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## BRITISH COLUMBIAN MASONRY.

Though Freemasonry in this distant portion of the British Empire is on a restricted scale, and, until the Colony has become more thickly populated, is likely to remain so, there can be no question that during the last few years considerable progress has been made. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was formed in December, 1871, but for some time the lodges do not appear to have increased in number; in fact, sundry of the earlier lodges amalgamated, the Lodge Victoria-Columbia, which ranks as No. 1 on the roll of the Grand Lodge, having been formed by the union of the Victoria and Columbia Lodges, both of English Constitution, which were numbered originally Nos. 1 and 5, while the Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was in like manner formed by the union of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, originally warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Quadra Lodge, No. 8. However, about 10 years since the Craft appear to have bestirred themselves, and, from the published proceedings of the annual Communication, held at Nanaimo, in June, 1892, it appears that there were 13 lodges on the roll, of which Nos. 1 and 2, as already stated, had been formed by the union, in each case, of two lodges, the aggregate of subscribing members being 860. Nos. 1 and 2 had 178 and 115 members respectively; Nos. 3 and 4, 96 and 24 members; Nos. 7 and 9—there being no longer any Nos. 4, 5, and 8—89 and 101 members; and the remaining seven lodges less than 50 members each, with the exception of No. 12, which could boast of a total membership of 97. As regards financial position, the funds and property of the 13 lodges were estimated at 53,745 dollars, the belongings of No. 1 being set down at 8650 dollars; of No. 2 at 3322 dollars; of No. 3 at 11,709 dollars; of No. 4 at something short of 2000 dollars; and No. 9 at 20,600 dollars; the property of the remainder being returned at smaller amounts. According to the statements contained either in the Grand Master's address or in the reports of the different executive Grand Officers the work in all cases is said to be carried out well: indeed, except on the score of the modest number of lodges on the roll—a fault, if it be one, which time and a more numerous population will enable the brethren to rectify—the Masonic body as a whole would seem to have been very favourably circumstanced at the date of this 21st annual communication, with every promise of still further development. That promise has been realised. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 24th communication in June of last year have not reached us, but from a review of them which is contained in our respected contemporary, the *Voice of*

*Masonry*, for the current month, we gather that there are now 21 lodges on the roll with an aggregate subscribing membership of 1260, which is an increase as compared with 1894 of 193 members, and as compared with the returns for 1892 already referred to, of 409. The receipts for the year amounted to 2067 dollars, and the expenditure to 1888 dollars, the former showing an increase of 420 dollars as compared with 1892. The total of the General Fund is set down at 3308 dollars, and of the Grand Charity Fund at 4976 dollars, the amount disbursed in relief being 990 dollars, or about 30 per cent. more than in 1892. The total of all the funds and property belonging to the different lodges is given as 45,198 dollars, which, though it exhibits a substantial falling off when compared with the figures for 1892, is nevertheless a considerable sum for so small a number of lodges. The Grand Master in his address is reported to have "recommended the taking of the first step towards establishing a Masonic Home," but it would seem to have been the opinion of G. Lodge that "the time was not yet ripe" for venturing upon such a step; but "a Committee was appointed to consider the subject of such an undertaking, and to report at the next Annual Communication." As for the manner in which the well being of the lodges is looked after by the principal Officers of Grand Lodge, it is worth noting that the Grand Master reported having officially visited 10 of the lodges, while the Deputy Grand Master visited 13 and the District Deputy Grand Masters 17 lodges "at least once, and some of them three times."

These particulars relating to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia are small by comparison with the similar particulars which could be furnished respecting some of the other Grand Lodges in British North America or some of those in the United States, but the element of bigness, though it can never be anything else than impressive, must not be taken as our sole guide in forming a judgment of what has been done by any section of our Society in a specified period of time; nor do we think there are many Grand Lodges that can boast of having increased in numerical strength by close on 50 per cent. in the brief space of three years. Yet the figures we have quoted show that this has been done by this small and comparatively new Grand Lodge between 1892 and 1895. We congratulate our British Columbian brethren on the facts we have described, and we trust that three years hence we may be in a position to report as favourably of their stability and progress.

## GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In view of the fact that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania would celebrate the centenary of its constitution on the 23rd November, 1895, the Grand Secretary of that body addressed a circular letter, bearing date the 21st of the preceding month, to the Royal Arch chapters in the jurisdiction in which, under direction from the M.E. Grand High Priest, he recommended that as it would be impossible for all the chapters in Pennsylvania to participate in the celebration of the Grand Chapter centenary, each private chapter should, either at its next regular convocation or at one specially appointed so as to fall as near the 23rd November as possible, celebrate the auspicious event in its own Hall. In the circular it was suggested that an address by some competent companion in commemoration of the centenary should be given, and accordingly Charter Chapter, No. 258, met on the 25th November, when "appro-

private celebration ceremonies were observed," and Comp. CHARLES F. FOSTER, Past H.P., delivered an address, in which he described the circumstances that led to the foundation, as well as the foundation itself and early history of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. This address is published in full in the *Philadelphia Keystone* of the 8th instant, and for the benefit of those of our readers who may not be in a position to obtain ready access to a file of our worthy contemporary, we have compiled a summary of the leading facts narrated by Comp. FOSTER.

In Pennsylvania, as in England, from which it derived its Masonry, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred during the latter part of last century and for years afterwards, under the authority of the lodge warrant, and the Supreme body which took cognisance of all matters relating to the Degree was the Grand Lodge. Very direct evidence of this fact is to be obtained from the minutes of our own Grand Lodge of "The Ancients," a very prominent instance being contained in those of the 4th September, 1771, in which we read as follows: "The G. Sec. (Bro. W. Dickey), 'having obtained an audience, moved that the following Question should be put to the Grand Lodge—'Is His Grace the Duke of Atholl Grand Master of Masons in every respect?' This being put by the D.G.M., it was unanimously answer'd in the Affirmative. The Sec. return'd thanks, and then inform'd them that he was happy to have it confirmed by the Grand Lodge, as he had several times heard it advanced that the Grand Master had not a right to inspect into the proceedings of the *Royal Arch*—further, that he, the Sec., had, with regret, perceiv'd many flagrant abuses of this most sacred part of Masonry, and therefore proposed that the Masters and Past Masters of Warranted Lodges be convened as soon as possible in order to put this part of Masonry on a solid Basis." It was thereupon "Resolv'd that a Meeting of Masters and Past Masters of Warranted Lodges shall be held on the 2d of Octr. next at 7 o'clock in the evening on the aforementioned Business." At the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 4th December, the minutes record that "The Rt. Worshipful D.G. Master informed the Grand Lodge of the Proceedings of the Royal Arch Meetings, viz., on the 2d October and 6th Novembr last and expatiated a long time on the scandalous method pursued by most of the Lodges (on St. John's Days) in passing a number of Brethren through the chair on purpose to obtain the sacred mysterys of the Royal Arch, and proved in a concise manner that those proceedings were unjustifiable. Therefore moved for a Regulation to be made in order to suppress them for the future." And sundry brethren having respectfully pointed out that many able and deserving men, and especially sailors, would be excluded from all participation in the benefits of the Royal Arch if the resolution were made too stringent, it was accordingly "Resolved—That no person for the future shall be made a *Royal Arch Mason* but the legal Representative of the Lodge, except a Brother (who is going abroad) who hath been 12 months a Register'd Mason, and must have the Unanimous Voice of his Lodge to receive such Qualification, and in order to render this Regulation more expediate, it is further Order'd that all certificates granted to brethren from their respective Lodges shall have inserted the Day the Brother or Brethren joined or was made in said Lodge—and that this Resolution take place on St. John's Day, the 27th Decr., 1771." As regards the case of brethren who had been illegally made Royal Arch Masons, seeing there were brethren present in Grand Lodge who were not members of that Degree, it was left to the next Grand Chapter to deal with them. At the meeting on St. John's Day (27th December) following, we are told that "The Grand Secretary by order read part of the Minutes of last Grand Lodge relative to the new Regulation for the *Royal Arch*, which the D.G.M. gave the Brethren (present) to understand that it was to be strictly observ'd in their respective Lodges, and that a Grand Chapter was to be held on the first Wednesday in Jany. next to finally settle that part of the Minute referred by the Grand Lodge to said Chapter." We are not aware of the fact ever having been disputed as to the Royal Arch Degree having been formerly conferred under the authority of the lodge warrant, but here at all events is official evidence of the fact derived from our own Grand Lodge minutes of last century,

and of the supreme authority exercised by Grand Lodge over the Arch as well as over the Craft Degrees. And as the Prov. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in its later organisation derived its authority from the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, it followed as a matter of course that the Royal Arch was treated by it as in England, and that when it became the sovereign and independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the same treatment was continued. Hence the law which laid it down that it was "competent for all Lodges possessing a lawful warrant to open a Chapter and exalt Masons to the snpreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch."

But to return to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, its origin, and early history—In 1795, a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons appears to have been established under the warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52, and 67, with a Past Master of one of them as G.H.P. Complaints, however, were made by members of these lodges as to the irregularity of their proceedings, and at a special Grand Lodge held on the 17th November of the same year the warrants of the three lodges were called in and their work suspended. But it being felt there was a need for "a separate organisation which should have a supervision of the Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Lodges," a committee of investigation was appointed and ordered to report on the subject as soon as possible. At an adjourned meeting on the 23rd November, when the warrants of the suspended lodges were restored, the Grand Lodge refused to admit the validity of the proceedings establishing the pretended Grand Chapter. At the same time, however, a resolution was passed for the opening of a Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The principles thus established as set forth by Comp. FOSTER in his address include (1) the Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania over all lodges held in the State; (2) the right of all regular warranted lodges, so far as they possess the ability and numbers, to make Masons in the higher Degrees; and (3) the chapters of Royal Arch Masons are under the protection of Grand Lodge. Subject to these points, which were declared in the preamble of the resolution, it was determined that the "new organisation should consist of past and existing officers of the Grand Lodge having duly obtained the degree of Royal Arch, and past and existing officers of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and that the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, if a Royal Arch Mason, should always preside as Grand High Priest. Furthermore, it was ordered that the Grand Chapter should never exalt any Brother to the degree of Royal Arch." The Grand Chapter being thus established, no time was lost in framing a code of Rules and Regulations for its government, and in this, assistance was obtained from the Grand Lodge of England and its Grand Chapter. In January, 1798, the General Grand Chapter of the United States was formed, but with this body the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania would have nothing to do. Of the events that occurred during the earlier years of the new Grand Chapter, Comp. FOSTER appears to have considered only a few of them worthy of notice. Thus, in 1807, he tells us that a Pennsylvanian companion was refused admission into a New York Chapter, because the latter recognised only those who had been exalted in chapters under the authority and sanction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, but this action was not sustained by the Grand Chapter of New York. Other instances of a like character occurred, while in 1812 a Mark lodge, claiming to work under authority of the General Grand Chapter, was opened in Philadelphia, but the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania took the matter up—not, be it remarked, the Grand Chapter—and no long time elapsed ere the authority was withdrawn and the lodge ceased. From this year forward, however, it became slowly but surely more evident that a change in the relations between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter was inevitable. Some thought the two should be brought more closely together. Others argued that as the lodges had been the power of exalting brethren to the Degree, there was no need for a Grand Chapter. Ultimately in May, 1824, the terms of separation between the two were agreed upon and in the November following, Comp. MICHAEL NESBIT, sen. was elected G.H. Priest. Since then the Grand Chapter has prospered and Comp. FOSTER mentions that in 1894 the number of private

chapters on the roll was 120, with an aggregate of 16,000 subscribing companions. Of these 120 chapters, five were in existence before 1824, 10 were founded between 1824 and 1850; 51 between 1850 and 1870; and 54 between 1870 and 1894; while the Grand Chapter is on terms of amity with all the other Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter of the United States. May this state of prosperity and these amicable relations with other cognate bodies be perpetuated!

### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 1362.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., the ceremony of consecration of the above chapter took place at the Market Hall, Redhill. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. Frederick West, P.A.G.S., Prov. Grand H., assisted by Comps. A. Lionel Scott, Prov. Grand J.; T. Tyler, Prov. Grand Scribe E.; and Jas. H. Hawkins, P.Z., as Director of Ceremonies.

The founders of the new chapter present were Comps. Philip Shepherd, E. G. Field, Arthur Wood, James W. Burgess, H. A. Howe, Frank Powell, Richard Jennings, T. K. Pearce, James Jinks, Alex. Edis, T. H. Roberts, A. Meier, W. Percy Morrison, Joseph Parry, Aug. Budeker, Henry Ensoll, and F. Schmitz.

The following companions were also present as visitors: Comps. W. B. Heagerty, M.E.Z. Royal Albert Chapter; John Seex, P.Z. Industry Chapter; J. J. Thomas, P.Z. Belgrave Chapter; W. Cleghorn, P.Z. Jerusalem Chapter; W. F. Huntley, P.Z. Mid Surrey Chapter; R. G. Cooper, P.Z. Victoria Chapter; James Cook, H. Royal Albert Chapter; G. J. Taylor, J. Vane Chapter; N. R. Dyer, Melita Chapter; H. W. Schartau, Wanderers Chapter; F. H. Cozens, Royal Albert Chapter; W. Bradford, St. Marylebone Chapter; and John Bartlett, Anglo-American Chapter.

The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by the Consecrating Officer, Comp. Frederick West, P.A.G.S., Prov. Grand H., and its effect was materially assisted by the excellence of the musical arrangements under the direction of Comp. Schartau. The anthems in particular were beautifully rendered.

The chapter being duly constituted, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Comps. Philip Shepherd, M.E.Z.; E. G. Field, H.; Arthur Wood, J.; James W. Burgess, I.P.Z.; H. A. Howe, S.E.; Frank Powell, S.N.; Richard Jennings, Treas.; T. R. Pearce, P.S.; James Jinks, 1st A.S.; and Alex. Edis, 2nd A.S.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the companions adjourned to the Warwick Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. E. J. Hamnett. The wines were of high quality, and his catering gave every satisfaction.

During the evening a well-selected programme of music was rendered, under the direction of Comp. Herbert Schartau, assisted by Comps. John Bartlett, Wm. Bradford, and Fred Cozens.

If the very successful proceedings at its consecration form a reliable guide to the future of the chapter, there can be no doubt that it has a prosperous and useful career before it.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ECCENTRIC CHAPTER, No. 2248.

The consecration of the Eccentric Chapter, No. 2488, was performed at 33, Golden-square, W., on the 17th instant, by Comp. E. Letchworth, G. Scribe E., assisted by Comps. J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C., as H.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; F. Mead, P.D.G.D.C., as S.N.; and F. Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders present were Comps. Will E. Chapman, P.Z.; J. H. Hawkins, P.Z.; W. Sergeant Lee, P.Z.; L. W. Harris, J. R. Cleave, F. Dangerfield, J. Foss, W. E. Clifford, J. A. Harrison, C. A. Hooper, A. J. Thomas, J. Dangerfield, and J. A. Atkins.

The visitors included Comps. H. Sadler, G. Janitor; H. S. Foster, M.P., M.E.Z.; Kemsley, D.G.H. South Africa; Captain H. Wright, P.Z.; H. Kempton, P.Z.; H. W. Schartau, W. Bradford, J. Kift, W. W. Lee, and others.

The opening of the chapter was followed by a hymn, after which

The CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL, addressing the companions, said: You are all aware of the circumstances under which we have met to-day. We are here for the purpose of constituting a new Royal Arch chapter to be dedicated to the service of God. I can only express a hope that the chapter we are about to start into existence may be the means of advancing the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry in the Metropolis, and that it will accomplish the objects the founders have in view.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named in the charter, and an excellent oration was delivered by Comp. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF, G. Supt. Bucks.

The chapter was afterwards solemnly dedicated and constituted in due form.

The three Principals designate were inducted into their respective chairs, viz.: Comps. W. E. Chapman, P.P.G. Reg. Bucks, M.E.Z.; J. H. Hawkins, P.P.G. Soj. Middx., H.; and W. Sergeant Lee, J. Ballot having been taken, the following officers were invested: Comps. L. W. Harris, S.E.; J. R. Cleave, S.N.; F. Dangerfield, Treas.; J. Foss, P.S.; W. E. Clifford, 1st A.S.; J. A. Harrison, 2nd A.S.; C. A. Cooper, D.C.; A. J. Thomas and J. Dangerfield, Stwds.; and Austin, Janitor.

On the proposition of the M.E.Z., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected hon. members of the chapter.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., thanked the companions for the high compliment. They accepted it with a great deal of pleasure, as it would enhance the interest they would take in the welfare of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. then presented each of the Consecrating Officers with a founder's jewel, as a souvenir of the occasion, and the gift was duly acknowledged by the G.S.E.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Comps. Viscount Dungan, Turtle Pigott, and others.

