after which "The Treasurer and Secretary" was given.

Bro. Turk Lacey, P.M., Treas., having returned thanks,

Bro. J. Stephens, P.M., Sec., said he was somewhat uncomfortable just at the moment in the new position in which he was placed, but had no doubt that he should settle down before long. This discomfort was brought about because he was following one of his dearest friends whom he had known for 25 years at least, and whose friendship had grown into one of intense endearment. Bro. Davie was much better, and he hoped would some day take up his old position. He (Bro. Stephens) believed it was the unanimous wish of the brethren that he should take the post of Secretary, and knowing the kindly unanimity which had ever existed among the members since the consecration he consented. He was glad to serve under the present W.M., to whom they all wished every prosperity.

Bro. F. Schmitz, S.W., replied for "The Officers," and said he could not express his sincere gratitude to the W.M. for giving him that last promotion it was in the power of the chair to bestow. He hoped that 12 months hence he should receive the crowning honour at the hands of the brethren and be elected to the chair. He expressed his gratitude for the unvarying kindness and consideration shown him from the first day it was his privilege to join the lodge. He assured them he should endeavour to enhance and strengthen that feeling to the utmost of his power.

The Tyler's toast then closed the gathering. Under the direction of Bro. Van Lennep, a charming programme of music was carried out. The artistes included Mrs. Van Lennep, Miss Curnow, Mr. Anthony Evans, Miss Alice Bateman, Mr. Maurice Beckwith, and Bro. Franklin Clive.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, Bro. C. H. Ellis, the retiring W.M., presided. Amongst those present were Bros. J. T. Last, I.P.M.; John Morton, S.W.; J. B. Fearnley, J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Robinson, Sec.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.S.G.D., D.C.; John Niven, P.M.; E. P. Peterson, P.M.; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; John Haigh, P.M.; John Harland, as S.D.; R. S. Hird, J.D.; J. A. Drake, I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; Wm. Docksey, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. John Sowden, P.M. 258; Denis Bottomley, 302; Israel Cromack, W.M. 387; E. Heaton, P.M. 387; J. Overton, W.M. 600; H. Henry, 600; James Clough, W.M. 603; T. Twivy, W.M. 1018; John Akam, W.M. 1034; O. Lamb, W.M. 1648; and J. Rogers, 1034.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting recording the election of W.M. for the ensuing year were duly confirmed. A candidate for initiation was elected, after which Bro. Robinson, Sec., was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Stephenson, Prov. S.G.D. After he had been proclaimed and saluted, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Ellis, I.P.M.; J. B. Fearnley, S.W.; R. S. Hird, J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Drake, S.D.; John Bland, J.D.; John Harland, I.G.; C. Wood, Tyler; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., Prov. G.D., D.C.; R. T. Marsland, and R. B. Nicholls, Stwds. Bro. John Niven, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. A number of apologies were received from absent brethren. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Stephenson, Prov. S.G.D., responded for the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. Last, P.M., Sec., proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and on behalf of the lodge tendered them a very hearty welcome.

Bro. Sowden, P.M. 258, in responding, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to visit the lodge for the first time on the occasion of the installation of his friend, the W.M., who he hoped would have a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Cromack, W.M. 387, and others also responded.

"The Retiring Master" was proposed by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas., who paid him a high compliment for the ability he had displayed in the conduct of the lodge and the entertainment of the brethren during the past year.

Bro. Ellis, I.P.M., responded, and remarked that if he had succeeded in giving satis-

faction to the brethren he felt amply rewarded for anything he had done in the discharge of the duties of his office.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Stephenson, Prov. G.D., in felicitous terms.

Bro. Robinson, W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and promised that nothing on his part should be wanting to make his year of office successful.

Other toasts followed. Songs and musical solos were contributed during the evening by Bros. Henry, J. Clough, Rogers, and others.

2nd Middlesex Artillery Lodge, No. 2484.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when a large number of members and visitors were present, including Bros. Capt. A. S. Hatchett-Jones, W.M.; Capt. Robert Gresly-Hall, I.P.M.; Lieut. E. W. Postans, S.W.; Sergt.-Major P. C. Rogers, J.W.; Gunner G. Cook, P.M., Treas.; Reg. Sergt.-Major P. Pickles, Sec.; Quarter-master-Sergt. J. D. Lidbury, J.D.; Capt. F. J. Douen, D.C.; Sergt.-Major F. Williams, A.D.C.; Band-master H. Harding, Org.; E. H. Ridge, Assistant Org.; Sergt.-Major E. T. Lea, I.G.; Staff-Sergt. J. Bray, Stwd.; J. Saunders, Tyler; J. Toon, J. Purvis, H. Rivett, J. R. McGill, C. J. Higgins, and others. Visitors: Archdeacon of London, Bro. Dr. Sinclair, P.G. Chap.; Bros. Henry Garrod, P.G. Purst.; Geo. Grainger, 1579, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; J. H. Gunn, P.M. 2331; Chatham Ellis, P.M. 1361; Chas. Barker, W.M. 2233; W. Wells, P.M. 34; T. Lawes, 1426; J. Northam, 1287; Sydney Wales, 1803; and others.

After the usual formal business of reading the minutes of the last regular meeting, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Cook, assisted by Bro. Capt. Hatchett-Jones, proceeded with the ceremony of installation, Bro. Lieut. E. W. Postans, P.M., being presented as W.M. elect. To say that the working was perfect is but faint praise, the beautiful ceremony from beginning to finish was rendered with an eloquence which will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of listening to it. After receiving the usual salutations of the brethren, the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. A. S. Hatchett-Jones, I.P.M.; Sergt.-Major Rogers, S.W.; Capt. F. J. Douen, J.W.; Gunner G. Cook, Treas.; Quarter-master-Sergt. J. D. Lidbury, S.D.; Seergt.-Major P. Pickles, Sec.; Sergt.-Major Lea, J.D.; Sergt.-Major Williams, I.G.; Staff-Sergt. Bray, D.C.; Sergt. Ridge, A.D.C.; Band-master H. Harding, Org.; Quarter-master-Sergt. W. Richards and Master-Tailor J. R. McGill, Stwds.; and Corporal J. Saunders, Tyler. The W.M. then presented to the I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been previously voted to him. Bro. Capt. Hatchett-Jones returned his thanks; having the lodge at heart, he would do his best to advance its interest. The ballot was then taken for Major J. F. Praeger, and, being in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M.; the working throughout was most efficient. Bro. Northman, 1287, was proposed as a joining member.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a *recherche* banquet was provided under the presidency of the W.M.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master" having been given,

That of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by the Archdeacon of London, Past G. Chap., and Bro. Henry Garrod, Past G. Purst.

The toast of "The W.M.," which was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Captain Hatchett-Jones, met with an enthusiastic reception, and was gracefully acknowledged in well-chosen words.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was next given, and ably responded to.

The next toast proposed was "The Initiate, Bro. Major J. F. Praeger," Bro. Cook, P.M., rendering the E.A. song in splendid style.

The toast of "The Visitors" was heartily honoured, and was responded to by the several Worshipful Masters and brethren of other lodges present.

"The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast brought this successful meeting to a close.

The proceedings throughout were enlivened by excellent vocal and instrumental music.

It is pleasing to hear that although this young and prosperous lodge was only founded in 1893, it last year sent up to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution 104 guineas, third on the list of subscriptions.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535.

A regular meeting of this vigorous lodge was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 4th inst., when further evidence was forthcoming of the phenomenal success attained. Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.P.S.G.W. Staffs, W.M., was supported by Bros. Clifford Probyn, P.M.; J. R. Roberts, P.M., S.W.; E. Valeriani, P.M., J.W.; J. Stephens, P.P.S.G.D. Bucks, Sec.; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; E. J. Reed, I.G.; W. H. Making, P.M., and J. H. Haylor, Stwds.; M. S. Rubinstein, Org.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; H. Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; W. A. Scurrah, Vice-Pres. Bd. Gen. Purposes; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; W. Russell, Prov. G. Treas. Kent; G. J. Austen, P.M. 1708; A. D. J. Chinnery, 1366; Geo. V. Wood, P.M. 1608; A. Williams, P.M. 834; A. J. Turner, S.W. 1767; J. H. Roach, P.M. 1579; W. Hillier, P.M. 1566; S. Fonseca, 1563; G. Levin, J.W. 1668; Stanley W. Ball, S.D. 2361; H. Fonseca, W.M. 1563; H. Coningham, W.M. 1718; J. Hills, J.W. 1441; W. Rogers, J.D. 1339; W. Poole, 172; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 1897; and others.

Lodge was opened at an early hour on account of the heavy programme of work. The minutes were confirmed, after which the W.M. impressively raised five candidates to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Stephens, P.M., Sec., then passed five candidates to the Degree of F.C., after which the W.M. again assumed the chair, and initiated Mr. Alfred Alliston. A letter was read from the Sec. of the R.M.I. for Boys thanking the W.M. and brethren for the liberal support given the Institution. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren having partaken of a choice banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Clifford Probyn, P.M., who said that he had been identified with Masonry for many years, but during that period it had never been his privilege to know a more capable Master than the brother who so admirably graced their lodge. If any proof was wanted it was evidenced in the manner in which the ceremonies of the respective Degrees were worked, and also by the applause which greeted the mention of the name of the W.M. All who knew Bro. Bailey thoroughly appreciated him as a friend, as a W.M., and as a Mason. He happened to know that their W.M. was not in the best of health, but so imbued was Bro. Bailey with the true spirit of Masonry and conscientious regard for his duties, that he had not only attended and done his work, but also presided at the banquet. They hoped and trusted their W.M. would be spared for many years to be an ornament to this lodge and to Freemasonry.

Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.P.S.G.W., W.M., returned thanks, and said that though he did not deserve the flattering remarks of Bro. Probyn, yet he could claim a desire to use every endeavour for the benefit of the lodge. When they looked back at the inception of this lodge 11 months ago, when the very charter hung in doubt for months, they must be proud of the magnificent fruition that had resulted. A lodge so young and vigorous must have a very long, and he trusted, happy life, and he should always do his best to promote its interests. He doubted whether any lodge had sprung into existence, and in so short a space, done more than they had been privileged to do. Their lodge had promoted "fellowship" as expressed by all that that word meant in its best sense. The success of the lodge was a happy thing for Bro. Stephens—that name which would be handed down as the personification of all that was kindly and true in a Mason—and the lodge was honoured in having such a brother for its right hand, and he might add, as the ruler of their W.M. He thanked Bro. Probyn for his kind remarks, and the brethren for all the kindness and consideration they had shown him.

"The Initiate" was next heartily given and responded to.

Bro. H. Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., responding for "The Visitors," said they were all instructed as Masons to visit lodges—first, to learn various lessons, and next—to teach if they could. For his own part, he had had a great treat of instruction that evening. He had learnt that the lodge was not only fellowship in name, but fellowship in heart. He had found the W.M. capable of ruling, and capable of doing whatever work was entrusted to him in the most efficient manner possible. He had

had a delightful entertainment, and was also delighted to see the good feeling existing in the lodge.

Bro. A. J. Turner, S.W. 1767, speaking of the many records established by the lodge, said there was one more record to be obtained. It was that before the lodge was two years old its first Master should be elected Grand Treasurer.

Bros. Williams, P.M.; Hillyer, P.M.; and Austen, P.M., also replied.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Acting I.P.M., Treasurer, and Secretary," and regretted the absence of Bro. Col. Lambert, the acting I.P.M., who was doubtless with them in spirit, although prevented by ill-health from attending. With regard to the Secretary he was respected and esteemed by all who knew him as the best of Masons.