Twelve propositions for exaltation were received before the chapter was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, at which the customary toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were first given.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said the companions had had a fresh instance that day of the interest taken by the Grand Officers in the welfare of Masonry, and of their zeal for the Grand Chapter. The ceremony was rendered in such an impressive manner as to have pleased every companion present. Comp. Richardson had been obliged to leave, as he was doing double duty, and Comp. Matthews had also left on account of family bereavement. There was, however, present the Grand S.E., who brought the Eccentric Lodge into existence, and had done the same for the chapter. There were also present their old friends, Comps. Brownrigg and Mead. Having the flower of the flock with them, they ought to be satisfied, and in asking the companions to drink the toast, he would couple with it the name of the Consecrating Officer.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., said that in the presence of Comp. Brownrigg, who was the Grand Superintendent for a very important province, he felt some diffidence in taking the responsibility of replying, but, at the same time, he was not insensible of the great compliment paid him in coupling his name with the toast. The M.E.Z. had reminded him that it was some two years ago that he had the privilege and great honour of consecrating the Eccentric Lodge, and on that occasion he ventured to predict for that lodge a great future. They could not have a greater proof of the success which had attended that lodge than that in so short a time it should feel itself strong enough to have a chapter attached to it. It had afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present and assist in the consecration of that chapter, and he was only giving expression to the feelings of those with whom he was associated, in hoping that it would have before it a most successful future.

Comp. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF, G. Superintendent Bucks, said the G.S.E. was a most generous man and had allowed him to submit the next toast—"The Health of the first M.E.Z. of the Chapter." He was allowed to do that because he was a Grand Superintendent in Royal Arch Masonry, and they were always wise men, but he did not rely on his own wisdom on Masonic law and therefore appointed Comp. Chapman as Grand Registrar of Bucks. He slept peacefully during Comp. Chapman's year of office, because however difficult the question, his decision would be right and honour would redound on his (Comp. Brownrigg's) shoulders. Comp. Chapman was always up to the mark whatever position he held, and in the important position in which the founders had placed him he would discharge his duties quite as efficiently.

Comp. WILL E. CHAPMAN, M.E.Z., in response, said they had all heard as boys about a certain city that was saved by the cackling of geese, and they had heard that night of that flourishing Province of Bucks which in the Royal Arch Degree was saved by their Grand Superintendent. They all knew and loved Comp. Brownrigg who, when in a serious vein, gave forth matter that it would do them good to remember. There was one thing that struck him in particular in the oration when Comp. Brownrigg said how pleased he was to find that Masonry was spreading amongst influential gatherings of men. They had found it so in the Eccentric Club and Lodge. He did not think there was a Club in London amongst the members of which a stronger feeling of good fellowship existed than amongst the members of the Eccentric Club, and it was, therefore, but natural that the Eccentric Lodge was one of which every Mason was proud. They had intensified that feeling of fellowship in the lodge, and he sincerely trusted that going still further into the hearts of men the consecration that day of the chapter would draw them closer and closer together as men, as friends, and as brothers. That they had placed him in the chair of M.E.Z. was not merited. They had said that it was because he had worked for the interest and good of the lodge. It had been a pleasure to do so, and to work amongst such men and brethren as he found in the Eccentric Lodge, and he hoped to find in the chapter the same genial, effective, and active support. He had always met with nothing but kindness and reciprocity from them, and trusted that would last so long as the lodge and chapter existed.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The H. and J.," and said he did not think the first M.E.Z. of any chapter was ever more fortunately placed than himself in being associated with Comps. Hawkins and Lee. They knew what Comp. Hawkins had done for the lodge, and Comp. Lee would as J. give good service.

Comp. J. H. HAWKINS, P.P.G. Soj., H., said he appreciated the compliment of being elected the first H., and would endeavour to do his duty to the best of his ability.

Comp. W. SERGEANT LEE, P.Z., J., expressed his obligation to the founders for placing him in one of the Principals' chairs. During the progress of the lodge anything he had been able to do he had tried to do to the best of his ability. They were bent upon making that chapter second to none. They all knew what a splendid worker the M.E.Z. was, and also the H. He was quite sure if the Grand Officers present would honour them by attending on a future occasion they could rely upon finding the working of the chapter quite satisfactory.

In submitting "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. gave them a cordial welcome, and coupled the names of Comps. Foster, M.P., and Kemsley.

Comp. H. S. FOSTER, M.P., in responding, said the visitors felt it a great privilege to be allowed to attend that clubbable, fraternal, and companionable gathering. In Westminster a man could not belong to both Houses, but in Masonry a man could be exalted to Royal Arch, and still belong to the Craft, and take part in the gatherings. They rejoiced to be present at that inaugural gathering, and heartily joined in the wishes expressed for the future of the chapter.

Comp. KEMSLEY, D.G.H. South Africa, said he need scarcely say it had afforded him great pleasure to attend. If any companion paid a visit to South Africa he would receive a very hearty and hospitable welcome, as he had received that day. The lodges and chapters were worked on the same principle and excellent example laid down in the mother country. He congratulated them on the excellent start made in the chapter, and, on behalf of those associated with him, he expressed a desire that it would attain great success.

"The Treasurer and S.E." and "The Officers" were also given, the final toast being the Janitor.

Comp. H. W. Schartau was assisted in the musical arrangements by Comps. Bradford and Kift. Comp. Sergeant Lee gave an excellent recitation.

## CONSECRATION OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOUR LODGE, No. 2591.

The little town of Shoreham was *en fête* on Tuesday last and gay with flags on the occasion of the consecration of the above lodge, for which a large and influential gathering of brethren assembled, evidencing the great interest which was taken in the latest addition to the roll of lodges of the Province of Sussex.

Luncheon at the Royal George Hotel was the beginning of the day's proceedings, and Bro. the Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G. Chaplain, and W.M. designate, presiding, supported by several Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and Worshipful Masters of Provincial lodges.

In view of the lengthy nature of the day's arrangement the toast list was necessarily short, the first, that of "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by Bro. the Rev. J. Puttick, having been duly honoured, "The Officers of G and Lodge, Present and Past," was next given, the W.M. designate expressing the gratification he felt in having so many eminent visitors supporting him.

Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. CURRIE, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chap., P. Prov. G. Chap., whose name was coupled with the last toast, in response, said that he could only regret the absence of one Grand Lodge Officer, Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, who was unfortunately deterred from attending and performing the ceremony of consecration as arranged, and in consequence he (Bro. Currie) had been requested to do so in his place. In acceding, he wished the brethren to overlook any imperfections in the work. Knowing the W.M. designate so well, and in the interest of Freemasonry generally, he wished and prognosticated prosperity to the new lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., Prov. G.M.; the W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., S.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and expressed his regret that the Duke of Connaught and Sir W. T. Marriott, who took great interest in the province, were unable to be present that day.

Bro. E. W. STILLWELL, Prov. S.G.W., in responding, said the Provincial Grand Officers warmly appreciated the hearty manner in which their efforts were recognised.

Bro. Rev. E. R. CURRIE submitted "The W.M., S.W., J.W. Designate, and the other Founders, and Success to the St. Mary of the Harbour Lodge, No. 2591." Congratulating the lodge upon so able and popular a W.M. as Bro. Rev. J. Puttick, he said the brethren of the province welcomed the new lodge with the fullest fraternal regard, and he trusted it would prove worthy of their noble Order.

Bro. Rev. J. PUTTICK, W.M. designate, who was warmly applauded on rising to respond, said it would be his endeavour to make the lodge a success by the advancement of the principles of Freemasonry. His officers were all able Masons who would render him excellent support, and, on their behalf, as well as his own, he thanked those present for their cordial reception of the feast.

The brethren then formed in procession outside the Town Hall, and set out for St. Mary's Church, where a short service was held by the Vicar of Shoreham, and special psalms and hymns were excellently sung by the choir, under the able direction of Bro. C. W. Stevens, who presided at the organ.

Bro. the Rev. E. R. CURRIE, Dean of Battle, taking his text from Ephesians II., 19, 20, 21, 22, delivered a short address on the principles of Freemasonry. Speaking of the approaching consecration, it was most appropriate that they should meet in church and ask God's blessing on their proceedings. Referring to the social intercourse and Charity, which was characteristic of Freemasonry, he would point out that their tenets taught much more than that, for they led members of the Craft to regard themselves as living temples of stone, and devoted to God's service. The sacred building in which they were assembled was, he pointed out, evidence of the skill and industry of operative Masons in years by gone, but was in need of repair, and he asked the brethren to assist the work by contributing to the fund which was being raised for its restoration.

The amount obtained in this manner was £9 13s.

After the service a return was made to the lodge room in the Town Hall, which, spacious as it is, was crowded by the great number present, amongst whom, in addition to the founders and officers and many others, were:

Bros. Wm. Gill, P.M. 1829, P.P.G.D.C.; B. Burfield, P.M. 1829, P.J.G.W.; H. W. G. Abell, P.M. 1797, P.G.S.; G. Randell, P.M. 40, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Francis Lewis, P.M. 2187, P.P.S.G.W.; Wm. Dawes, P.M. 341, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Cole, 1636, P.P.G.O.; A. F. Lamette, P.M. 271, W.M. 1303, P.A.G.D.C.; C. D. Tapey, P.M. 1141, P.G.S.B.; E. Collings, P.M. 56, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Alfred T. Long, P.M. 1726, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315, 2201, P.P.G.W.; J. H. Wright, P.M. 2434, P.P.G.S.B.; A. King, P.M. 271, P.S.G.W.; John Howe, P.M. 1465, P.G.S.B.; A. Masters, P.M. 341, P.G.D.; A. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Bampfylde Warren, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; James Puttick, P.M., P.P.G.C.; J. H. Longman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; L. R. Styer, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Whickham, P.M., P.A.G.P.; R. Percy Clowes, P.M., P.G. Reg.; T. H. Langford Sainsbury, P.M., P.G.C.; G. Fowler, P.M. 1110, P.G.P.; J. W. Broad, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; James Turton, P.M. 811, P.G. Steward; John Wood, P.M., P.J.G.D.; Samuel Denman, P.G.S.; A. E. Breach, P.M., P.D.G.D.C.; J. T. Whatford, P.M., P.P.S. G.W.; John M. Reed, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. J. Clark, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; W. W. English, 851; C. B. Richardson, W.M. 271; T. H. Challis, S.W. 315; L. Wren, 315; S. Smale, J.D. 2107; Ed. King, J.W. 38; H. Whitwell, W.M. 2187; G. Burchell, S.D. 56; F. R. Isaacs, J.D. 141; N. S. Isaacs; Randall, 56; James Peters, W.M. 311; Alfred Bunting, 1821; James Edwards, 315; George Phillips, 1829; Wm. Thorne, 315; Frank Hammond, 315; A. W. Payne, 315; H. Stringer, 315; H. Witwell, 2187; G. Short, 1829; Fredk. W. Moore, 1829; F. Hill, 2187; Ed. Watts, 1829; Henry Jones, S.D. 2187; Leopold Leapman, 2187; Louis Nathan, 1588; Alfred H. Curtis, 1829; Thos. Maynard, 1829; R. Puttick, 1110; G. B. Hamlin, 370 (Canada); W. N. Aldham, Stwd. 2483; H. C. Russell 2483; John A. Fowler, 1636; V. W. Burden, 1821; Martin Nias, 1821; Fredk. Poole Collins, 1829; John Sinclair, 1829; A. C. W. Buchanan, 56; H. A. Butt, 56; E. F. Chapman, 1821; C. E. Chatfield, 1829; Thos. Thorne, 1928; Geo. A. Dell, 315; J. T. Rushbridge Stevens, 1829; Geo. Burgord, J.W. 315; W. W. Wellings, M.M. 1821; Albert Tudor, 315; E. Rusbridge, D.C. 1829; J. H. Pulman, W.M. 56, P.G.D.; W. Insell, 1829; T. B. Colbran, S.W. 1829; R. V. Era Fellham, 315; J. H. Hawes, P.M. 58, P.G. Std. Br.; D. Waddington, S.D. 38; C. R. B. Knight, S.W. 38; Hy. Packham, P.M. 1829; Thomas Shrivell, W.M. 1829; J. D. Langton, 1673, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey; Walter Hillman, S.W. 2187; Thos. Corringham, S.D. 2187; Geo. Smith, S.W. 851; Ernest W. Nuffwith, Sec. 1726; James Terry, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; H. H. Hughes, P.G. Tyler; W. G. Smeed, 1585; Walter C. Blaker, I.P.M. 1726; W. W. Smith, W.M. 851; H. H. Moore, I.P.M. 38; Walter Paine, P.M. 851; James Martin, 2187;

Samuel Wilkinson, P.M. 925; A. Millbourn, 1237; the Very Rev. the Prov. Grand Chaplain; the Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle; V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Sec.; the Prov. Grand Registrar; and many other distinguished officers and brethren.

The lodge being opened, the consecration ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, assisted by the Provincial Grand Lodge officers, Bro. J. H. Pulman, Prov. G. Org., directing the musical arrangements, at the conclusion Bro. Rev. J. Puttick was installed W.M. by Bro. W. Dawes, P.P.S.G.W., on whom a word of praise should be bestowed for the impressive manner in which he accomplished the task, in fact the whole of the programme was rendered with a thoroughness that would indicate a prosperous existence.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Elliott, P.M. 1003, P.P.G.S. of W. Jersey, I.P.M.; Charles Howard, 858, S.W.; Ernest T. Cox, 2016, J.W.; Cranfield Baguley, P.M. 431, Sec.; Arthur Eade, 1829, Treas.; Joseph Sears, S.D. 2187, S.D.; R. B. Higham, P.M. 1829, P.P.A.G. Purst., J.D.; John Charles Flint, Stwd. 1829, D.C.; Musgrave F. Hilton, Chap. 38, Chap.; Charles W. Stevens, 1540, Org.; S. Gregory-Taylor, 1303, I.G.; John Sinclair, 1829, Stwd.; and W. Stanton, Tyler.

Several names of candidates for initiation and brethren as joining members were proposed, and after appointing a Committee to frame by-laws the lodge was closed.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge (the Board of Masters), and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey, President of the Board; D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President; and C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their appointed chairs. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; William Lake, A.G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren present were Bros. Charles Dairy, S. Vallentine, William Vincent, J. Newton, J. H. Matthews, George Read, George R. Langley, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. Fisher, Henry Garrod, Charles J. R. Tijou, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, T. W. Whitmarsh, A. F. Godson, R. H. Grant, Maj.-Gen. F. Gadsden, Walter Martin, James Bunker, Rev. W. Vincent, P.G.C.; Thomas Minstrell, S. V. Abraham, Robert Brookman, Ed. Hambridge, H. J. Hunter, George Parrett, Charles G. Marcus, Robert Davison, Geo. W. Dixon, S. A. Rothschild, R. D. Bradford, J. B. Green, G. H. Newington Bridges, S. H. Jordan, Hy. Cant, Edwin J. Davey, Francis W. G. Wicksteed, Alfred A. Drew, John West, John Berlyn, E. Horton, J. C. Underwood, W. J. Stahlschmidt, C. A. Harrison, J. Rushforth, W. F. Lamony, Louis E. Wilson, J. D. Wilkinson, Col. Howland Roberts, J. Leach Barrett, H. S. Timpson, John Skinner, Thomas B. Fullwood, C. F. Jenkins, Tom Best, S. N. C. Rumball, Charles Leonard Plant, Walter Sykes, Frederick Jackson, Wm. Green, J. Wilkinson, C. J. Scales, William G. Smith, J. Galt Fisher, and H. Massey.

At the Board of Masters the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge was submitted to the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the January meeting to the extent of £450. There were 40 cases on the new list, qualified through lodges in the London district and at Winchester, Middlesborough, Ryde, Kidderminster, New Brompton, Nelson, N.Z., Canterbury, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Burton-on-Trent, Morpeth, Ross, Walmer, Weston-super-Mare, South Shields, Sutton, Chacewater, Melbourne, Bombay, Bristol, Exeter, Southport, Salisbury, Topsham, and Faringdon. One of the petitioners had died since his petition was presented; one of the petitions was withdrawn, one was dismissed, and three were deferred. The Board voted £935 to the others petitioners. One petitioner was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100 and two were recommended for £50 each. The Grand Master was asked to approve of five grants of £40 each, and 10 of £30 each; and immediate grants were made of £20 each in seven cases; £15 in two cases; £10 in six cases; and £5 in one case.

## BRO. THE LATE DR. W. ROBERT WOODMAN MEMORIAL FUND.

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### THE LATE DR. WOODMAN.