Bro. J. Stephens, P.P.S.G.D. Bucks, Sec., thanked the W.M. for the high encomiums paid him. It was indeed a source of infinite pleasure to hear the hearty reception given him. The lodge had been in existence 11 months and the W.M. had told them that they had a passage at arms in reference to the first Mastership, but he was pleased to say it was a pleasant one. His ambition was to make the lodge a success, and at length Bro. Bailey wrote—"You prince of good fellows, be it as you wish. I will be the first W. Master." They could judge whether he was right in the conception of the W.M. He was pleased at the result because although records had been broken, he had yet another record which would doubtless startle the oldest Mason in the room. The W.M. had said that was the last time he should have the privilege of presiding as W.M. at the banquet, but he would remind them of the ladies' night, when he need not say the W.M. would ably preside. He hoped the success that had attended them in the past would also attend the ladies' night, and that the idea would be carried out many years in the future. He was proud to tell them he had already paid over to the Treasurer the magnificent sum of £1000 and that must have necessitated a considerable amount of labour to the W.M. and himself, but labours had been one continuous pleasure. It was their intention to apply for a Royal Arch chapter to be attached to the lodge and he asked those brethren who were Royal Arch Masons to send in their names if desirous of joining. With reference to the Grand Treasurership he hoped that honourable position would in the very near future be conferred upon their W.M. That Bro. Bailey was worthy of that position was without a doubt, for he was capable of discharging the duties and could grace the office. They hoped he would be successful and that the brethren and their friends would attend Grand Lodge in March next to ensure that result. For all the kindness he (Bro. Stephens) had received at their hands he was deeply grateful, and while he was received in the same kindly manner he would be theirs to command in the future.

Other toasts were given and the proceedings closed.

Bro. Rubinstein, Org., was assisted in the musical programme by Bros. R. Smith, A. Herschel, and Rogers.

Royal Arch.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.

A meeting of this chapter, attached to the York Lodge, No. 236, was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when the M.E.Z., Comp. T. G. Hodgson, presided over a numerous gathering, amongst those present being Comps. C. M. Forbes, H.; Rev. C. E. Wright, J.; Jos. Todd, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; E. W. Purnell, P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; Dr. F. Sydney Gramshaw, P.S.; F. W. Laughton, 1st A.S.; A. Procter, 2nd A.S.; George Bamford, P.Z., Org.; and Dr. M. Bryson, D.C. The Past Principals present included Comps. A. Buckle, M. Rooke, J. Sykes Rymer, George Kirby, and G. J. Robinson. Amongst the companions present were Comps. Dr. Draper, John Biscomb, F. W. Cull, W. T. Hey, J. W. Dow, W. N. Stimpson, G. C. Lee, J. S. Shannon, Charles Waistell, Dr. A. E. Bartrum, W. Hepper, and J. Hall, Janitor.

After the usual business of the chapter had been concluded, a presentation was made to Comp. Jos. Todd, P.Z., Treas., P.G. Treas. N. and E. Yorks., and A.G.D. of C. of England, of a full suit of Grand Chapter clothing. The presentation was made on behalf of the chapter by Comp. T. G. Hodgson, M.E.Z., who said he felt it a great honour to perform an important duty in presenting to a member of the chapter their "Hearty good wishes," and the desire that he would accept from the members of the chapter a suit of Grand Chapter clothing. He referred to Comp. Jos. Todd, and they would all rejoice in his appointment as A.G.D. of C. of England. In all that Comp. Todd did there was the true Masonic spirit, and his work as Treasurer of the chapter, and P.G. Treasurer of N. and E. Yorks., had evidenced his zeal. It was gratifying that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as their chief, had been pleased to recognise Comp. Todd's work. On behalf of the chapter, he (the speaker) had the greatest pleasure in presenting Comp. Todd with the Grand Chapter clothing. The M.E.Z. then formally invested Comp. Todd, at the same time observing: In investing you with this clothing, I heartily wish you health and prosperity and long life to wear your honours.

Comp. Todd, who was most heartily received, in reply, expressed his sincere thanks to the companions for presenting him with the beautiful and valuable clothing of an officer of the Grand Chapter of England, and to the 1st Principal for his kind and appreciative words in making the presentation. He was free to confess, however, that after the generous presentations made to him only three months ago, he did not expect this additional proof of their goodwill, though he appreciated their kindness all the more. Comp. Todd stated that on that evening he completed 20 years of membership, 24 of which he had been an officer of the chapter, and had always felt the warmest interest in its welfare and prosperity, and in the work of that, his favourite Degree, he had always had the greatest delight. The chapter, he was happy to say, continued in a most prosperous condition, its meetings were always of the most pleasant and instructive character, and its working admirable. He had nothing but pleasant recollections of his association with the chapter, from its members he had ever received the greatest courtesy and kindness, and many of his most cherished and enjoyable periods of Masonic work and intercourse had been spent at the meetings of the Zetland Chapter. In conclusion, Comp. Todd again acknowledged the generous gift of the companions, which, he said, would be worn by him with the greatest pride and pleasure.

Comp. Todd was then saluted with Grand honours, and the chapter was shortly afterwards closed.

Mark Masonry.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).

The installation meeting of this time immemorial lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. Bro. F. D. Harrison, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. T. Last, S.W.; Chas. Crabtree, P.M., P.P.G.D., as J.W.; J. L. Atherton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; S. Whiteley, P.M., P.G.O.; T. Norfolk, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. Dewhurst, P.M.; T. Pattinson, P.M.; T. E. Greenough, P.M.; G. Martin, M.O.; R. H. Bonsor, S.O.; J. Ingleby, J.O.; G. C. Gamble, S.D.; J. Clifford, J.D.; J. Hill, I.G.; J. Hill, Tyler; J. Whittaker, R. of M.; and a number of the members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. R. S. Holdsworth, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; G. H. Parke, P.M., Sec. 110, G. Stwd. Eng.; G. Patchett, W.M. 58; R. Milligan, 58; W. J. Morris, P.M. 58, P.J.G.O.; J. Mattewman, W.M. 110, P.G. Sec.; and G. H. Clemons, W.M. 374.