In connection with another subject I mentioned poor Dr. Woodman, who died in sad circumstances in 1891, and this reminds me of pathetic letters I have from his distressed widow in which she says: "I nor my children have ever received a penny from the estate, and no monument to the poor doctor yet; how different had he died when at the Exeter Nursery." During his time there, and before, the Exeter Nursery was an oasis of horticultural stateliness, and viewed from a sentimental, and not from a money-making point of view, perhaps no man ever did so much to encourage exhibition plant growing and high-class gardening than the late Dr. Woodman; for from 1871 to 1883 he dropped many thousands of pounds in supporting and patronising flower shows in all parts with his floral treasures and skilfully-grown specimens against all comers, until finally he was left high and dry, with no competitor to conquer. His remains lie in old Willesden Churchyard, and his grave endured for and neglected, with not even a stick to mark the spot, and I (like *Eugenius*), when passing that way, cast a look on it, and sighing, walk on—alas! poor doctor, I knew him well. In his prosperity he had a great and numerous company of friends, who drank his wine and shook his hand with glee; surely a few of them, if they only knew of it, would make some attempt to raise a monument to his memory. Flower show committees ought to subscribe; also the army of gardeners who, in times gone by, have found the Exeter Nursery a comfortable refuge in the days of their adversity; and last, but not least, the lads who worked there in Dr. Woodman's time—the lads who came under the influence of his profound learning, graceful manners, and purse, many of whom are now blossoming as head gardeners and shining lights in their profession everywhere.

If my feeble zeal in this cause reaches their hearts with the same spirit that prompts and agitates my own, then I should be glad to hear from any of them, and quickly, that we may club together, and raise over his crumbling bones a tomb, noble and beautiful.—*W. Napper*, November 16th, 1895.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DR. WOODMAN.—We are more than pleased to learn that Mr. E. J. Jarman, merchant, Chard, Somersetshire, properly known as the people's seedman, has most kindly undertaken the onerous duties of Hon. Treasurer to this fund, with W. Napper, 489, King's-road, Chelsea, S.W., as Hon. Secretary. In such indefatigable and able hands this laudable work will, we think, be eminently successful, and we hope, after erecting the proposed monument, to hear that a substantial balance is left for poor Mrs. Woodman, who has our warmest sympathy.—*Gardening World*, December 7th, 1895.



## ANNUAL BALL AND BANQUET OF THE SIR WALTER RALEIGH LODGE, No. 2432.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., the W.M., officers, and brethren of the lodge entertained their lady friends and relations to a banquet, followed by a ball, at the Holborn Restaurant. The continually increasing popularity of this annual reunion was testified by the numbers present, amongst whom were Bro. D. Phillips W.M., and party; Bro. W. H. Bullock and party; Bro. G. Ransford and party; Bro. G. Emblin and party; Bro. W. Klingenstein and party; Bro. W. H. Loury and party; Bro. S. Klingenstein and party; Bro. T. Rayner and party; Bro. H. Anderson and party; Bro. C. H. Peddell and party; Bro. H. Mavor and party; Bro. R. Ambler and party; Bro. J. J. Woods and party; Bro. E. T. S. Harrold and party; Bro. O. C. Moore and party; Bro. E. Gratmert and party; Bro. L. Weenin and party; Bro. A. Jones and party; Bro. A. F. Scholding, and others, amongst whom non-Masons were largely represented.

A well-arranged plan of the table enabled the large company to find their seats without trouble, and the W.M. took the chair punctually to the minute. The prettily-decorated table, handsome dresses of the fair visitors, and glittering decorations of the brethren (conspicuous among which was the gorgeous costume of the P.G.S.B. of Middlesex), presented a scene of great animation.

The repast was served in Host Hamp's well-known style, during which members of H.M.'s 2nd Life Guards' band played an excellent programme of music.

A few toasts (loyal and Masonic) divided attention with the dessert, the speeches being commendably brief.

The toast of the evening—"The Ladies"—proposed by the W.M. in brief, but appreciative, terms, met with a very hearty reception, the W.M., at the same time, presenting every lady present with a handsome souvenir of the occasion—a useful purse.

In the foundation year, at the first ball the ladies were presented with a casket of perfume, since which each successive W.M. has "kept up the charter," and endeavoured "to go one better," thus creating a custom much appreciated by the ladies.

The response was entrusted to Bro. T. RAYNER, who said: Worshipful Master, on behalf of the ladies, I thank you for the way you have proposed this toast, all the nice things you have said about us, and the kind reception we have met with. Those who have been before are pleased to be here again, and those who have not previously enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren here, will not miss an opportunity of coming next year, especially as their purses will require refilling by that time.

Bro. EMBLIN proposed "The W.M." in eulogistic terms, making sympathetic allusion to his recent illness.

Bro. PHILLIPS, in reply, said: Bro. Emblin, brethren, ladies, and gentlemen, I thank you for the kind terms in which you have proposed this toast, and the flattering way it has been responded to. The speeches to-night are to be as short as possible, and I will content myself with observing that I am very pleased to be here, and see such a grand company present. We look forward to this event every year, and try to make it not less enjoyable than those of previous years. I trust that we have succeeded, and that you will all go to your homes with pleasant reflections of the evening. Before I sit down there is one toast I must propose—"The Visitors." We are pleased to welcome them, and wish them a pleasant evening.

Bro. C. H. KNUTH responded with a neat speech.

Between the toasts Mrs. Buxton sang the National Anthem and "She wore a wreath of roses;" Mr. Buxton "God bless the Prince of Wales" and "The Admiral's broom;" and Bro. O. C. Moore "Exchange and Mart."

The ladies having allowed their partners half an hour for coffee and the weed, dancing commenced at 10 o'clock, and continued with great spirit until nearly sunrise.

From a feminine point of view, a pleasing feature of the ball was that they were in a minority, and had plenty of partners.

## FIRST LADIES' NIGHT OF THE VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

This old-established lodge, which has for several years held a successful launch party in the summer, made its first venture in catering for the pleasure of the ladies during the winter season by holding a ladies' banquet at the Bridge House Hotel on the 12th inst. The result was an unqualified success, and will doubtless lead to the event becoming an annual fixture, for the W.M. was supported by about 100 ladies and brethren and a full attendance of the officers, including Bro. W. H. Bale, P.M., the genial and popular Treasurer, and Bro. W. H. Dallimore, P.M., the energetic Secretary.

The pleasures of the evening were not allowed to interfere with the lodge business, for lodge was opened at an early hour, when the minutes were confirmed and by-laws read. Bro. J. H. Gray, S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M.; Bro. W. H. Bale, P.M., re-elected Treas.; and Bro. J. Lee, re-elected Tyler. On the motion of the Treasurer, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., in recognition of the very creditable manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the year. Bro. Gray, W.M. elect, announced his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and lodge was closed.

The visitors were courteously received on arrival by the Worshipful Master and Mrs. Holmes, and after a brief interval, the banquet was served in the large hall.

The usual loyal toasts were afterwards honoured, after which Bro. J. H. CLAYSON, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said they were all pleased to see such a splendid array of ladies and brethren to support the Worshipful Master, who would doubtless appreciate the fact. That was the first time in the existence of the lodge that there had been a ladies' night, and it was in a great measure due to Bro. Holmes' good wishes and hard work. The W.M. had previously presided at their launch party, but he had created a record by being the first Master who had twice presided when ladies were present during his term of office. If the Worshipful Master's predecessors could see him in that happy position they would say, "hail, fellow, well met." They would all drink with heartiness to "The Health and prosperity of the W.M. and Mrs. Holmes."

Bro. J. J. HOLMES, W.M., returned his sincere thanks to the I.P.M., who had been good enough to make some kind remarks which he felt he did not deserve, although he must admit he had endeavoured to deserve them. He had done his best as far as his humble ability would allow to perform the duties appertaining to the office, to do credit to himself, and give satisfaction to the brethren. He hoped he had succeeded, and he thought he might say without egotism that he had, not only from the fact that they had voted him a jewel, but from the support he had received from the members whenever there was work to do. He took that opportunity of thanking the Treasurer, Secretary, and officers for the zeal and ability with which they had assisted him during his year. He was deeply grateful—and was sure his successor, Bro. Gray, would be—for their assistance and co-operation. The time and attention of the Treasurer and Secretary were not restricted to any individual Master, but were given to any brother who attained the high position of the chair for the general welfare and prosperity of their grand old Vitruvian Lodge. He would not detain them further, and again thanked them for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Ladies," and said they would all be pleased to respond to it, for there was no gentleness amongst them who had not at some period felt their loving interest and affections. The ladies were the first and foremost in sharing their trials and misfortunes, and it should be their duty to see that they also shared their pleasures and joys. It was certainly a record in their lodge to have two ladies' meetings, but he trusted the precedent would not be allowed to lapse, but that every W.M. would meet the ladies at least twice during his year. On behalf of the lodge he gave the ladies a hearty and cordial welcome, and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them on many future occasions.

Bro. W. H. BALE, P.M., Treas., responded, and thanked the W.M. for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast. In reply, he would tell the ladies three things. In the lodge that day the W.M. had been voted a handsome jewel for the manner in which he had discharged his duties, and he thoroughly deserved it. He would ask the ladies to show their appreciation of his act by clapping their hands. Another incident had taken place which was the election of a highly esteemed brother, Bro. Gray, to fill the position of W.M., and from the samples they had had of his work there was no doubt he would carry out his duties equal to any predecessor. It was his duty, on behalf of the ladies, to ask the W.M. elect to promise a ladies' night during his year.

Bro. E. CHAMBERLAIN, P.M., D.C., then gave "The Visitors," and in the course of his remarks referred to the excellent work done by the three Masonic Institutions.

The toast having been replied to, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect," and referred to Bro. Gray as one of the most painstaking men in the lodge. As he (the W.M.) proposed Bro. Gray in the lodge it was most pleasing to propose the toast of his health as W.M. elect. It was seven years since that proposition was made but Bro. Gray had not missed one meeting, so that the mantle of authority could not possibly fall on more worthy shoulders.

Bro. J. H. GRAY, S.W., W.M. elect, in response, thanked the brethren for their kindness in electing him and trusted their confidence would not be misplaced.

A lengthy musical programme was admirably carried out under the able management of Bro. Willie Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., who was assisted by Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Hamilton, Bros. Norreys, Sam Wright, R. Evans, G. de Pledge, and many others.

The company present included Mrs. and Bro. J. J. Holmes, W.M.; Mrs. and Bro. J. H. Clayton, I.P.M.; Mrs. and Bro. J. H. Gray, S.W.; Bro. J. Davidson, J.W.; and 15 visitors—Mrs. Miss, Mr., and Bro. W. H. Bale, P.M., Treas.; Mrs. Miss, and Bro. W. H. Dallimore, P.M., Sec.; Mrs. and Bro. Conquest, S.D.; Mrs. and Bro. A. J. Swash, J.D.; Mrs. and Bro. W. A. Hardy; Mrs. and Bro. E. Chamberlain, P.M., D.C.; Miss and Bro. T. Woods, Bro. W. Wright, P.P. G. Org.; Bro. L. Lake, Miss and Bro. W. G. Whitby, Bros. W. F. Sanger, 2163; G. Richter, 749; R. Gerbert, 836; A. Hare, 511; E. W. Nightingale, P.M.; and others.

## FIRST BALL OF THE FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 2535.

The phenomenal success which has attended the Fellowship Lodge during its brief existence has more than realised the expectations of the founders, and this grand result has been achieved by the indefatigable exertions of Bro. James Stephens, P.P.G.D., the founder and Secretary of the lodge, and the genial presidency of Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.P.G.W., G. Treas. nominate. It was recently observed by a distinguished Grand Officer that Bro. Stephens's name was a synonym for success, and a further proof of this was forthcoming in the first ball of the Fellowship Lodge, held in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on the 10th inst., when yet another record was added to the many already established. The hall presented an animated appearance shortly after nine o'clock, when dancing commenced to the strains of Bro. Henry Tinney's excellent band. A dispensation having been obtained, Masonic clothing was worn by the brethren, and their regalia and jewels, together with the varied and charming toilettes of the ladies, rendered the scene bright and picturesque.

Shortly after midnight an adjournment was made for supper, which was served in a manner worthy of the fame of the establishment, and the usual brief list of toasts was then proceeded with.

"The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family" was heartily honoured.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, P.P.G.D. Bucks, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he read in the *Daily Telegraph* that the Master of the Glass-sellers' Company was about to hold a banquet, at which there would be no after-dinner speeches. He could hardly understand that in an assembly of gentlemen, but could understand it if ladies were present, for they all knew how the fair sex could control their tongues. He did not advocate the course about to be pursued, but, like the W.M., he objected to long speeches. They were present for enjoyment, and the art of Terpsichore would better suit them. They, however, had a duty to perform, and that was to acknowledge their Worshipful Master's presence in the chair. Those present who were not associated with the Masonic Order were not aware that the W.M. was an autocrat, but there were many present personally connected with their Worshipful Master who were well aware that he never knew how to be an autocrat. On the contrary, wherever Bro. Bailey reigned it was always with geniality and kindness of manner and the acme of perfection. Bro. Bailey was the first Worshipful Master of the lodge, and, by his popularity, had made many records, but he had that night established yet another one to the already long list. The gathering had been such a gigantic success for a new lodge that they were indebted to the Worshipful Master, and would acknowledge that indebtedness by drinking his right hearty good health.

Bro. W. H. BAILEY, G. Treas. nominate, W.M., in response, said he did not know how to thank his good friend, Bro. Stephens, for all the good things he had

said of him, and which he most certainly did not deserve. He was indeed proud to sit as the first W.M., and he hoped the seed sown in the lodge in its early days would bear abundant fruit in the future. He was not actually the W.M., for Bro. Stephens was really in command, and had established all the records, and had, in fact, pulled the strings and the puppet had danced. He was happy and thankful that, in his Mastership of that great and flourishing lodge, their esteem and regard had been showered upon him. The three Masonic Institutions knew the lodge, and would continue to know it in the future, for they intended it to be the first lodge in London. The feeling of fellowship—that great word which binds the whole world together—had been amply exemplified in the history of this lodge which had done so much in so short a time. What had been done that night had been done by Bro. Stephens, and he (the W.M.) regretted deeply that he allowed himself to listen to the honeyed words of his good friend and become the first W.M., but he recognised in Bro. Stephens the one originator who brought the lodge to the front. He had the pleasure of next proposing the toast of "The Ladies," whom he deeply thanked for coming amongst them and making them so happy.

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured and duly responded to, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that before they returned to the ball room he wished to propose "The Health of Bro. James Stephens," who carried out everything in connection with their gathering in such a masterly fashion. Their Secretary had spared neither time nor trouble to make the ball a success, and he thanked him for all he had done most heartily.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, P.P.G.D. Bucks, said he was deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon him in asking that very select company to drink his health. He was proud of the result of their first ball. Man was looked upon somewhat as a selfish animal, but after that gathering he hoped the ladies assembled would go away imbued with the fact that the brethren of that lodge were not by any means selfish. The function so happily inaugurated would be at least an annual affair in the future. For his own part he wished it could become weekly, or at least monthly. He was one of those who delighted in the society of ladies and was glad to see such an array of beauty.

Dancing was resumed and carried on with unabated vigour until the hours of the morning had well advanced. Bros. Carter, Haylor, Sanderson and Stephens formed a body of courteous and efficient M.C.s, whose exertions contributed in no small measure to the success of the evening. Messrs. Fradelle and Young, the well-known photographers, were in attendance and were busily engaged in making photographic souvenirs of the occasion.

The company which numbered about 250 included Mrs. and Bro. W. H. Bailey, W.M.; Bro. E. Valeriani, P.M., J.W.; Mrs. and Bro. Jas. Stephens; Mrs., Miss, and Bro. W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; Bro. W. A. Scurrah, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; Mrs. and Bro. W. Thomas, P.M.; Mrs. and Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Mrs. and Bro. Carter; Miss Parsons, Bro. J. H. Haylor, and many others.

### LADIES' NIGHT OF THE EMULATION LODGE, No. 1505.

The members of the above lodge, on Monday evening, the 10th instant, commemorated the 21st year of its consecration by entertaining their lady friends to dinner. The ladies were received by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John E. Williams, and Mrs. Williams, in the large lodge room at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The W.M. welcomed the guests, who numbered about 150, and conducted them to the banqueting-hall.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts,

The W.M. gave the toast of the evening, viz., "The Ladies." He remarked that the Emulation Lodge had been 21 years in existence, and that was the first time they had entertained their lady friends. He was quite sure that now having arrived at the years of discretion they would not be as many months in again having a similar happy gathering.

On behalf of the ladies, Bro. LATARCHE responded, and said they were only too pleased to meet the Masonic brethren within the walls of the Masonic Hall, and, if possible, to gain some of their secrets.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. EASTWOOD, who commended the innovation of having ladies present to participate in the good things provided.

Bro. FOOTE, P.P.G. Treas., afterwards presented Mrs. Williams with a very handsome bouquet, consisting of tulips, lilies of the valley, and hyacinths, from the brethren of the lodge.

The W.M. responded to the toast of himself and his wife, and thanked the brethren for their enthusiastic reception, and particularly for the beautiful bouquet.

"The Health of the Visitors" was afterwards pledged, and the last toast was given by Bro. TOUGH, S.W.

An excellent musical programme was provided by the Minster Quartette, Bros. Nelson Jackson, Eaton Batty, and J. Greenlees, P.M., and Miss Annie Parry.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. G. LAINSON HART, P.M. 558, P.P.J.G.W. KENT.

The brethren of Temple Lodge, No. 558, Folkestone, were entertained by Bro. G. L. Hart at a smoking concert on Wednesday, the 12th inst., to celebrate his jubilee birthday. About 150 brethren and friends assembled in the Masonic Hall, and one of the most successful concerts ever held in the town was inaugurated.

The musical items were of very high excellence, above the average of the generality of smoking concerts—a fact due to the untiring energy of Bros. G. B. Morgan and H. G. Clements (W.M. elect of Temple Lodge), assisted by several London brethren, among whom were Bros. E. J. Wood, Templar Saxe, Kift, and Emlyn.

The utmost enthusiasm prevailed from the commencement, but reached its climax when a silver salver and tea and coffee service were presented to the popular host, as an expression of the good feeling and admiration of the brethren for the many and valuable services rendered to the Craft by Bro. G. L. Hart during his residence in Folkestone. Not the least pleasing episode was the addition of a diamond and pearl brooch to the foregoing, which was presented for the acceptance of Mrs. Hart.

Bro. G. L. HART was visibly affected by this token of the esteem of the brethren and townsmen among whom he has worked, and, in a well-chosen speech, thanked the donors most heartily for what was evidently an altogether unexpected tribute of the regard and affection of the members of the Temple Lodge and Club, of the latter of which Bro. Hart has been Chairman since its foundation.

### MASONIC BALL BY ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1343.

A Masonic ball was given by this lodge in honour of the 25th anniversary of its constitution in the Little Essex House, Grays, Thurrock, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when there was a large attendance of ladies and brethren, and as a dispensation had been granted for the latter to appear in Craft clothing, the scene presented was exceedingly brilliant, and the lodge is to be congratulated on the great success of the entertainment.

Among those present were Bros. Charles Westwood, W.M., P.G.S., and Mrs. Westwood; F. Spencer Guy, I.P.M., P.J.G.W., and Mrs. and Miss Guy; Frederick William Pelling, S.W., P.G.S., and Mrs. Pelling; Rev. F. Haslock, P.G.C.; Charles Cobham, P.M., Sec., W.M. (Mark), P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W. Durham, and Miss Lilley, and Miss Louie Lilley; Edward Ayres, J.W.; J. G. Wingrove, P.G.O., and Mrs. Wingrove; Robt. Matthews, Asst. Org., and Miss Matthews; G. H. Silverwood, M.A., LL.B., I.G., and Mrs. Silverwood; H. C. Borradaile, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. (special D.C.), and Mrs. and the Misses Borradaile, also B. D. Borradaile (Lewis), and a large party; and G. Martin, Tyler.

Dancing was kept up with great spirit till about 4 p.m. on Thursday morning, and even then the meeting seemed unwilling to bring the proceedings to a close, so pleasantly had everything passed off.



The ball cards, of which we are enabled to give a reproduction, was designed by Bro. Charles Cobham, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Durham, and acting Secretary of the lodge. It is a marvellously fanciful creation, having in the centre a figure of St. John, from whom the lodge derives its name. To the left is a banner bearing the arms of the lodge, while round the pole from which it is suspended is a scroll with the Masonic device—"Audi, Vide, Tace"—inscribed upon it. Beneath the banner is a marvellous creation of Bro. Cobham's brain, the head of which may be taken to represent the God Thor, from which "Thurrock" is said to be derived. To the right is an ear of corn and a bed of roses—the blooms of which take the form of Rosie Crosses—watered by a streamlet. In the background is a rising sun, a waning moon, and a group of seven stars, while on the inner border are the name of the lodge, with date of the "Terpsichorean Festival" beneath, and the names of all the principal members of the lodge. On a scroll in the outer border are first, the injunction to "Guard the Door Without," followed by the still more appropriate advice—"Frame your mind to mirth and merriment, which bars a thousand harms, and lengthens life."

The whole is well conceived, and reflects credit on Bro. Cobham's inventive powers.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES LEWIS THOMAS, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.

There was a large and influential gathering on the occasion of the installation meeting of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, held on the 8th inst. Bro. R. Philip Upton first worked all three Degrees and then installed his successor, Bro. Edward Faux, S.W., in a masterly manner.

Prior to this the WORSHIPFUL MASTER announced that it had been determined to commemorate this 25th year of the existence of the lodge by making a presentation to their old and valued Secretary, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., who had filled this office for 23 years and was one of the founders of the lodge. He went on to say that the Treasurer, Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey, was one of the first initiates in the lodge. He had much pleasure on calling upon him to make the presentation.

Bro. West said that in response to the command of the W.M. he had much pleasure in performing the duties the W.M. had laid upon him, and for two reasons. Firstly, these presentations were generally made when a good work was ended, in the present instance he had no intimation that they were likely to lose the valuable service of their Secretary, but on the contrary, they looked forward to having him with them in active work for many years to come. Secondly, he (Bro. West) was, as stated by the W.M., the oldest initiate and the senior Grand Officer

of the lodge, and as his old friend, Bro. Thomas, had been instrumental in introducing him into Masonry it was very gratifying to him to be called upon to make the presentation.

After speaking in glowing terms of Bro. Thomas's many great services to the lodge, three pieces of massive silver plate and an illuminated address, which contained the names of the donors and the following words, in old English letters, surrounded by an elaborate and beautifully-executed foliated scroll border: "This is to record the presentation to Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., of some silver plate by the members of the Granite Lodge, No. 1323, whose names are inscribed below, as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable services as Secretary to the lodge during a period of 23 years."

Bro. THOMAS who spoke under great emotion, said that he very much appreciated the beautiful token of affectionate regard for their old Secretary which Bro. West had just presented to him, on their behalf, in words of eulogium which were far too lavish. It was true, as had been stated, that he was one of the founders of the lodge, alas! almost the only one left. It was also true that he had been their Secretary for 23 years, and had taken the warmest interest in its welfare; but it was a labour of love, which he had endeavoured to carry out with truth and earnestness. He expressed his thanks to the W.M. for the kind words he had used, and for the many acts of brotherly friendship he had received during his year of office. He thanked Bro. West most sincerely for his eloquent speech and for his co-operation during the many years they had been colleagues in office; and, above all, he thanked Bro. Mason, the I.P.M., for his kindly and friendly feeling towards him at all times, and especially in his active kindness in initiating and promoting that splendid outward and visible sign of the faith they all had in their old Secretary; but he must stop, for if he enumerated every one from whom he had received during his long career kindly assistance and great forbearance, he should have to name all the Past Masters and every brother in the lodge. Suffice it to say, that to one and all he tendered his hearty and most cordial thanks, for in whatever station or office a man was placed which required the performance of important duties, the sympathy and appreciation of his fellows gave him the greatest aid and encouragement in the faithful and efficient discharge of those duties, and he trusted that for some years to come the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him in health and strength to continue to give his best services to the Granite Lodge as Secretary, should the Worshipful Masters in the future consider him worthy of that honourable and important office.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. RICE, P.M. 1755.

At the regular meeting of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, held at the Masonic Rooms of the Royal Hotel, Portishead, on Saturday, the 8th inst., Bro. F. G. Moore, W.M., presided over a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. W. H. Rice, I.P.M.; Alfred Jefferies, S.W.; T. Turner, J.W.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Tonkin, P.M., Sec. *pro tem.*; W. K. Thomas, P.M.; E. Davey, P.M., Org.; J. H. Stafford, D.C.; J. W. Hall, S.D.; R. O. Coleman, J.D.; Edward Tedder, I.G.; Thos. Lowther, C. Hazell, John H. Bone, W. F. Coates, T. Hook, C. J. Tonkin, J. McLean, Frank Simpkins, Tyler; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68; Thomason Climison, 68; W. C. Jarrett, 68; Charlie Pfeiffer, P.M. 1833; John F. Simpson, 602 (North Yorks); A. F. Villiers, 68; and others.

In the course of the afternoon Bro. MOORE, W.M., on behalf of the brethren, took occasion to present Bro. Rice, P.M., with a handsome large-size carbon portrait in acknowledgment of his Masonic work and services. The W.M. said: I take this opportunity to perform one of the most pleasurable duties which has fallen to my lot, and which has been suggested on account of the unique position occupied by Bro. Rice, who has been elected to the chair on two occasions, and whose many sterling services to the Craft and the Masonic Charities are well known. It was thought we might do something in a tangible and lasting fashion to place on record these facts, something to mark our appreciation for services rendered, and to show our loving regard for a worthy brother. We were anxious that that "something" should be most acceptable and pleasing to all the members of the lodge, and we are sure Bro. Rice will enter into our feelings and appreciate not only the motives but the absence of a more personal or decorative testimonial. We, therefore, determined that our mark of respect should take the form of a portrait which might hang in the lodge as a lasting memorial to his useful work and service in the cause of Freemasonry, and it is certain the brethren will welcome and value the beautiful portrait which has been subscribed for by the individual members of the lodge. "His light has shined and you have seen his good works" so that it is not necessary for me to dwell upon them; you have seen how the beautiful tenets of Freemasonry can be carried into the life we live, and how it is possible to live up to them. Bro. Rice, I ask you to accept our action, and if the gift be not a personal one it is at least an expression of affectionate regard and esteem that all the brethren have for you.

The picture (from the studio of Bro. Villiers) was a splendid specimen of art and a life-like likeness, and represented the recipient in full Masonic costume as P.P.G.D. of Somerset. It was suitably placed in a walnut oak and gold frame, with a silver plate bearing the following inscription: "This portrait was subscribed for by the brethren of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, as a mark of their appreciation of the services rendered to Freemasonry by W. Bro. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.D. February, 1896."

Bro. RICE, who was enthusiastically received, said: W.M., officers, and brethren of the Eldon Lodge, my heart is too full by the kind act which you have done, and the kind words which you have said of me, and my feelings are mingled with pleasure to know that I have the affection of my brethren, and with regret that I am not more worthy of all you have done. One would almost rather have had a record like this hung after he had passed away, but you have willed it otherwise, and in future I shall have to sit here, and in accord with Bro. Burn's great desire, "see myself as others see me." My services are at the disposal of the Eldon brethren and my work for the Charities shall continue. It touches my feelings with emotion that you should honour me in this unexpected manner, for I did not know when I came here that this presentation was to take place. I am pleased, however, to hand this gift over to the safe keeping of the lodge, and I thank you for hanging it on the walls of the lodge in which I have spent, during my life, some of my happiest hours. This proceeding will give me great pleasure. My feelings are too much to express them in order or consecutively, for by your action you have both nonplussed me and taken the wind out of my sails. I thank you one and all for what you have done and shall never, while life lasts, forget the kindness of the brethren of the Eldon Lodge.

Telegrams and letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Bros. Dr. Lionel Weatherleys, C. L. Thomas, C. P. Billing, W. T. Shapland, Sec., and E. Harvey.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Royal Hotel, when the W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### WEDDING OF BRO. T. C. PRATT, P.M.

The wedding of Bro. T. C. Pratt, a well-known P.M. of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, with Mrs. Teall, sister of Bro. Walter Dickeson, P.M. of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, on the 6th inst., was a well-organised function. The ceremony was fixed for two o'clock at St. Martin's Church, Trafalgar-square, which was filled with friends of the bride and bridegroom long before the hour arrived. Punctually at two o'clock, the bride was led up the aisle by her brother to the strains of the magnificent organ. At the altar she was joined by the bridegroom, who was attended by Mr. Sydney Pratt as best man. The bridesmaids were Miss Teall and Miss Ivy Teall (daughters of the bride) and Miss Ivy Gillingham.

After the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. and Mrs. T. C. Pratt held a reception at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., which was numerously attended, and was followed by a sumptuous breakfast, served to about 50 guests, amongst whom were many prominent and active members of the Craft, chiefly of the Manchester and Leigh Lodges, viz.: Bros. W. Hopekirk, P.M., P.G.P., J. Kew, P.M., W. Dickeson, P.M., and W. Hughes, P.M., of 179; Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., J. Diprose, P.M., C. Corby, P.M., F. Marx, P.M., R. W. Moffrey, P.M., Klein, P.M., Shales, and Bonny, of 957; and Holland, 141.

The heartiest good wishes were expressed towards the happy couple, who subsequently left for Newhaven, *en route* to the Continent.

The presents to the bride were both numerous and costly.

We omitted to mention that the bride is particularly well known and respected by the brethren of the old Manchester Lodge, in which her esteemed father, two brothers, and one nephew belonged, and there are still one brother and three nephews, all Past Masters, now members of the same lodge.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. FREDERICK GEORGE GOODACRE, P.M.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Bro. Frederick Geo. Goodacre, P.M., of West Kirby, and formerly of Stretford, where he was well-known and much respected. The deceased brother was the son of Bro. William Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, and Prov. G. Secretary of the Western Division of Lancashire. Bro. F. G. Goodacre, who for several years had been in very delicate health, went to spend Christmas at his father's residence—"Churchlea," Wigan—where he, unfortunately, became much worse, and eventually died of consumption, on the 2nd inst., aged 37 years, leaving a widow and two children to lament their loss. The deceased was initiated into Freemasonry in the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, Stretford, in the year 1885, and subsequently became one of the founders of the Talbot Lodge, No. 2231, Old Trafford, of which he was the first J.W., and consecutively S.W. and W.M., remaining a Past Master and subscribing member of the lodge up to the time of his death. He was advanced in the Chorlton Mark Lodge, No. 394, and served as W.M. during the year 1892. He was exalted in the Urmoston Chapter, No. 1730, of Royal Arch Masons, in the year 1887, and, after passing through the various offices, occupied the Principal's chair in successive years, and when, ill-health and the greater claims of his wife and family, compelled him to resign his membership, the companions manifested their esteem and respect for him by electing him an honorary member of the chapter. He was interred at Stretford Parish Church on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Many members of the Talbot Lodge, Chorlton Mark Lodge, and of the Urmoston Chapter, and other prominent Freemasons from Manchester, Liverpool, Wigan, Blackpool, and other parts of the province, met the relations and private friends at the church gates, to join in paying a last tribute of affection to our departed brother, whilst numerous wreaths of beautiful flowers bore their silent testimony to the esteem in which he was held. The last solemn rites over our beloved brother were performed by the Revs. Dudley Hart, rector of Stretford; J. Barnes, of Wigan; and C. C. Bluett, P.P.G. Chap. West Lancs.; whilst Bro. W. S. Batey presided at the organ during the service in the church.

#### BRO. J. W. BELSHAM, W.M. 1614, P.M. 733.

The funeral of the late Bro. J. W. Belsham, W.M. 1614, P.M. 733, took place at Kensal Green Cemetery on the 11th inst. Our worthy brother, who had been ill for a few weeks only with heart complications—bronchitis and pneumonia—at the comparative early age of 47 breathed his last on the 6th inst., surrounded by his family. He was followed to the grave by his widow, two sons, and two daughters, all of whom in a marked manner displayed by their grief the love they bore to husband and father, numerous other relations swelling the body of mourners. Bro. Belsham, W.M. Covent Garden Lodge, was to have installed his successor on the day of his funeral. He was also P.M. of the Westbourne Lodge; a companion of the Westbourne Chapter; Treasurer of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction; Life Governor of our three great Masonic Institutions; and a thorough good Mason and friend. Besides relatives, numerous personal friends, and the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge, the other lodge, chapter, and many lodges of instruction to which he belonged were well represented. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Rose nberg, P.M.; Campbell, Manne, Allen, P.M., P.Z.; Biorn, P.M., P.Z.; Cuff, P.M., P.Z.; Huish, Hearmdon, P.M.; Kilvert, Rogers, P.G.S. Eng.; Lander, P.M., P.Z.; Dehane, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. Essex; Wortham, Sec. Westbourne Lodge of Instruction; Wiltshire, Faircloth, W.M. 733; Middleweek, Pryer, Illings, Rogers, P.M. 733; Hewett, P.M.; W. Morgan, Carter, P.M.; and Lynn. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, completely covering the coffin and filling an extra carriage with those from the lodges and chapter.