After the opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers entered and were saluted. Bro. George Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.W., presented Bro. J. T. Last, S.W., the W.M. elect, to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and he was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Last was installed into the chair of A. by Bro. S. Whiteley, P.M., P.P.G.O. The working tools were explained and the charges given by Bro. T. Norfolk, P.M., P.P.G.O. The officers invested were Bros. G. Martin, S.W.; R. H. Bonsor, J.W.; G. C. Gamble, M.O.; J. Ingleby, S.O.; J. Clifford, J.O.; J. Hill, S.D.; R. S. Pullan, J.D.; J. Whittaker, I.G.; Geo. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; T. Norfolk, P.M., P.S.G.O., Sec.; and T. E. Greenough, P.M., P.J.G.O., Chap.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together, the W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Grand Officers," who, he stated, were indefatigable in the discharge of their official duties, and those who attended the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would not soon forget the visit on that occasion of the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston. The lodge was honoured that evening by the presence of two Grand Officers, to whom they accorded a most hearty welcome.

Bro. G. H. Parke, P.M., G. Stwd. England, in responding, expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present that evening to witness the W.M. installed into the chair. He also took the opportunity of making a strong appeal to the brethren to support with liberal contributions the Prov. G.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, who would preside at the next annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Holdsworth, P.G. Std. Br. England, also responded. He said that he was glad again to visit the lodge, and thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner the toast had been received.

Bro. Morris, P.M., P.J.G.O., responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Lodge" in a humorous speech.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who stated that he felt it a great compliment that so many brethren of other lodges had attended the lodge that evening. A number of other distinguished brethren, including the Prov. G.M. and D.P.G.M., had accepted invitations to be present, but had been unavoidably prevented from attending. The W.M. concluded by offering the visitors a most cordial welcome to the Old York Lodge.

Bro. G. Patchett, W.M. 58, responded.

"The Retiring Master" was proposed by Bro. G. Martin, S.W., who spoke in the most praiseworthy terms of the highly satisfactory manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged the duties of the chair during the past year.

Bro. F. D. Harrison, I.P.M., in acknowledging the very cordial manner the toast had been received, thanked them for their co-operation during the past year, which had rendered his term of office exceedingly pleasant.

"The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., in an eloquent speech, in which he set up the very high standard of living which was inculcated by the symbols and rituals of the Degree.

Bro. J. T. Last, W.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner they had received the toast. He promised to emulate the example which had been set by his predecessor in the chair, and hoped, with the assistance of the Past Masters and the support of the brethren, he would be able satisfactorily to discharge the duties of the chair. The W.M. referred to the present prosperous state of the lodge, and remarked that with few exceptions most of the brethren present were his juniors in the lodge. He hoped the brethren would provide him with plenty of work during the ensuing year.

"The Officers" was responded to by Bros. Bonsor, J.W., and Gamble, M.O.

The Tyler's toast closed an interesting and pleasant meeting.

Bros. Whittaker, Gamble, Hudson, Clifford, Morris, and Whiteley contributed songs and recitations to the harmony of the evening.

Our Portrait Gallery.



BRO. CHRISTOPHER SIMS,

the representation of whom we are pleased to be in a position to place before our readers this week, was first initiated into the Craft in the month of March, 1882, taking his Royal Arch Degree in April of the following year, his accession to Mark lodge being attained upon the 30th June, 1886. When we come to take into consideration that he holds the exalted positions of P.M. of Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, to which he was installed on 16th February, 1891, and Finsbury Lodge, No. 861; also I.P.Z. of Kennington Chapter (into which he was installed M.E.Z. in May, 1894), as well as present W.M. of the West Smithfield Mark Lodge (dating from December 11th, 1894), we think that he must certainly be credited with an amount of zealotness which has rarely been attained in the space of time that has elapsed since his initiation. In addition to the qualifications to which we have alluded, we find that our brother is an Illustrious Brother of the Invicta Council of the Royal and Select Super Excellent Masters, into which he was admitted in 1888. The latest achievement of the subject of our portrait is his share in the foundation of the Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579, of which he is the first W.M. In the creation of this lodge he was cordially supported by a number of exalted brethren, as will be gathered from the exhaustive report of the consecration and banquet which appeared in a recent issue. It also occurs to us to mention that the first W.M. of the Lewisham Lodge is responsible for six Stewardships, which have been productive of immense benefits to the Institutions connected with the Craft.

HIGHLAND DRESS will be the order of the night at the forthcoming 231st anniversary festival of the Royal Scottish Corporation at the King's Hall, Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, presiding.

THE CATENARIAN ARCH.

On reference to that valuable work, Kenning's "Masonic Cyclopædia," edited by the late Companion Rev. Woodford, Past G. Chap. England, &c., we read on page 99:

"Catenarian Arch.—This expression is taken from the word 'catenaria,' a catenary, which is the curve which a rope or chain forms by its own weight when hanging freely between two points of suspension. This curve has been called a catenarian curve, and this inverted is the technical arch of the same name." Comp. Woodford then quotes that eminent authority Noorthouck in the following words: "It is a known truth that a semi-circular arch will not sustain its own weight, the crown crushing out the sides; it depends, therefore, on abutments for support. But the Catenarian Arch, if truly constructed, will stand independent of any collateral aid. The Catenarian Arch is alluded to, as companions will remember, in the R.A. ceremonial."