#### BRO. ERNEST FARWIG, P.M. and P.Z. 180.

We regret to announce the death of our highly esteemed Bro. Ernest Farwig, P.M. and P.Z. 180, which took place on the 13th inst. Our late brother was for many years the valued Preceptor of the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, and was greatly esteemed by Masons from all parts. He was laid to rest in Norwood Cemetery on Tuesday, the 18th instant, in the presence of a numerous company of relatives and personal friends. Amongst his Masonic friends we noticed Bros. H. Robinson, P.M. 180; G. J. Taylor, I.P.M. 180; W. C. Parsons, P.M., Sec. 180; J. E. Shaw, P.M. 1563; F. Hill, P.M. 1563; W. C. Smith, P.M. 1563; J. R. Harnell, P.M. 511; M. A. Krellwitz, W.M. 511; J. Hampton, P.M. 145; F. Honeyman, P.M. 1238; C. F. Poupard, P.M. 1446; J. Moss, S.D. 141; A. Bayfield, Stwd. 145; and several other brethren, who all brought offerings of acacia and left them on his coffin. By Bro. Farwig's special desire, flowers were not forwarded.

#### BRO. WILLIAM NODES.

The funeral of the late Bro. William Nodes took place at Highgate Cemetery on Wednesday last, when the Master, officers, and many brethren of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, of which the deceased was a member, attended to pay their tribute of respect to his memory. In addition to the Masonic sympathisers, a large number of the members of the Holloway Vestry and other local authorities were present, the whole assemblage being one of the largest ever seen in the cemetery.

BRO. GEORGE GREGORY, J.P., ex-Mayor of Dorchester, fell dead in his dressing-room on Saturday last. Deceased was a distinguished Freemason, and one of the oldest members of the Craft in Dorset. He held many appointments in the town, and was connected with the various charitable bodies.



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1896.

## Masonic Notes.

Two events of importance will take place next week. The earlier of the two is the Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be held in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the auspices of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Secretary of State for India, R.W. Prov. G. Master for Middlesex, on Wednesday, the 26th instant. The prospects, as we pointed out last week, are most encouraging. Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, has succeeded in enlisting the services of between 300 and 370 ladies and brethren as Stewards for the occasion, and we trust it will be our privilege to announce in our issue of next week that the labours of those Stewards have resulted in the accumulation of a higher total of subscriptions and donations than has been announced at any of the Festivals which have taken place since the Jubilee Anniversary in 1892.

The other event is the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which will be held on Friday, the 28th inst., and at which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., has very kindly consented to preside. The work in lodge will consist of the Second Lecture, and when that has been given, the usual supper will be held, for which tickets—price 5s. each, exclusive of wine—may be had of any members of the Committee or of the Secretary (Bro. Joseph Russell, P.G. Stwd., 27 and 28, Milk-street, E.C.), of whom also any further particulars may be obtained. For the names of the Committee we refer our readers to our advertisement columns.

It is with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure that we announce that steps are being taken to raise a Memorial Fund to our late respected Bro. Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B. of England, who died in 1891. Our regret is that there should be any necessity for raising such a Fund, and that so long a time should have been allowed to elapse without steps being taken to raise it; while the pleasure we feel is derived from the knowledge that the necessity has been recognised, and that steps are at length being taken, however tardily, to do honour to one who in his lifetime rendered such signal services to Horticulture, and was in the sphere in which he moved so generally and so highly esteemed and respected.

We publish in another column two extracts from the *Gardening World*, from which our readers will be enabled to judge for themselves of the necessity there is for such a fund being raised. We have also very great pleasure in announcing that an influential Committee has been formed for the purpose, with Bros. E. W. Locke, P.M., and W. Locke, P.M., Sec. Union Lodge, No. 444, Starcross, among the members, Bro. E. J. Jarman, P.M. No. 1953, Chard, P.P.G. Std. Br. Somersetshire, as Hon. Treasurer, and W. Napper, Esq., 489, King's-road, Chelsea, S.W., as Hon. Secretary, and we trust that such a sum will be raised as will suffice not only to erect a monument over the grave in Old Willesden Churchyard of our late brother, but also to leave a substantial balance for the pressing needs of his widow and children.

But there are very strong grounds why we should urge this matter upon the attention of our readers. Many of them must have known Bro. Dr. Woodman in Masonry, to which he rendered important services and in several branches of which he had won high distinction. Bro. Dr. Woodman, as a reference to Grand Lodge Calendar will show, was appointed and invested as Grand Sword Bearer of England at the Grand Lodge in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, in April, 1875, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed M.W.G.M., and a few days later he was invested as Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter. He was also for many years Grand Treasurer of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and Supreme Magus—up to the time of his death—of the Rosicrucian Society. We, therefore, hope that the "Dr. Woodman Memorial Fund" will receive a large measure of support from the Craft throughout England, but more especially from those Masonic Societies to which he rendered so many and such signal services. We shall be only too pleased to render all the help in our power to so worthy an object.

Thanks to the admirable manner in which the arrangements were carried out, the proceedings in connection with the consecration of the new lodge—St. Mary of the Harbour, No. 2591—at Shoreham, were a complete success. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., S.G.D. England, Dep. P.G.M., the ceremony of consecrating the lodge was performed by Bro. the Very Rev. Dean of Battle, Past G. Chaplain, while the first W.M.—Bro. the Rev. J. Puttick—was installed in the chair by Bro. W. Dawes, P.P.G.W. Some 300 brethren from the various lodges in the Province and elsewhere were present to witness the interesting proceedings and wish the lodge God-speed on entering upon its career, and we trust these good wishes will be realised, and that, as time progresses, the St. Mary of the Harbour will prove a not unworthy companion of the many successful lodges to be found in the Province of Sussex.

We very much regret that we find ourselves under the necessity, at the last moment, of holding over till next week our report of the consecration of the Hugh Owen Lodge, No. 2593. Only a portion of the said report has reached us, while, as for the remainder, it appears to have been delayed in transmission.

## Correspondence.

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

PRINCE FREDERICK LODGE, No. 307.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The report of the so-called "Centenary Celebration of Prince Frederick Lodge, No. 307," in the *Freemason* of February 8th, caused me some surprise, but I had no desire to re-enter the controversial arena in reference to my own work until your very pointed editorial remarks on the matter appeared in the *Freemason* of the 15th inst., which leave me no alternative, for silence might be construed into acquiescence.

The report above referred to purports to contain extracts from a sketch of the career of the lodge prepared and read by the S.W. It says "the original warrant constituting the lodge, and which is now in its possession, is dated 28th January, 1796, the title of the lodge being 'Loyal Halifax.' . . . In 1808 the Loyal Halifax Lodge appeared to be in straitened circumstances being both in debt and the numbers having been considerably reduced. At this time several brethren resided at Heptonstall who were anxious to form a lodge of their own. Knowing the reduced state into which Loyal Halifax had fallen they thought it a good opportunity of acquiring the dispensation of that lodge and transferring it to Heptonstall. After a few little difficulties had been settled this was successfully accomplished in 1809 when the lodge was transferred to the Stag's Head, Heptonstall, and the name was altered to Prince Frederick," &c.

The foregoing, supplied by their own members, is, I think, sufficient to show that the requisite continuity of lodge existence was lacking, but we will go a little further and ascertain, if possible, what the "few little difficulties" really were and what they then involved.

It may be well, first of all, to give a copy of the original "Dispensation."

"To Brothers John Holdsworth, John Collingwood, James Shaw, Ashton Jones, John Bancroft, Daniel Hitchin, and James Heap.

"Brethren,—You are hereby authorised to assemble as a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Title or Denomination of the Loyal Halifax Lodge, at the Ring of Bells, in Halifax, Yorkshire, and to make, pass, and raise Masons as occasion may require. And also to do every other act as a regular Lodge until a Warrant of Constitution shall be made out.

"Given at York, under our Hand and Seal of Masonry, the 28th day of January, A.D. 1796, A.L. 5796.

"By the Provincial Grand Master's Command.

"WM. SPENCER, P.D.P.G.M.

"Witness,

"JOHN WATSON, P.G. Tr."

Under this dispensation—no subsequent warrant of Constitution appears to have ever been issued—the Loyal Halifax brethren met more or less regularly for many years.

In 1808, however, "the Loyal Halifax Lodge got into straitened circumstances, the lodge was evidently not only in debt, but was considerably reduced in numbers. In this state of embarrassment it had a prospect of recouping itself for the losses, by *surrendering the dispensation*, as about this time a number of brethren residing in the neighbourhood of Heptonstall . . . were desirous of *forming a lodge for themselves*. Knowing the difficulties into which the Loyal Halifax Lodge had fallen, they thought the opportunity a good one of setting up the fallen house in their own locality. They were not well versed in the articles of the Book of Constitutions referring to the removal of Lodges, and in their ignorance offered the few remaining brethren of the Loyal Halifax Lodge such a sum of money as was deemed by them adequate to pay off their indebtedness." (See *History of the Lodge of Probity*, No. 61, by Bro. Herbert Crossley, Halifax, 1888, pp. 118, et seq.).

The Lodge of Probity, whose history is, of course, in the Library of Grand Lodge, and from which I shall make further extracts, appears to have exercised a provincial oversight over the local lodges, and, upon becoming acquainted with this breach of Masonic law, at once summoned the Heptonstall brethren before them. Their lodge minutes say: "The Loyal Halifax Lodge, No. 549, having made an *illegal transfer* of their Dispensation to several brethren at Heptonstall, who were anxious to establish a Lodge at that place, it was thought proper to convene the Lodge of Harmony on this emergency, to take their opinions and sentiments on the subject. The brethren from Heptonstall attended, and stated that under idea that they were not acting contrary to any established rules of the Grand Lodge, they had paid the members of the Loyal Halifax Lodge £30 for the Dispensation in question and the furniture, but finding themselves in error they readily acknowledged the same, and requested our assistance in forwarding and recommending the following Petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge at York, which was unanimously agreed to in full Lodge. It was likewise the unanimous opinion that circular letters should be sent to those members of the Loyal Halifax Lodge who were concerned in the above illegal transaction, to inform them that unless they submitted themselves on this occasion, and refunded the money thus obtained, such of their names as refused should be particularly noted at a subsequent Lodge, and their conduct marked with the severest reprehension."

The petition to the Provincial Grand Master states, *inter alia*, that "we are desirous of *forming a Lodge* at Heptonstall . . . that "the Lodge No. 549, called the Loyal Halifax Lodge, has for a considerable time been held at the Rose and Crown, in Halifax aforesaid, under Dispensation from the Provincial Grand Lodge at York, but is now reduced to a very small number of members, *all of whom* are willing to relinquish the said Dispensation in our favour. We therefore pray that until such time as a Constitution can be obtained by command of the Grand Lodge, or your authority recalled, we may be empowered by virtue of such dispensation, to assemble as a regular Lodge. . . . And we further beg leave to nominate and recommend William Midgley to be *first Master*, James Fielding to be *first Senior Warden*, and Thomas Smith to be *first Junior Warden* of the said Lodge."

Accompanying that petition was a recommendation from the Lodge of Probity and the Lodge of Harmony at Halifax which, amongst other things, contained the following:

"1st. The Loyal Halifax has of late years been rapidly decreasing in numbers.

"2nd. A number of brethren residing in and near Heptonstall in this County, in a populous district, have found themselves at a distance of nine miles from any Lodge, and are desirous of meeting for the sake of instructions and working, and of promoting the general interest of the Craft. To promote this intention the possession of a Lodge has been desirable, and the majority of the members attending the Loyal Halifax, No. 549, have consented to relinquish their Dispensation in favour of the brethren at Heptonstall.

"3rd. In alluding to this transaction we are sorry to state that the conduct of the Brethren of the Loyal Halifax, No. 549, has been contrary to the Constitutions of the Fraternity, and altogether derogatory to the character of Masons, inasmuch as they have accepted a pecuniary reward for the Transfer.

"5th. That the members of the Loyal Halifax Lodge, No. 549, are alone culpable, and that the Brethren at Heptonstall have nothing to do with the disgrace. They have been pilfered of their money, and have been the dupes of this unworthy artifice. They have come and met us at this Lodge of Emergency disclaiming every part of this transaction; *surrendered the Dispensation in question to our care*, and requested us to assist them in their endeavours to obtain a Regular Lodge."

Further details of the transaction are given by Bro. Herbert Crossley in his *History* of No. 61, to which I am indebted for the foregoing, and on which I based my entries in "Masonic Records, 1717-1896." As the result of the petition, &c., the Provincial Grand Lodge at York permitted the *new lodge*, formed at Heptonstall, to retain the Dispensation under the title of Prince Frederick Lodge, and so the "few little difficulties," referred to at the "Centenary Celebration meeting," were "settled."

In all this, however, it must be apparent to every candid and dispassionate reader that the course of procedure referred to was most irregular—the sale of the Dispensation being absolutely illegal—and that the retention by the *new lodge* at Heptonstall of the purchased Dispensation could only have been tolerated in consequence of the openly-declared inability on the part of the Grand Lodge to grant any new warrant, owing to the passing of the Act of 1799 (39 Geo. III., c. 79).

It is to this Act, to which I referred at length in my "Handy Book" [p. 109, and see my note in reference to this very lodge on p. 118], that the numerous cases of illegal transfer, and the subsequent premature granting of Centenary Warrants, must be mainly attributed, and no brother will be in a position to arrive at a sound conclusion on this matter who does not view the entire transaction in the light of the peculiar circumstances in which the Grand Lodge of that period was placed, especially in relation to new lodges, owing to that Act of Parliament, but for the passing of which, I do not hesitate to affirm that the Heptonstall brethren never would have had the Dispensation of the Loyal Halifax Lodge, but would have applied for and obtained a new warrant in the ordinary and regular way. Be this, however, as it may, the *fact* remains that the members of the *old* Loyal Halifax Lodge sold their Dispensation to the brethren who afterwards formed the *new* Prince Frederick Lodge, and that not a single member of the former became a member of such new lodge.

Now, Bro. Editor, you judiciously state that "either Bro. Lane has been too exacting as to what constitutes a lapse of the warrant in the case of this particular lodge, or Grand Lodge too lax in its determination of what constitutes continuity of working."

To the former part of the indictment I plead "Not guilty." What I have recorded has been what I conscientiously believe to be true, and I think I have furnished ample proof that the Loyal Halifax and the Prince Frederick Lodges were separate and distinct organisations, and without the least shadow of continuity in working whatsoever. The very petition presented by the new lodge is, in itself, quite sufficient to show that this was the *opinion of its own members* in 1808 when they recommended certain brethren to be the *first Master*, the *first Senior Warden*, and the *first Junior Warden* respectively of the lodge. Such a recommendation was altogether unnecessary if the Prince Frederick Lodge was a continuation of the then defunct Loyal Halifax Lodge, for in that case the members would have elected the Master in the usual way.

With regard to the alternative portion of your indictment it is not for me to enquire into or to discuss the reasons that have induced the M.W.G.M. (whose prerogative it is) to grant a centenary warrant, but I may be permitted to state that since 1867 it has been laid down in the "Instructions for applying for centenary jewels" in the Book of Constitutions, that petitioners are required to furnish, not only "the necessary particulars as to the *origin of the lodge*" but also "proof of its *uninterrupted existence* for 100 years." Let it, however, be distinctly understood that while I do not wish to infer for a single moment that the M.W.G. Master cannot exercise his *prerogative* by granting a centenary warrant to any lodge that is unable to furnish evidence of the necessary continuity, yet in the present case I affirm that Prince Frederick Lodge is not even now in a position to comply with the conditions above cited, inasmuch as I have shown that it only commenced its existence as a lodge in the year 1809.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, February 17th.

## DUTIES OF D.C. AND MARSHAL (S.C.)

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your kindly notice of my "Freemasons' Directory for Dumfriesshire" you refer to some of the Scottish titles of Grand Officers, and add, some of them "sound strange to English ears," with special emphasis on there being a "Marshal as well as a Director of Ceremonies." It may be of interest to many of your readers to point out that under Laws 32 and 33 of S.C., the Director of Ceremonies arranges and superintends all ceremonials *within* any building, while the Marshal forms and orders processions, &c., *outside*.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES SMITH.

Dumfries, 17th February.

## RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been hoping that some brother better qualified than myself would call attention to the decision upon this important question of the Court of Appeal in the case of *Finch v. Oake* (on the 22nd January last), which is in direct conflict with the ruling of the V.W. Grand Registrar and the decision of Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication held on the 6th March last.

On that occasion an appeal was presented by the W.M. of the Zetland in the East Lodge, No. 508, against the decision of the Deputy District G.M. and District Board of General Purposes, who reversed his ruling that a brother's resignation sent to the Secretary of the lodge was final, and could not be withdrawn before communication to the lodge.

A full statement of the facts and arguments submitted to Grand Lodge will be found upon p. 16 of the Official Report of the Quarterly Communication, as well as on p. 128 of the *Freemason* for the 9th March, 1895, from which it will be seen that a brother of the lodge having sent to the Secretary his formal resignation wrote to the latter proposing to withdraw it before it had been communicated to the lodge, and that, when the lodge met some days afterwards, both letters were read, and the W.M. held that the brother having sent in his resignation could not withdraw it, and was therefore no longer a member of the lodge.

In opening the case to Grand Lodge, the V.W. Grand Registrar maintained that a resignation must be to the lodge, that "by itself the letter to the Secretary is nothing," and that until the letter had been communicated to the lodge there was simply a *locus penitentie*, and the brother sending it could therefore withdraw it.

The question aroused great interest amongst the brethren present, who appeared to be about equally divided upon it, and in the course of the discussion it was definitely stated by a Past Grand Officer that the late Grand Sec., Bro.

Col. Shadwell Clerke, had held that a resignation once sent to the Secretary could not afterwards be withdrawn, but with this exception no authority was forthcoming, and Grand Lodge resolved that the brother had a right to withdraw his resignation and dismissed the appeal.

Under these circumstances I venture to think that the recent decision of the Court of Appeal will prove to be of general interest. The case before the Court was on all fours with that before Grand Lodge. The society was a voluntary one, the resignation was sent to the Secretary and was withdrawn before the next meeting of the society, and the judge before whom the case came in the first instance held that the member was entitled to withdraw it.

The Court of Appeal, however, reversed this decision, and held that the resignation to the Secretary was resignation to the Society, and that as soon as the resignation was received by the Society the member sending it ceased to be a member, and could not withdraw it or become a member again without the consent of the Society.

It was not suggested by the V.W. Grand Registrar, or any one else, when the case above referred to was before Grand Lodge, that the interests of Masonry required any deviation from the law which regulates the ordinary affairs of life; on the contrary, the V.W. Grand Registrar cited in support of his contention the well-known rule of law that "a man who makes an offer by letter can always withdraw it until it is accepted," but this, with all respect, I venture to say is not analogous, because the essence of a contract is mutuality, whilst it cannot be suggested that this is a requisit condition to a resignation, for the society (if voluntary) receiving a resignation has no option in the matter, and cannot legally refuse to accept it against the will of the member resigning.

I have no doubt that the question will sooner or later again come before Grand Lodge, when I trust its previous decision may be reconsidered.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

STRATTON GERRISH, P.M.

10th February.

#### EMERGENCY INITIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Rule 185, Book of Constitutions, provides for the initiation of a candidate into the Craft, at short notice, under certain circumstance, without the necessity of the usual month's interval (Rule 184), after proposition. I understand that this rule is very frequently made use of in the London lodges, and I have reason to think that the rule which was clearly intended to be applied only in exceptional cases, is not infrequently abused, as I venture to think it was in a recent case I met with in the Province of West Yorkshire, where pressure was put upon the W.M. of a lodge, who was induced to assent to the proposition, and ballot for and the initiation of a candidate (a local gentleman) under this rule, the emergency alleged being "That the candidate was very anxious to get through the several Degrees as quickly as possible." Whatever candidate was not equally anxious? Could a more paltry and unsubstantial reason be conceived? The surprise is that any W.M. who had at his installation undertaken to abide by the Constitutions of the Order could be found so devoid of backbone as to lend himself to such a pretext for an evasion of the Constitutions.—Yours fraternally,

EX-SECRETARY, P.M.

## Craft Masonry.

### St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.

The installation meeting of this centenary lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at its old quarters, the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Geo. Cockrell, W.M., presided, and he was supported by Bros. Alfred Green, P.M.; W. Radcliffe, P.M.; P. J. King, P.M.; A. Dixon, P.M.; Orton Cooper, P.M.; and W. Dyer, P.M.; and besides the officers and lay members of the lodge by the following visitors: Bros. C. J. Groves, P.M. 742; G. J. Austin, P.M. 1791; F. J. Bierton, W.M. 1672; G. E. Higginson, P.M. 1791; R. H. Catling, P.M. 2157; G. W. Goss, 174; R. N. Larter, 1791; and others.

The W.M. passed Bro. Howard E. Mullins to the Second Degree, and the lodge, amongst other work which it performed, received the report of the Audit Committee, which was highly favourable, elected a Committee for the general purposes of the lodge, and granted relief to two distressed Masons, formerly distinguished members of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Geo. Cockrell, who had determined to do all the ceremonies of the lodge during his year, installed as his successor Bro. A. B. Spawforth, the J.W. and W.M. elect. The performance of the ceremony was highly satisfactory, and Bro. Cockrell was loudly applauded when he had completed it. Bro. Cockrell was invested as I.P.M., the other brethren receiving the collars of office were Bros. Cecil B. Mount, S.W.; Albert H. Collings, J.W.; Alfred Green, P.M., Treas.; William Radcliffe, P.M., Sec.; Ernest Collings, S.D.; W. W. Colley, J.D.; Fredk. W. Berry, I.G.; Orton Cooper, P.M., D.C.; F. G. Johnson, Org.; Hy. Linfield, Stwd.; and B. Barnes, Tyler.

One of the usual excellent Albion banquets followed, and the toasts which were afterwards proposed were interspersed with some excellent singing by Miss F. Sercombe Bennett, Miss Helen Saunders, Chas. Tilbury, and Fred. Humble, Bro. A. H. Dalley, of the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company, accompanying on the piano.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "The Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been proposed and honoured,

Bro. Geo. Cockrell, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M., Bro. A. B. Spawforth," and said that in Bro. Arthur Bingley Spawforth the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, had a thoroughly good Master. The brethren were aware that Bro. Spawforth had had a slight jump in coming into the chair, but still the brethren and visitors who had been in the lodge had seen the way in which he had done his work in investing his officers, and they would all confess he had performed the work in a perfectly Masonic style. Ever since he had known Bro. Spawforth he had found him a thoroughly good worker in all the offices of the St. Michael's Lodge, and he was certain they would find him as Master a brother perfectly capable to carry out the work. It was the Worshipful Master's intention to do so, and to keep up the reputation of the good old St. Michael's Lodge.

Bro. A. B. Spawforth, W.M., in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank Bro. Cockrell enough for the optimistic views he had expressed, or for the brethren's cordial reception of them; but he could say sincerely that since he came into the lodge his highest ambition—as it should be with every initiate—was to occupy the chair of the lodge as he did at that moment. He had now attained the height of his ambition, and he would leave nothing undone to render his year of office most acceptable to the members of the lodge. He had been in other lodges and had kept his eyes open as well as his ears, and by that course had seen how the work should be done. He wished to pay a tribute to the lodge of instruction, which was under the presidency of a brother then present, Bro. Higginson, P.M., for that lodge of instruction had taught him the greater practical part of the knowledge he now possessed of the working of the ceremonies.

Bro. A. B. Spawforth, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M.," which he considered the toast of the evening, because Bro. Geo. Cockrell had then been in the chair 12 months, and had executed all the work of the lodge in a thoroughly able and efficient manner. The brethren had seen it, and they had also had the satisfaction of seeing him perform the ceremony of installation. If any brethren had cause to feel deeply impressed with the solemnity of the obligations they took and with the objects of Freemasonry as expounded by Bro. Cockrell, it was those brethren who had seen him go through the different ceremonies. Speaking only for himself, he was particularly grateful to Bro. Cockrell for the way in which he performed the ceremony of installation; it had impressed his heart and would never be effaced from his memory. In addition to being such a good Mason Bro. Cockrell was a good man, one whom he (the W.M.) was

proud to call a friend of his own. The brethren all gave him their best wishes, and as a token of the regard in which they held him they had voted him a Past Master's jewel, which he (the W.M.) then pinned on his breast. It was "the outward and visible sign" of the esteem in which they held him. The jewel was never placed on the bosom of a brother more worthy.

Bro. Geo. Cockrell, I.P.M., who was received with enthusiastic cheers on rising to respond to the toast, said the duty cast upon him was to a man who had anything of a heart in him one of great responsibility. It had been his great ambition since he took office in the lodge to gain the position of W.M., and after that to have a Past Master's jewel presented to him. He then stood before the brethren with that honour conferred. He had tried his "level best" in every office he had held in the lodge to do his duty as efficiently as he could. The brethren knew what an exciting year it had been for the lodge as it had been its centenary year, and if the celebration of that centenary had been a success—which everyone acknowledged it had been—he was thoroughly repaid for any efforts he had made to bring it to a glorious issue. There was not a brother in the lodge who did not know he had Freemasonry at heart, and that he was always trying to do everything he could in its interest. He had stood as Steward for one of the Charities, and had taken up a sum that the brethren might be proud of. He was also one of the executive of the lodge of instruction, which, he was proud to say, was going on splendidly. During the last two years it had paid £1 a week into the Masonic Charities, and for the next two years it had a guarantee to pay a guinea a week to the same Institutions. He had worked in that cause, and he adduced the fact to show the interest he took in Freemasonry. As regarded the performances of his duties that night, he had to say it had been his ambition, aroused perhaps by the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, Bro. Higginson, to install his successor, who had said he had done the ritual very well, and ought to install the W.M. He did so, and the brethren had applauded him that evening for the way in which he had performed the task. He exhorted all the brethren to attend lodges of instruction, where they would learn to do the work as it ought to be done. He begged the brethren to accept his hearty thanks for the beautiful jewel the lodge had voted.

Bros. Rowe and Higginson responded to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Rowe stating that it was good to work the ceremonies all through as well as the installation. The brethren who saw the work that evening must have been highly gratified, as the Installing Master did his work magnificently, and his worthy successor ought to have a good year of office.

Bro. Higginson said he should say nothing about the lodge of instruction, except to repeat the words of the W.M.—they had done what every Mason tried to do. They were proud of the amount of money they had sent to the Charities. St. Michael's Lodge was doing a vast amount of good, both in teaching members the ritual and in training brethren to become good officers of lodges. The I.P.M., as Steward of that lodge, took up 150 guineas to the Girls' School Festival in 1895.

Bro. Spawforth, W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," referred to the excellent work those brethren had done for the lodge and for the Charities.

Bro. Green, P.M., Treas., replying, said he had always been ready to assist the lodge. As Treasurer, he had tried to keep the finances within bounds, so as to be satisfactory to every member of the lodge. It had a good balance. It had also materially assisted the Charities. It had given during the past year three separate donations to the Charities, a thing it had never done before. That showed that they all took a great interest in Masonry.

Bro. Radcliffe, P.M., Sec., also responded. Anything the Past Masters could do for the interests of St. Michael's Lodge all these brethren would do. He had been 21 years in the lodge, which was his mother lodge, and that was the thirteenth year he had been appointed its Secretary. He supposed he must have done the work properly or he would not have been re-appointed.

Bro. Orton Cooper, P.M., said the officers were ready and willing to support the W.M. to the best of their ability.

The toast of "The Officers" was given and responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### Lodge of Harmony, No. 580.

There was a numerous assembly of brethren at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Ormskirk, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Thomas P. Green, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge. The following members of the lodge were present: Bros. C. Buchanan Spittall, W.M.; R. Riding, I.P.M.; R. Winrow, P.M.; J. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. P. Green, S.W.; Walker, P.P.G.D., Treas.; A. Potter, Sec.; R. C. Ivy, S.D.; J. L. Clucas, J.D.; Bolton, P.P.G.P., D.C.; R. Knowles, I.G.; Ashurst, Stwd.; W. Martindale, Tyler; the Rev. J. J. Hulley, Chap.; R. W. T. Hatch, P.M. 613; T. W. Hickson, J. Glover, G. H. Buck, Geo. Bodle, T. H. Hudson, S. T. Rosbotham, Hy. Taylor, and Thomas Ball, P.M. 1403, P.P.G.P. The visitors included Bros. R. Turner, P.M. 1403; T. C. Millington, S.W. 823; J. Sellers, J.W. 1403; James O. Platt, W.M. 613; Fred. Wood, P.M. 1313; B. Smith, S.W. 2405; John Jackson, 2109; Geo. Lee, W.M. 1403; Joseph R. Burrows, J.W. 1493; Thomas Wilde Rice, P.M. 1403, P.S.G.W.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; Fred. W. Smith, 613; and G. Reahead, 823.

The ceremony in connection with the installation of Bro. T. P. Green as W.M. was performed in a most efficient and impressive manner by the retiring Master, Bro. C. Buchanan Spittall, who has during the past 12 months presided very ably over the meetings of the lodge. The investiture of officers by the newly-elected W.M. afterwards took place as follows: Bros. A. J. Potter, S.W.; R. C. Ivy, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Hulley, Chap.; R. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Lewin Clucas, Sec.; R. Knowles, S.D.; S. T. Rosbotham, J.D.; J. Bolton, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; T. H. Hickson, Org.; G. Ashurst, I.G.; G. Bodle and Hy. Taylor, Stwds.; and William Martindale, Tyler.

On the conclusion of the formal proceedings the brethren, upon the invitation of the W.M., sat down to an excellent banquet, which was served in the spacious and well-appointed lodge-room. The catering was carried out by Bro. B. Taylor, and the repast, comprising six courses, was admirably served.

The toast list was a lengthy one, but the *postprandial* proceedings were very pleasantly enlivened by the enjoyable contributions of various musical brethren.

During the evening a very handsome jewel was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, to the retiring Master, Bro. C. Buchanan Spittall, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him during the past year, and also as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

In all respects the gathering was a pleasant one, and will be numbered among the most successful of the installations which have taken place in connection with this lodge.

### St. John and St. Paul's Lodge, No. 615.

The first regular meeting of this old and flourishing lodge since its adjournment last October, was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith, Kent, on the 4th instant, when Bro. Wm. Henry Keeble, W.M., was supported by Bros. G. W. Mitchell, as I.P.M.; Isiah Turton, S.W.; G. W. S. Kendall, J.W.; W. Solkhon, Treas.; Herbert King, P.M., Sec.; C. S. Heithersay, S.D.; W. S. Heithersay, J.D.; Wm. Francis, A.D.C.; E. J. D. Valon, I.G.; R. Orchard and E. Tinker, Stwds.; W. Larder, Tyler; W. L. Doddrell, P.M.; C. Watkins, P.M.; G. H. Letton, P.M.; G. R. Cashfield, P.M.; A. C. Doddrell, P.M.; W. T. Doddrell, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Bristow, P.M. 1348; E. M. Taylor, J.D. 913; Johnson; Dhonau, 700; Harvey, 1326; Bayley, 14; and Orford, 1471.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Messrs. James David and Henry John Alfred Jones were then initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, after which Bro. R. E. Dipple was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in an impressive and praiseworthy manner, the full ritual being observed. The W.M. then presented Bro. G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., with a jewel, voted by the brethren in recognition of his services as Treasurer for some years. Bro. Mitchell responded in appreciative and feeling terms. Other important business having been disposed of, the lodge, after the rising of the W.M. and "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren, was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

After the banquet the loyal toasts were observed with marked enthusiasm. In proposing the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. made special reference to the serious illness of Bro. James Smith Eastes, Dep. P.G.M. of Kent, who it was thought at one time would cease meeting in the lodges on earth and be summoned to the Grand Lodge above, but, by the will of the Great Architect of the Universe, he had been restored. He hoped he would soon be able to resume his Masonic labours, which had endeared him in the hearts of the Freemasons of Kent.



Bro. G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he failed to find words to express the pleasure he felt in being there that evening to listen to the impressive and masterly manner in which the W.M. had rendered the First and Third Degrees; he had never heard them to better advantage during the whole of his Masonic career.

Bro. W. H. Keeble, W.M., replied at some length, urging the practice of the true Masonic spirit, and the desire on his part to maintain the honour and reputation of the St. John and St. Paul's Lodge, in conclusion, wishing the brethren "A happy and prosperous year."

The toast of "The Initiates" was replied to by Bro. David, expressive of pleasure for the honour conferred.

Bro. Jones also responded in similar terms.

Other toasts followed, including "The Officers," which was responded to with feeling and ability by Bro. J. Turton, S.W.

The proceedings were interspersed with vocal ability, Bro. Bailey being an efficient accompanist.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the pleasantest evenings ever remembered by the brethren of the lodge.

#### Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.

The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. There was a very large attendance, amongst those present being Bros. W. H. Marsden, P.M.; T. Cox, P.M.; J. McLeod, P.M., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; A. G. Taylor, P.M.; W. J. Piper, P.M.; Wooldridge, P.M.; G. Arnold, P.M.; J. Whitaker, P.M.; W. W. Heywood, W.M. 731; S. F. Rowan, W.M. 802; F. Stone, P.M.; H. Carr, P.M.; J. H. Richardson, P.M.; S. J. Sanders, P.M.; Luther Russell, P.M.; A. Nicholson, P.M.; and many other brethren from the Derby lodges.

The lodge having been opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. William Hart, the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Berridge, was duly installed as Master of the lodge by Bro. J. E. Russell, P.M., after which the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. W. Hart, I.P.M.; B. Cooper, S.W.; W. S. Fisher, J.W.; C. D. Hart, P.M.; P.P. J.G.D., Treas.; E. Partridge, Sec.; H. Offiler, S.D.; F. Johnson, J.D.; R. W. Richards, P.G.O., D.C.; A. Derry, Org.; C. E. Birch Thorpe, I.G.; and R. J. Smith, E. T. Ann, C. J. Shackleton, P.G.S., and Thos. Jordan, P.C.S., Stwds.