Up to the present we have been satisfied with merely an allusion to a very important emblem or symbol in the R.A. Degree, and I think I am correct in saying we have in our chapters working tools and emblems which are not as important symbolically as a model Catenarian Arch, and yet how seldom do we see the latter in its place on the floorcloth, to illustrate the ritual of this beautiful Degree, so properly described by the late Comp. Woodford as the completion and cope-stone of our Masonic system.

I have had the pleasure to inspect some models of the true Catenarian Arch at Messrs. Kenning's establishment, and I then learnt they were being more generally adopted for use in Royal Arch chapters, and that orders had been executed for the West Indies, South Africa, Australia, and India, and also for several provinces in England. I have since made a diligent study of the peculiar characteristics of the Catenarian Arch, and I now attempt to present the subject in an interesting form to Masonic readers, and more especially to companions of the Royal Arch.

The catenary curve, as applied to arches, was made use of by the Operative Masons employed by the Roman Emperors to erect those great and remarkable edifices for which they were noted. The application, if not the invention, of the arch is attributed to the Romans, who used it in an ingenious manner in the construction of aqueducts. Actual examples of the Catenarian Arch are to be seen in this country (more especially in North Britain), which are undoubtedly the work of the Romans, who after conquering the country, proceeded to make roads and bridges and open up the communications, which they regarded as the essential means for the maintenance of their vast empire.

Their roads and bridges were skillfully laid out and solidly constructed, and for centuries after the Romans left England, their highways continued to be the main internal communication.

The word "catenary" is derived from the Latin—catena, a chain, the catenary curve being obtained by suspending a stout rope or chain from two fixed points in the same plane.

Prof. Henry Adams, M.I.C.E., a high authority on the subject, tells us that "every arch may be reduced to a single line, which by its shape indi-

cates the type of arch, and is really the foundation of its construction, and in connection with the arch there will always be the supports, either piers or abutments, which receive the weight and thrust.

"The true termination of the Arch may sometimes be obscured, as in certain stone arches" (Catenarian), but otherwise the termination of an arch is the skew-back, which is always or should be at right angles to the direction of the curve. The Catenarian Arch has no termination, it being possible to extend the catenary curve to an unlimited distance, the only requisite being a chain of sufficient length.

Companions will no doubt remember how tradition informs us that an arch of the catenarian form was used in the construction of a compact piece of masonry in the form of a dome which served as an impenetrable covering to the vaulted shrine, in the basement of that wonderful structure the Temple of Solomon, wherein the volume of the Sacred Law was deposited.

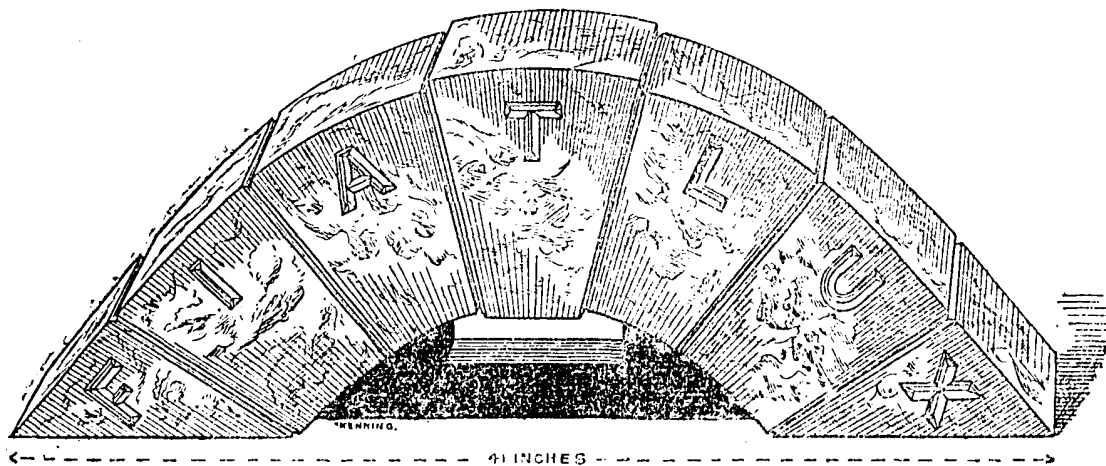
Do we not further remember how, while pursuing their labours, the Sojourners found their progress impeded by the rubbish which had fallen during the conflagration of the former temple, and how, on its removal, they found what at first they believed to be a solid rock, but which eventually proved to be a compact piece of Masonry in the form of a dome. The eminence and character of the architect of the building told them the importance of making still further examination, and, wrenching forth two of the stones from the arched roof, a vault of considerable extent appeared to view. A descent was made into the vault, and in the result a portion of the long-lost Sacred Law promulgated at the foot of the Mount of Horeb by our G.M.M. was found, and its contents deciphered. A third stone was removed from the arched roof, and the sun, which shone with meridian splendour through the opening, enabled a clearer view to be taken of all that the vault contained.

As to the contents of the vault, do we not always behold with pleasure, when seated in any of our chapters, the beautiful emblems and symbols which adorn our floorcloths? Each of these emblems and symbols appeals to us, and reminds us of the Sacred Law and of God's holy, sublime, and comprehensive precepts of civil and religious polity, by which Israel was a chosen vessel for His service, and an example to us for all time.

As Oliver well puts it—"With such a series of emblems as the Royal Arch Degree sets before us it will be impossible (let us hope) to forget the moral which they are intended to convey to Sojourners and companions alike."

As the subordinate members of the Catenarian Arch naturally gravitate towards the centre, or keystone, which compresses and connects the whole together, so we are taught to look with reverence, and submit with cheerfulness, to every lawfully-constituted authority, whether of Masonic or civil regulation.

However, I must not enter too minutely into details; I will, therefore, conclude my remarks by mentioning that I once witnessed the working of a model Catenarian Arch in a regular chapter under the English Constitution, and that I was much pleased with the illustration of the ritual afforded by the model. Personally, I think every Royal Arch chapter should possess such a valuable addition to its paraphernalia. P.Z.