The usual banquet followed, excellent musical arrangements having been made by Bro. Pike, P.M.

#### Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235.

The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the Masonic Room, Town Hall, Buxton. Bro. W. Brierley, W.M., presided, the following brethren being present: Bros. W. R. Bryden, I.P.M.; W. Broadbery, S.W.; F. Rowland, J.W.; the Rev. J. Eayrs, Chap.; Josiah Taylor, Treas.; G. Gregory, Sec.; W. E. Carrington, S.D.; Jno. Binns, J.D.; G. H. Sutton, I.G.; R. A. Coates, Org.; Sydney Taylor, Stwd.; G. Crabbe, Std. Br.; R. Lane, P.M.; W. Boughen, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. F. Mill, P.M.; G. Smedley, P.M.; J. E. Sutton, P.M.; T. Cooper, P.M.; J. H. Lawson, P.M., P.P. S.G.W.; J. Gladwin, P.M.; A. E. Ainsworth, P.M., P.J.G.D.; H. P. Jones, P.M.; R. A. Little, F. Taylor, B. Dakin, A. W. Heath, S. Pilkington, J. Whalley, and H. O. Tebb. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, 44, P.G.S.B. England; J. M. McLeod, P.M. 884, P.P.S.G.W., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; C. Braithwaite Wilson, P.M. 1074, P.P.S.G.W. Cumberland; E. B. Wrench, Sec. 2129; E. M. Longsdon, S.W. 2129; J. F. Woodhead, 2129; C. J. Fieldsend, 2129; W. Mellor, 2129; J. B. Hastings, 1676; G. H. Gregory, P.M. 838, P.P.G. Org. Lines; N. Dumville, P.M. 2156; J. Whitehead, P.M. 1952, P.P.G.D.C.; James Given, W.M. 1952; W. Lingard, J.D. 1952; S. D. Gill, I.G. 1952; J. W. Hick, S.W. 1952; Thos. Smith, 1952; C. F. Wardley, P.M. 1688; J. H. Orme, P.M. 1688, P.P.J.G.W.; Percy Evershed, P.M. 624; and R. B. Garside, 1952.

Bro. W. Broadbery, having been duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented, and the ceremony of installation most impressively gone through by Bro. Brierley, assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. Broadbery appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Frederick Rowland, S.W.; Wm. E. Carrington, J.W.; Joseph Eayrs, Chap.; Josiah Taylor, P.M., Treas. (elected); George H. Sutton, Sec.; John Binns, S.D.; Geo. Gregory, J.D.; Geo. Crabbe, I.G.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., D.C.; R. E. Coates, P.M., Org.; Sydney Taylor, Std. Br.; Geo. Howe and A. W. Heath, Stwds.; Frank Taylor, Superintendent of Works; and John Perkins, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, a banquet was held at the Old Hall Hotel. Unfortunately, the newly-installed W.M., being only just convalescent after a very severe illness, was not able to preside, but his place was filled by Bro. Brierley, to whom, during the evening, a Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented, in token of the great appreciation of the brethren of the lodge for his work and worth.

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, made an eloquent statement of the position and prospects of that and the other Charitable Institutions connected with the Craft.

Bros. G. H. Gregory, Dumville, and others added much to the harmony of a most successful meeting.

#### Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380.

The members of the above lodge met on the 10th inst., at the Latham Hall, Seaforth, when Bro. Thomas Edwards was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. A. Arrowsmith. He then invested the following officers: Bros. A. Arrowsmith, I.P.M.; A. H. Lloyd, S.W.; F. S. Hopkins, J.W.; T. R. Parker, P.M., Treas.; E. E. German, Sec.; G. Newman, S.D.; J. J. Thompson, J.D.; J. T. Darby, P.M., D. of C.; W. Hudson, Org.; D. Greame, I.G.; J. C. Johnson and G. G. Senior, Stewards; and F. Dulhem, Tyler.

There were several visitors present, including Bros. Isaac Platts, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Wickerman, S.W. 594; C. B. Spittall, I.P.M. 580; W. Macvie, J.W. 2495; J. B. Gatenby, 1473; and J. B. Ellison, 1086.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

An excellent musical programme followed, under the direction of Bro. W. Hudson, Org., assisted by Bros. J. C. Senior, A. Campbell, J. M. Hoar, P.M.; J. G. Griffiths, and H. Hollis.

#### Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

A very large gathering of members and visitors attended the installation meeting of this lodge on the 4th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Among those present were Bros. Dr. Millsom, P.P.G.O., W.M.; Colwell, S.W., W.M. elect; Barry, J.W.; Chisholm, J.D.; Davies, I.G.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Foxle, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; Dennis, P.M.; A. Lundie, P.M.; and Hearn, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremonies of passing and raising several candidates were duly and effectively performed by the W.M. Bro. Colwell having been presented, he was installed in a most impressive manner by Bro. Dr. Millsom, with the assistance of Bros. Dennis, as S.W.; Higgins, as J.W.; and Captain Walls, as D. of C. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Barry, S.W.; Chisholm, J.W.; R. La Feuillade, P.M., Treas.; J. Hearn, P.M., Sec.; Davies, S.D.; Wolsey, J.D.; Sharpinton, I.G.; H. B. Hopkins, Org.; Captain Walls, D.C.; Williams, A.D.C.; Pohe and Harris, Stwds.; and Reinardt, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a Past Master's jewel presented to the I.P.M. It was proposed by the I.P.M., and seconded by the W.M.—"That an address be presented to V.W. Bro. George Everett, marking in suitable terms the affection and esteem of the brethren, and their appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the lodge during his long Treasurership; that a Committee of six of the brethren be appointed to prepare and bring up the address at the next meeting of the lodge; that a sum of £5 out of the funds of the lodge be granted towards the expenses of preparing such an address." Bro. Captain Walls moved an amendment—"That £10 be substituted for £5," which was seconded by Bro. H. Higgins, and carried unanimously. The Committee elected were Bros. C. Colwell, Dr. Millsom, R. La Feuillade, J. N. Hearn, H. Higgins, T. C. Walls, C. H. Köhler, W. W. Westley, and A. Lundie. It was also hinted that some other recognition would

be made of Bro. Everett's great services to the lodge as a founder and Treasurer. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was held in the large concert hall of the tavern, and gave every satisfaction.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. expressed a hope that the W.M.'s year of office would be as prosperous as his own had been. In a large lodge like the Kennington it was a difficult matter to please every one, but Bro. Colwell possessed tact and geniality, and no doubt would be equal to any occasion.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors," and expressed a hope that their visit had been in every way a pleasant one.

This toast was responded to by Bros. E. Attenborough, W.M. 14; T. Brown, P.M. 1597; P.P.G.D.; H. Keep, P.M. 14; and J. A. Davies, P.M. 2022.

In giving "The Past Masters" the Worshipful Master paid a high compliment to the I.P.M., who had discharged all the duties of his office in an excellent way. He (the W.M.) felt very diffident in following so good a Mason. The Past Masters were a great power in No. 1381, and he was gratified in seeing so many of them present that evening. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Dr. Millsom, I.P.M., but would like all of them to say a few words in response.

In compliance with the Worshipful Master's desire the Past Masters respectively replied.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Masonic Charities." In introducing this toast he said that as he represented the lodge as its Steward for the R.M.I. for Boys, he should have liked the excellent Secretary of that Institution to have been present. However, Bro. McLeod was prevented at the last minute from attending the lodge that evening to speak for the Charities, and in looking round among the Past Masters he had come to the conclusion that Bro. Capt. Walls would be a good substitute for Bro. McLeod, and therefore he should couple his name with the toast.

The toast having been received with great warmth, was duly acknowledged by the brother mentioned.

The next toast, "The Treasurer and Secretary," gave the Worshipful Master an opportunity of paying a tribute of respect to the late holders of these offices. Bros. G. Everett and W. Stuart. He said that they all regretted that failing health had compelled both those worthy brethren to retire from the positions which they had so long and honourably filled. The first-named brother's retirement was a severe blow to the lodge. However, the lodge had two excellent brethren to fill the vacancies, in the persons of Bros. La Feuillade and Hearn.

Those brethren having replied, the toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were throughout very successful.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was carried out, under the management of Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G.O. The other artistes were Mesdames Phyllis Hope, Theresa Kellaway, Bros. R. Evans, O. Sharpley, Tom Davies, and Mr. Bert Hope. The "Elite Concert Party" gave unqualified satisfaction.

#### Friendly Lodge, No. 1513.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., the installation ceremony of this lodge was performed in the Masonic Hall, Barnsley, by Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M., P.P.G.D., when a large and representative gathering of brethren from various parts of the province assembled. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. Spence Ingall, D.C., was presented for installation by Bros. J. W. Gratton, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., and S. C. Alderson, P.M. The installation ceremony was then performed by Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Wood, I.P.M.; W. W. Hutchinson, S.W.; H. B. Nash, J.W.; Rev. J. Lloyd Brereton, Chap.; J. Longley, Treas.; T. Webster, Sec.; C. Sugden, S.D.; F. Atkinson, J.D.; F. C. Browne, D.C.; A. Walker, Org.; A. Lockwood, I.G.; S. Krakaner, C. Fitton, E. J. F. Rideal, and C. H. Hutchinson, Stwds.; and T. Rogers, Tyler. Before closing the lodge, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented to Bro. Wood, I.P.M., a beautifully-engraved Past Master's jewel as a mark of their respect and esteem, which was suitably acknowledged. Bro. J. H. Gratton, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee for the 16th time. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The visitors were invited to join the brethren in the dining-hall, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, the loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

A very excellent musical programme was rendered by the brethren, under the able direction of Bro. A. Walker, Org., and altogether a most successful and enjoyable evening was passed.

The Worshipful Master congratulated the lodge on the appointment of three of the brethren to the First Commission of Peace for the Borough of Barnsley, namely, Bros. Guy, sen.; J. H. Gratton, P.M.; and W. R. Massie, P.M.

#### Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

The installation meeting of this well-known and successful City lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Monday last. Present: Bros. J. Shotton, W.M.; Septimus Croft, S.W., W.M. elect; Wm. R. Brunskill Briscoe, J.W.; S. White, P.M., Treas.; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1057, P. Prov. G.D. Middx., Sec.; T. Briggs, S.D.; H. Nicholas Bennett, J.D.; E. Anderton, P.M., D.C.; H. Thomas, Tyler; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; J. Gordon Langton, P.M.; Clarence R. R. Hopper, J. Larkin, P.M.; G. Rawlinson, P.M.; and A. B. Hudson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. A. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Peter Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Bullock, P.G. Sec. Herts; G. L. Wingate, P.P.G.R. Middx.; Dr. G. Mickley, P.P.S.G.W. Herts; H. C. Heard, P.P.G.D. Herts; W. Hewett, 1540; E. Shelles, S.W. 140; Geo. Briggs, P.M. 1572; J. Rexworthy, P.M. 1725; R. L. Franks, 96; T. Richardson, P.M. 1397; E. J. Chumley, P.M. 1556; F. S. Southgate, P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; J. E. Lloyd, P.M. 28; Ernest Newton, J. C. Hayes, P.M. 619; R. H. Nicholls, J.W. 2353; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2246, P.P. G.D.C. Herts; H. Christsas, P.M. 194; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.D. 1641.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Gordon Langton assumed the chair, and passed Bro. Clarence R. Richard Hopper in a very commendable manner. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and showed the lodge to be in a thoroughly sound financial position. Bro. Septimus Croft, S.W., W.M. elect, was next presented to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.W., to receive at his hands the ceremony of installation, which ceremony was performed in a large Board of distinguished Installed Masters in excellent style. Bro. Captain T. C. Walls kindly officiated as D.C. in his usual masterly manner. The new W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Shotton, I.P.M.; Wm. R. Brunskill Briscoe, S.W.; Thos. Briggs, J.W.; S. White, P.M., Treas.; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1057, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; H. Nicholas Bennett, S.D.; Rupert Smyth, J.D.; Clarence R. R. Hopper, I.G.; E. Anderton, P.M., D. of C.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were rendered in a masterly manner by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton. The presentation of the Past Master's jewel was then made by the W.M., who remarked the very great pleasure it gave him to present it, as a mark of their esteem, and to show the high appreciation he was held in, and it was the wish of every brother in the lodge that he might live many years to wear the same. The following is the inscription on the jewel—"Presented to Bro. Jas. Shotton, P.M. by the Aldersgate Lodge, 1657, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the courteous manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office, 1895." In reply, Bro. Jas. Shotton, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for such a testimony of their goodwill. That splendid jewel he hoped he should wear for very many years, as it would remind him of their great kindness to him. He would take the present opportunity of thanking most cordially the officers of the lodge who had so nobly supported him during the past year. Bro. Geo. Rawlinson, P.M., as a memento also to mark the happy year of office as I.P.M., next presented the lodge with two beautiful gavels, one for the S.W. and the other for the J.W.'s pedestal. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, most heartily thanked Bro. Rawlinson for his very great kindness, as also did the S.W. Letters expressing regret for inability to attend were read from several brethren.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, which was most highly appreciated.

The cloth removed, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" in most loyal and sympathetic terms, remarking that the hearts of her people, and particularly Masons, were moved towards her and her beloved daughter in their great bereavement.



In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said he was a most popular Prince, and ever ready to advance any good cause, especially in Masonry, and they were proud to look up to him as the Head of the British Empire.

In proposing "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said it was indeed a great honour for him to do so. They were all greatly indebted to them for their great work in upholding the dignity of the Craft and in preserving the ancient landmarks, for which they had their deepest gratitude.

In reply, Bro. A. Spaul expressed his most hearty thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers for such a cordial reception. The W.M. had spoken of the arduous duties which devolved upon the Grand Officers, and as far as he (Bro. Spaul) was concerned, it afforded them the greatest possible pleasure to do all they could to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Craft. He had known the W.M. for a great many years, and he was glad to see him installed into the chair of that illustrious lodge, which held so high a place in the annals of Freemasonry in promoting that good feeling among the brethren, and he was confident the present year would be no exception.

Bro. Shotton, I.P.M., next presented what he considered the toast of the evening—that of "The W.M.," which was received with acclamation, remarking the place of distinction he held that night gave him the honour of placing it before the brethren. The W.M. had gained the appreciation of all in the lodge, and he (the I.P.M.) was confident that the officers in the lodge would afford him all the assistance that lay in their power. They were all proud of the W.M., and the coming year was full of great promise and credit. He would ask the brethren to drink to the health of the W.M. most heartily, and wish him every happiness and success during his year of office.

The toast was most cordially drunk.

Bro. Septimus Croft, W.M., in reply, most heartily thanked the brethren, and appreciated all the kind remarks that had been said of him. That day was indeed a red-letter day in his life, having been installed into the chair of K.S.—so exalted a position—and his best endeavour would be to do his utmost for Freemasonry in general and the Aldersgate Lodge in particular. He hoped that when he delivered up the warrant of the lodge to his worthy successor it would remain as untarnished as he had received it.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was next proposed by the W.M., remarking he knew it would be most cordially received. It was indeed a great pleasure to him to be installed by so distinguished a Grand Lodge Officer as Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., whose rendering of the beautiful ceremony had deeply impressed the brethren and had thoroughly inspired them. In the name of the lodge, the W.M. wished the Installing Master every blessing.

On rising to respond, Bro. Sir J. P. Monckton, who received quite an ovation, thanked the brethren, by no means the first time in the lodge, as the installation ceremony in the Aldersgate Lodge had become quite an institution with him. He was, indeed, very pleased to install so worthy a brother as the W.M. One point struck him very much, that was the rapid advancement of their I.G., in obtaining which, it had taken him (Sir John) years to reach that position. He congratulated the lodge also upon its happy state and flourishing condition, and also for the hearty hospitality always shown to the brother visitor, who always formed so important a factor. He also paid a high compliment to Bro. Capt. Walls for acting as D. of C., which was always such an able assistance to the W.M., especially when one saw it carried out with such efficiency. He most cordially thanked the brethren for so kind a reception.

The toast of "The Visitors" received at the hands of the W.M. high eulogium, who remarked that there were many distinguished brethren present, and although many were not strangers among them, yet all present added lustre to the festive board, and their presence was most imposing in their ceremonies. He would endorse every word that had been said by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton with respect to Bro. Capt. Walls.

In reply, Bro. Capt. Walls said it was always a great pleasure to assist Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, so able an exponent of Freemasonry. He was very pleased to attend the lodge at the kind invitation of the W.M., in whom the lodge had a worthy successor to the I.P.M. He could not wonder at the W.M. being somewhat nervous in the presence of a P.G.W. of England, but the next time the W.M. took the chair that nervousness would have gone. With regard to the Aldersgate Lodge, so far as to numbers, which were prohibitive, although Masonry was a most powerful factor in the world, yet quality was preferable to quantity. It was the first time he had visited the lodge, but he had known Bro. George Kenning for over 21 years, and so long as the lodge had his valuable assistance everything would be admirably executed.