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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, November 16, 1895.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

CRAFT LODGES. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall. 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern. 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern. 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel. 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall. 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern. 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall. 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion. 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern. 1694, Imperial, Cloot's Restaurant, Victoria-street. 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel. 2060, La France, Cafe Royal. 2265, Barnato, Cafe Monaco. 2289, Willesden, St. Andrew's School, Willesden Green. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 29, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall. 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Tavern, Greenwich. MARK LODGE. 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marouess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8. Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Board of General Purposes, at 4. CRAFT LODGES. 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel. 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall. 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel. 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall. 704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow. 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant. 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing. 2108, Hampstead, Vestry Hall. 2500, Old Boys', Guildhall Tavern. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 913, Doric, Anderton's Hotel. 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal. 1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall. 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall. MARK LODGE. 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel. ROSE CROSS. 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7. Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8. Mount Edgcombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8. Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

General Committees of Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely. CRAFT LODGES. Grand Stewards' Lodge. 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern. 149, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern. 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall. 750, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel. 1044, Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel. 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall. 1278, Burdett-Coutts, London Tavern. 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town. 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel. 1530, Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1624, Eccleston, Criterion. 1673, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1677, Crusaders, Cock Tavern, Highbury. 2244, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel. 2345, Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham. 2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 2349, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant. 2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel. 2406, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES. 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham. 199, Duke of Connaught, Great Eastern Hotel. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 44, Lime-street, E.C., at 7. Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney, 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, a Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-rider-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8. Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8. Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30. CRAFT LODGES. 6, Friendship, Criterion. 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall. 49, Gilton, Guildhall Tavern. 55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel. 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall. 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford. 169, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel. 657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant. 733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant. 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern. 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall. 1305, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel. 1420, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant, Lavender Hill. 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1508, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel. 1601, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham. 2310, London Scottish Rifles, Criterion. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel. 834, Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. MARK LODGE. 357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. 154, Shadwell Clerke, 33, Golden-square. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.

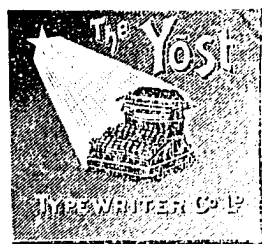
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30. Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8. St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8. Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, E.C., at 7. Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7. Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30 p.m. CRAFT LODGES. 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall. 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall. 509, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Royal Artillery Company, City-road. 2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal. 2312, London Irish Rifles, Freemasons' Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Citadel, Parleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 8. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7. Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

CRAFT LODGES. 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. 1670, Henry Muggerridge, Anderton's Hotel. 2472, Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel, Walthamstow. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 1622, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8. Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.



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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR REGINALD HANSON, M.P., who is suffering from a slight throat affection, left London this week for Tenerife, and will be away about a month.

WE REGRET TO LEARN that Bro. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Kent, is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, and his condition is causing considerable anxiety.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury), has appointed Sir Howard Elphinstone to be conveyancing counsel to the High Court of Justice in the room of the late Mr. Thomas Key.

THE COUNTESS CADOGAN and Lady Sophie Cadogan concluded their visit to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby on Saturday last, and left Knowsley on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth.

THE 231ST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of the Royal Scottish Corporation will be held in the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 30th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

ABOUT 1000 of the poor of the East-end of London were feasted in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End-road, on Saturday last, in honour of Lord Mayor's Day. The supper was followed by an entertainment, which was greatly appreciated by those present.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN visited the head-quarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Southwark on Friday, the 8th inst., and distributed the certificates to the members who had attended the classes of the St. John Ambulance Association, and qualified to render "first aid" to the injured.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL national exhibition of poultry, pigeons, and rabbits was opened at the Crystal Palace on Monday. The number of entries has been greater in former years, but the standard of quality among the exhibits was well maintained. The show remained open till Thursday.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Rose of Denmark Lodge of Instruction, No. 975, was held at Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, on the 6th inst., when a goodly number of brethren were present. The usual ceremonies having been rehearsed, the following brethren were appointed as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Letchford, P.M., Preceptor; Tipper, Sec.; and Higg, P.M., Treas.

BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., entertained at luncheon at their residence in Stratton-street, Piccadilly, a large number of guests, including Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale, Viscount Barrington, Bro. Lord and Lady Wolseley, and the Hon. Frances Wolseley Bro. Lord Roberts, Bro. Admiral of the Fleet the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, and Lady Hothfield.

QUOTING that quaint old Bucks parson who declared that "the man who did not love music, birds, and flowers was a beast," Mr. H. H. Brown, lecturing this week before the Piscatorial Society at the Holborn Restaurant, contended that the mere catching of fish was only an incidental satisfaction to the true angler, who, with the spirit of Walton, revelled in the myriad fascinations of nature which environed him.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY was the principal guest at the banquet given by the Clothworkers' Company in their Hall on the 6th inst., Viscount Cross, the Master, being in the chair. The other guests included the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury), Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., Bro. Sir J. B. Munckton (Town Clerk), the Archdeacon of Middlesex, Bro. the Rev. W. M. Sinclair, P.G.C., and Bro. Hayes Fisher, M.P.

CAPTAIN WYNDHAM DRAKE, Quarter-Master of the Royal Horse Guards, who had been in the regiment for about 30 years and died in Albany-street Barracks on the 6th inst., was buried with full military honours in Brompton Cemetery on Monday. Among those who sent letters of condolence were H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-chief of the household cavalry, Bro. Lord Wolseley, colonel of the regiment, and Bro. Lord and Lady Skelmersdale. The firing party was under the command of Lord Skelmersdale.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, who has always evinced the greatest interest in the work of the British Home for Incurables, has expressed her warm approval of a new departure on the part of the Board of Management, by the establishment of a seaside home in connection with the Charity. Mr. F. A. Bevan, in presiding at the meeting of Governors, was able to make this satisfactory announcement, and he hoped the public would appreciate that forward policy of the Board by generous contributions to meet the increased cost.

THE EMPLOYEES of the firm of Bro. Alliston and Co., in order to mark their appreciation of the honour recently conferred on Bro. F. P. Alliston by his election as an Alderman of the City of London, presented him with a handsomely-illuminated and elegantly-framed address, the presentation being made by Mr. F. U. Smith, one of the heads of departments and also one of the oldest members of the staff. Bro. Alderman Alliston very feelingly acknowledged the presentation, which, though he had recently been the recipient of many similar honours, impressed him most deeply, coming, as it did, from his own people, with whom he had been associated in business for many years.

A MASONIC BALL is announced to be held on Wednesday, the 27th instant, under the auspices of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, in the Borough Hall, Stafford. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. Grand Master, and other distinguished brethren are among the list of patrons. A special dispensation having been granted, Masonic clothing will be worn, and members of her Majesty's forces are requested to appear in uniform. French Davis' full string band has been engaged. Bros. J. T. Marson, S.W., and H. H. Jordan are the honorary secretaries to the Ball Committee.

THE KING OF PORTUGAL, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught and Prince Henry of Battenberg, arrived at Balmoral on Saturday last on a visit to her Majesty, and, after luncheon, was invested with the Order of the Garter. In the evening some reels were danced by the Highlanders in front of the Castle. The Queen's dinner party included the King, the Duke of Connaught, Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the suite in attendance on the King, and Bro. Lord George Hamilton, the Minister in attendance on her Majesty. On Monday the King returned to town, and drove to Buckingham Palace under an escort.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES's birthday on Saturday last was celebrated with the customary rejoicings. At Sandringham the whole of the Prince's family were present, while the house party included Prince Charles of Denmark, Prince Nicholas of Greece, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Earl of Rosebery, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., the Right Hon. J. and Mrs. Chamberlain, the Bishop of Peterborough, and the Marquis of Lansdowne. The usual dinner to the workmen, labourers, and keepers on the Royal Estate was held in the large room of the Royal Mews, and the Prince, the Duke of York, and the Princesses, on visiting the room during dinner, were greeted with the utmost cordiality. In London, the Prince's tradesmen, to the number of nearly 300, dined together at the Hôtel Métropole, under the presidency of Mr. Algernon Graves, while at Windsor the bells of St. George's Chapel and the parish church rang out merry peals, and at Eton the boys had a holiday given them.

APPROACHING VISIT OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO EASTBOURNE. —The following arrangements have been made in connection with holding this year's meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex at Eastbourne on Wednesday, the 20th inst.: Col. Sir Fitzroy Maclean, of the West Kent Queen's Own Yeomanry, has promised to provide an escort, and Col. Cardwell, commanding 2nd Sussex Artillery Volunteers, and Major Savage, commanding 1st Sussex Volunteer Royal Engineers, will furnish guards of honour. The bands of the Artillery Volunteers and Engineers will play at the station and the Queen's Hotel respectively, and the Chief Constable has been directed to obtain fife and drum bands to play at fixed points along the route. The Fire Brigade will erect an arch at the sea end of Devonshire-place, and the fishermen are expected to erect an arch across Grand Parade. Mr. Allen Sarle has promised to run a special train from Victoria at ordinary first class fares. The train is timed to leave London at 1.20 and reach Eastbourne at 3.0, calling at East Croydon at 1.45 and Lewes at 2.36. The return journey will be commenced at nine o'clock, reaching Lewes at 9.24, East Croydon at 10.18, and Victoria at 10.40.

THE DUKE OF YORK has consented to open the Great Hall of the Church House Westminster, on some day yet to be appointed during the month of January next.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W.G.M., has conferred upon Bro. Col. Gerard Smith, Governor-Designate of Western Australia, the rank of Past Grand Warden.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE arrived at Hanley Park on Tuesday, on a visit to Bro. the Baron and Baroness Henry de Worms, a large party being invited to meet his Royal Highness.

THE DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA, Admiral of the Fleet, arrived at Plymouth from London early Tuesday evening, and dined with the Mayor, a numerous and distinguished company being invited to meet his Royal Highness.

BRO. SIR C. RIVERS WILSON, G.C.M.G., and the Hon. Beatrice Violet M. Mestyn were married in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on Saturday last. The bride was given away by her mother, and Lord Rowton was best man.

MEMBERS OF THE Sunday Society League were privileged to visit Grosvenor House, by permission of the Duke of Westminster, on Sunday last, the number of members who availed themselves of the opportunity being between 700 and 800.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCERT of the Victoria Park Cricket Association was held in the Stratford Town Hall on Monday evening, when Lord Harris, President of the Marylebone Cricket Club, presented the cups and medals to the successful teams.

THE *Irish Times* states that the members of the Newcastle-on-Tyne lodges are about to pay a visit to Dublin at the invitation of the Lodge of Israel, Dublin, this month. A round of festivities, including sightseeing, a banquet, and grand reception is arranged.

THE DUKE OF YORK presided at a Court of the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House on Tuesday, and took the oath, and made the customary declaration as Master for the present year. In the afternoon his Royal Highness left town for Elvedon on a visit to Lord and Lady Iveagh.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN opened a bazaar and sale of work in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, on Tuesday, in aid of the Westminster Female Refuge, Great College-street, the Special Mission Fund, and the St. Helena's Hospital Fund. The bazaar remained open the following day.

THE LORD MAYOR (Bro. Sir W. Wilkin) and the Lady Mayoress will take up their residence at the Mansion House about the middle of next month, by which time, it is expected, that the usual repairs and decorations will have been completed. In the meantime his lordship will be daily in attendance.

A MEETING of the Royal Commission of the Royal Patriotic Fund was held in the Commander's-in-Chief's levee room at the Horse Guards, among those present being the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Lord Chelmsford, Lord Revelstoke, Bro. Lord Wantage, Lord Welby, and Bro. the Hon. E. F. Leveson-Gower.

HEROLD'S INSTITUTE, Drummond-road, Bermondsey, was formally opened on Monday as a school for the purpose of providing a technical education for those engaged in the tannery trade, a liberal grant having been made by the Leathersellers' Company towards converting the building, which was formerly a Board School, to its new uses.

THE INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS held the opening meeting of their season in their new premises in Great George-street, Westminster, under the presidency of Sir Benjamin Baker, who delivered his inaugural address in the presence of a large audience. The Emperor of Germany was subsequently elected an honorary member.

BRO. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, who was to have presided on Wednesday evening at the Acton Club dinner, sent at the last moment the following telegram to Mr. E. M. Nelson—"Am laid by suddenly with a feverish chill. Cannot leave my room. Most annoying, as I was quite well yesterday. Please make my apologies, and express my regret at inability to be present—GEO. HAMILTON."

MR. CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies, presided at a banquet held at the Imperial Institute in honour of Colonel Gerald Smith, Governor designate of Western Australia, among the numerous company present being Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, Sir Saul Samuel, Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, Sir Malcolm Fraser, Sir Albert Kollit, M.P., Sir Robert Meade, Sir Edwin Arnold, and Bro. Sir John Puleston.

A MEETING of the Royal Colonial Institute was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening, when a very interesting paper on "The Extension of British Influence and Trade in Africa" was read by Capt. Lugard, among those present being Lord Lamington, the newly-appointed Governor of Queensland, and Lady Lamington, Lord Stanmore, Sir M. J. and Lady Tindall, Sir Terence and Lady O'Brien, the Hon. F. A. Brassey, Lieut.-Gen. Sir J. B. Edwards, and Bro. R. G. Webster, M.P.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR IN VICTORIA.—Many friends of this Order will be pleased to learn that on the application of Bro. Bannister and other well-known Masons in this Colony, a warrant to form the Southern Cross, Victoria, Conclave, No. 27, has just been granted by the Grand Supreme Ruler, the Earl of Warwick. Bro. Bannister's well-known energy may be relied upon to make this—his newest venture—a grand success, and his initiative will no doubt be followed very shortly by other towns in the Southern Continent.

THE MANY FRIENDS of Bro. George Augustus Sala will be pained to hear, from the *World*, that he is lying desperately ill at 59, Norton-road, Hove, Brighton, the residence of his medical adviser, Mr. W. Histle. About 10 days ago it was thought Bro. Sala was about to pass away, and extreme unction was administered by Father Donnelly. Since then Bro. Sala has rallied somewhat, but on Saturday, when he was seen by an old friend, he was in a condition of painful weakness, though able to recognise those about him, and to express feebly his wishes. Mr. Histle desires it to be known that any old and intimate friend who likes to visit Bro. Sala will be welcomed. It is hardly probable that the latter will again leave his bed.

THE LORD MAYOR (Bro. Sir Walter Wilkin) had the honour of entertaining his Majesty the King of Portugal at luncheon at the Mansion House on Tuesday. The guests numbered about 200, and included the Duke of Connaught, Prince Christian, Prince Henry of Battenberg, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Portuguese Minister, the Spanish, German, and Austro-Hungarian Ambassadors, the Danish Minister, the Chief Rabbi, Cardinal Vaughan, Lord Knutsford, Bro. Baron F. de Rothschild, Lord Playfair, the Sheriffs, the Earl of Clarendon, Lord-in-Waiting, and the Hon. W. Carrington, Groom-in-Waiting, in attendance on his Majesty, Bro. the Duke of Portland (Master of Horse), and others. His Majesty was seated to the right of the Lord Mayor, and after returning thanks for his health, proposed the toast of the Lord Mayor. In the evening the King visited the Gaiety Theatre, and witnessed a performance of "The Shop Girl."

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, on his retirement from the command of the Army, was entertained at dinner in the officers' mess room, Woolwich, by the Royal Regiment of Artillery. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., presided, and, in returning thanks for his health, his Royal Highness remarked that, though he had given up the command of the Army, her Majesty had been pleased to allow him to remain Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Artillery. On Monday, the banquet to the Duke by the United Service Club was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who had the guest of the evening on his right, and the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha on his left, there being also present, among others, Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Duke of York, Admirals of the Fleet, Bro. Sir E. Commerell and the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, Field Marshals Bro. Lord Roberts and Sir Donald Stewart, Prince Christian, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and the Duke of Teck.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in the St. James' Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180, at the St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 25th inst., commencing at 7 p.m. precisely. First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. A. W. Dennis, 180; 2nd, Bro. G. J. Taylor, W.M. 180, 2076; 3rd, Bro. F. Kelly, 1681; 4th, Bro. H. C. Parker, I.G. 975; 5th, Bro. D. Haslett, P.M. 145; 6th, Bro. H. Whitney, J.W. 861; and 7th, Bro. E. B. Bloxham, J.W. 206. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. A. B. Bayfield, 145; 2nd, Bro. W. S. Whittaker, P.M. 1572; 3rd, Bro. J. Knight, 861; 4th, Bro. M. A. Krellwitz, W.M. 511, 1853; and 5th, Bro. E. P. Luke, D.C. 1853. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. B. Wyne, P.M. 1853; 2nd, Bro. R. Sandland, 2398; and 3rd, Bro. T. Baker, Stwd. 1853. Bros. E. Farwig, Preceptor; David Haslett, P.M., P.Z. 145, Asst. Preceptor; M. A. Krellwitz, W.M. 511, 1853, Treas.; E. P. Luke, D.C. 1853, Hon. Sec.; Isaac Moss, S.D. 141, W.M.; W. S. Whittaker, P.M. 1572; S.W.; and M. A. Krellwitz, W.M. 511, J.W.