Bro. Bullock also most ably responded.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was most forcibly presented by the W.M., who remarked he felt somewhat diffident in occupying the position of W.M., until he had the unanimous hearty support promised him of the P.Ms., and only then he most readily accepted the position.

Bros. Shotton, P.M., and Anderton, P.M., admirably responded.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," remarking of the Treasurer that he was one of the dearest and oldest members, and one of the pillars of the lodge. Of their Bro. Kenning, P.M., Sec., who came to the help of the lodge in need and at a time when it would have been difficult for any other brother to take up the thread and bring the same to such a successful issue as he had done, in fact Bro. Kenning had proved a great friend and the lodge owed him a debt of deep gratitude.

The toast was most cordially received.

The Treasurer thanked the W.M. for such kind expressions towards him. He could not but express his regret at the resignation of Bro. Frohm, P.M., a respected P.M. in the lodge. He also paid a high compliment to the late Secretary, but was delighted to find the lodge had such an able Secretary in Bro. G. Kenning.

Bro. G. Kenning, Sec., also added his meed of praise to the late Secretary, and all regretted his death. He was proud to be one of the founders of the lodge, he was its first Treasurer, two years Master, and now its Secretary. Although it was some 20 years since he was Secretary before, yet it gave him great pleasure to act in that capacity now in this lodge and it would always be his endeavour to carry out the duties efficiently for the benefit of the lodge, and any duty he was called upon to perform he would most gladly do.

The toast of "The Officers" received at the hands of the Worshipful Master its just praise, and was ably replied to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful evening.

An excellent programme of music was provided, under the able direction of Bro. G. F. Smith (Professor Guildhall School of Music), P.M. 1706, 1839, 2182, and 2454, P.P.G.O. Essex, ably assisted by the Guildhall Glee Singers—Messrs. Arthur Burford, Fred. Williams, Herbert Simmons, and Charles Hinchliff. Bro. Smith ably presided at the pianoforte.

### United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128.

A regular meeting was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. R. Davison, W.M.; R. P. Keates, I.P.M.; W. B. Hextall, S.W.; E. C. R. Oxley, J.W.; W. H. Bullock, Sec.; W. E. Porter, S.D.; Wyatt Wirgrane, J.D.; G. J. Wood, D.C.; W. N. Haydon, I.G.; F. B. Wood, F.C.O., Org.; T. W. Chant, T. Moysey, and C. J. Weller, Stewards; H. Evenjen, Tyler; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.M.; G. F. Pringle, P.M.; H. Bevan, C. S. Ayling, Bolas, Hogg, Newton, Parkinson, Anson, Riley, R. S. Ayling, Munro, Hall, Town, Happold, and Walker. Visitors: Bros. Butler, 1687; Dryden, 1676; Horn, J.W. 1599; Cooper, 145; Gerlach, W.M. 145; Barry, 197; Jones, 1573; Spencer, J.D. 2218; Fox, W.M. 90; and Williams, J.W. 520.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet for 1895 was then brought up for consideration. It exhibited a very healthy state of affairs (the lodge being worth over £119 after providing for all liabilities), and was unanimously adopted. A ballot was then taken for Mr. A. Reed, jun., and, it proving unanimous, he was initiated by the W.M., who also passed Bro. Hogg to the Second Degree. The chair was then assumed by the I.P.M., Bro. R. P. Keates, who, in a masterly manner, raised Bros. Bevan, Town, Ayling, and Parkinson to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. A sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and £3 3s. to the "Henry Smith" Testimonial Fund. There were three propositions for next lodge—one initiate and two joining members.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial supper, presided over in genial fashion by the W.M.

A most enjoyable musical evening was spent, the contributing brethren being Bros. Gerlach, Fox, Wood, Haydon, Town, Bevan, and Walker.

### Swan of Avon Lodge, No. 2133.

The installation ceremony in connection with this young and prosperous lodge took place in the lodge room, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon, on the 4th inst., when there was a large assemblage of brethren and visitors. The new Master is Bro. W. Horton, one of the earliest made members, and the Installing Master was the W.M., Bro. Geo. Bird, another cygnet. The ceremony was very impressively performed, the charges being delivered with great distinctness and earnestness. The music, specially written for the lodge, was excellently rendered by Bro. Maries. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Barnard, S.W.; G. W. Everard, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Ward, Chap.; J. Smith, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. F. Kendall, Sec.; F. Gibbs, S.D.; S. Petter, J.D.; B. Bomford, H.G.; H. Maries, Org.; R. L. Greene, Std. Br.; E. Deer, D.C.; W. Stanton, Stwd.; F. W. Evans, Asst. Sec.; and W. Barnard, Charity Steward.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining room, where an elegant repast awaited them, provided by the indefatigable and successful Steward, Bro. W. Staunton. The tables were prettily decorated with flowers and art drapery, and the *coup d'œil* could not have been more enchanting.

After the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the W.M." was submitted in suitable terms by Bro. Geo. Bird, who predicted that the new Master would well maintain the prestige of the lodge, inasmuch as he had been a most constant attendant at the lodges of instruction, and had evinced the greatest zeal in Freemasonry.

In responding, the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for placing him in that responsible position, and said that although he could not hope to emulate some of those who had preceded him, no effort should be wanting on his part to discharge the duties in a manner that would be satisfactory to those who had honoured him with their confidence.

Bro. E. Deer then submitted, in eulogistic terms, "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Bird," and commented upon the singularly successful manner in which he had gone through the ceremony that day. When elected to the office the brethren felt that they had made an excellent appointment, but his assiduity and zeal, and the efficient manner in which he had acquitted himself of the various duties of his office were worthy of the best traditions even of the young lodge. Bro. Deer concluded by presenting Bro. Bird with an elegantly designed Past Master's jewel.

In response, Bro. Bird thanked Bro. Deer for the appreciative manner in which he had spoken of him. He also thanked his officers for the loyal assistance they had rendered him during his year of office, and attributed much of his success to their hearty co-operation. He had felt great interest in his work, and if he had given satisfaction to the brethren by the manner in which he had acquitted himself of his duties he felt amply repaid. He thought it was the duty of everyone appointed to be Master of his lodge to thoroughly master the duties pertaining to all the Degrees and also to undertake those of Installing Master. He read a letter he had received from Bro. the Marquis of Hertford expressing his inability to be present, and suggesting that as the lodge was making so much progress it might be found expedient to establish a Mark lodge in connection with it. Bro. Bird promised to bring the subject before the members in due course.

"The Health of the Visitors" was given by Bro. Boyden, and was responded to by Bros. Cooksey, P.G.T. Shropshire, and Beach, both of whom bore testimony to the splendid working of the lodge, which fully came up to anything they had seen.

Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, Bro. Maries presiding at the pianoforte.

### West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Stratford, on Thursday, the 6th inst., there being present Bros. R. Fielder, W.M.; G. W. Kidd, I.P.M.; G. Gwinn, S.W.; J. H. Pavitt, J.W.; the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, Chap.; F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; C. Mansfield, J.D.; J. Byford, jun., J.D.; W. G. Stone, D.C.; G. Bush, I.G.; H. Barrow and A. C. Lowry, Stewards; W. G. Norman, P.M.; J. Boulton, P.M.; E. Triggs, P.M.; A. Govier, P.M.; A. Reed, P.M.; J. H. McInerney, A. W. Robertson, A. Single, T. Porter, C. N. Watts, J. Ricketts, E. White, R. Holbrook, T. Threlford, G. R. Durrant, J. Reynolds, R. Ayton, W. Henry, G. A. McDowall, F. Pluck, T. C. Carter, A. A. Timbrell, E. Vallance, W. Maggs, C. R. Walker, H. B. Horsman, E. Savage, J. J. Richardson, Ernest Gray, F. Docksey, F. S. Collier, L. Angell, G. E. Buxton, T. F. D. uit, W. Volckman, W. H. Ridgley, W. A. Laver, T. J. Vallance, F. R. Branch, W. H. Turner, G. W. Reed, W. T. Spencer, J. Moore Smith, W. G. Holland, E. Mayes, and J. Page. Visitors: Bros. W. Gladding, J. Holland, J. Speller, F. Hamlett, C. Wells, J. A. O'Brien, J. Day, G. T. Gwinn, Bromhead, H. B. Brown, R. C. Read, E. Smith, R. Tarrant, C. Reeve, C. Wilkinson, J. R. Smith, G. Hamilton, H. Bantick, S. Woodcock, W. Gulling, G. Bird, and W. Beecroft.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Pluck was passed to the Second Degree. The installation of Bro. Gwinn was the next business, the ceremony being performed by Bro. G. W. Kidd in a very able manner, Bro. James Boulton, P.M., acting as D.C. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. R. Fielder, I.P.M.; J. H. Pavitt, S.W.; C. Mansfield, J.W.; the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, Chap.; G. Hay, Treas.; F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; J. Byford, jun., S.D.; G. Bush, J.D.; W. G. Stone, I.G.; H. Barrow, D.C.; A. C. Lowry and T. Threlford, Stewards; W. Graves, Org.; and M. Gross, Tyler. The usual handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Fielder, I.P.M., in recognition of his services during the past year. The Auditors' report and balance-sheet, showing a balance of £153, was received and adopted. The W.M. having notified his intention of representing the Boys' School at the next Festival, the sum of 50 guineas was voted to his list. This being the seventh year since the formation of the lodge, Bro. F. C. D. Fenn, who has been its Secretary from the first, was presented with a Secretary's jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Frederick Charles Dutton Fenn, P.M. 171, by the brethren of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, as a token of their high estimation of his invaluable services as Secretary of the lodge since its consecration in 1839." Also an illuminated address on vellum, inscribed: "Presented to Bro. Frederick Charles Dutton Fenn, P.M. 171, together with a watch and chain, by the brethren of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, as an expression of their high esteem and appreciation of his indefatigable exertions as their Secretary in promoting the welfare of the lodge from its consecration in 1839, and as a record of his able, impartial, and efficient conduct as an officer of the lodge, and to express the hope that he may for many years remain their Secretary, that the lodge may have the benefit of his valuable services, and that he may be blessed with a long life, health, happiness, and prosperity." The watch, which was of a most costly nature, also bore a suitable inscription.

The banquet took place in the Council Chamber, and was enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Bush, Ricketts, G. T. Gwinn, Barrow, Branch, Henry, and Edward Smith.

During the evening the Secretary gave some interesting particulars with respect to the progress of the lodge. It was consecrated on the 10th January, 1839, by the late Bro. Col. Shadwell Clarke, P.G.D., G. Sec., who, on that occasion, installed Bro. James Boulton, P.M. 1056 and 28, in the chair. Bro. E. Purdie was elected Treasurer, and the following is a list of the first officers: Bros. G. Hay, S.W.; A. Govier, J.W.; F. D. C. Fenn, Sec.; M. Gentry, S.D.; W. G. Norman, J.D.; E. Triggs, I.G.; A. Reed, D.C.; and G. W. Kidd and R. Fielder, Stwds. Commencing on that occasion with 19 founders, the lodge has since initiated 54 brethren into the ranks of the Order, and admitted 26 joining members, so-day its numbers amounted to 79. Since its formation, up to the end of the last financial year (December, 1895), the lodge has given the following amounts in Charity: Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons, £204 15s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £93 15s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £15 15s.; West Ham Hospital, £124 18s. 6d.; private members, £37 16s. Victoria Fund, £21; Seamen's Hospital, £25; and Canning Town Medical Relief, £21—total, £549 19s. 6d. Looking at the handsome balance in hand—previously referred to—this lodge has much to be proud of.

### Doric Lodge, No. 2359.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury. There was a capital muster of brethren present. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. M. Veal, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, the W.M. performed the ceremony of passing in a most perfect manner. The second ceremony in the same Degree was performed by Bro. C. E. Towell, P.M., and the working tools were presented by Bro. John Walker, S.W. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. M. Veal, W.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, I.P.M.

G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O. East and West Lancashire, D.C.; J. Walker, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; J. Ward, Sec.; F. Morgan, S.D.; J. Laurisch, J.D.; W. W. Wilkinson, I.G.; F. J. Brundrett, Org.; Sayers and Laurensen, Stwds.; C. E. Tewel, P.M.; Parr, F. B. Ratchford, Rousell, Barker, Jackson, Paine, Sharples, Jepson, Kay, Norris, Wardle, and Shiells. Visitors: Bros. J. Thornley, P.M. 287, P.G.S. Cheshire; J. Bowers, P.M. 1730; H. J. Newman, 1045; J. S. Done, 1496; and E. Nickson, 1045.

### Æsculapius Lodge, No. 2410.

The second ordinary meeting was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Bro. G. Crawford Thomson, M.D., the W.M., presided, supported by the following officers, members, and visitors: Bros. J. Pickett, M.D., I.P.M.; A. Nutt, S.W.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., J.W.; T. Dutton, M.D., Sec.; Rev. W. Harrison, M.A., Chap.; E. H. Ezard, M.D., S.D.; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M., J.D.; E. Clarke, M.D., Org.; Lewis Lewis and H. G. Blackmore, Stwds.; T. Shepperd, Acting Tyler; J. B. James, P.M.; R. J. Duncan Best, P.M.; J. R. Bosworth, G. Herschell, M.D., R. T. H. Bodilly, H. T. Sharp, W. Blaker, P.M.; L. Wilde, M.D., H. E. Simpson, C. M. Simpson, W. Arbuthnot Lane, M.S., T. H. Garland Wrighton, and A. P. Luff, M.D. Visitors: Bros. W. Kilpatrick, M.D., W.M. Orient, 108 (Victoria); A. Heald, P.M. 163; C. W. Gordon, P.M. Star of Central China, 511; T. B. Armstrong, 1856 (Victoria); R. H. Johnson, J.W. 1491; G. Rowell, F.R.C.S., 114; R. James, 1441; J. A. Goudge, 1830; and T. Wood, M.D., 48.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. the Rev. W. Harrison, M.A., and R. T. Hacker Bodilly, and delivered the traditional history. Messrs. W. Stacey Colman, M.D., M.R.C.P. London, and C. Hinson Broadhurst, L.R.C.P. London, M.R.C.S. England, were then initiated, which was impressively done by the W.M., who afterwards gave the charge. Bro. M. P. Mayo Collier, M.S.M.B. London, F.R.C.S. England, member of No. 8, was unanimously elected a joining member. Other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

After due justice had been done to a very good dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M. then proceeded to refer to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Dutton, P.M., the Secretary of the lodge, and to present him with a testimonial from its members, as a tribute to the unfailing courtesy and untiring energy displayed by him in the duties of his office. He drew attention to the fact that the lodge had been originated through the instrumentality of Bro. Brindley James, P.M., the first W.M. of the lodge, and Bro. Dutton. He took occasion to refer to the pleasure he had experienced, as an old friend and fellow-student of Bro. Dutton, in presenting him with the testimonial, which had been spontaneously and unanimously subscribed by the members of the lodge, as a token of their appreciation of the able and zealous manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office since its foundation; particular attention being drawn to the services rendered by him as Secretary to the Masonic smoking concert, held the previous year, to which its unqualified success was to a large extent attributable. The W.M., in well-chosen words and amidst much enthusiasm, presented the testimonial, which consisted of an elaborate spirit stand, kettle, and salver, suitably inscribed.

Bro. Dutton, in his reply, said he could find no words adequate to express his thanks to the W.M. and the members of the lodge for their gratifying recognition of his services, which had, to him, been a labour of love, and which had been rendered easy by the unvarying courtesy shown him by the members. Bro. Dutton further said that the only special credit he could take was the selection, in conjunction with his esteemed Bro. James, of the founders of the lodge, who had proved themselves such zealous and worthy officers. The present W.M., who was a fellow student and a very old friend, had always taken the keenest interest in every office he had held, and had more than justified his selection by the able manner in which he had rendered the Masonic ritual as W.M. Bro. Dutton also spoke of Bros. Nutt, Danford Thomas, Ezard, and Kiallmark—worthy founders, who would shortly undertake the duties of Master of the lodge to its advantage.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some capital songs by Bros. Heald, Best, Kiallmark, and Kilpatrick. Altogether the meeting was a great success.

### Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, when the following brethren were present: Bros. C. Sims, W.M.; C. Lamb, S.W.; J. Coote, J.W.; H. Lewis, J.D.; W. C. Tyler, I.G.; H. Visger, Treas.; E. Hall, Sec.; Price-Taylor, Stwd.; Drysdale, D.C.; J. S. Gregory, Tyler; W. T. Feldon, W. J. Taylor, F. Adams, and Col. Arnold. Visitors: Bros. Pynegar, W.M. 890; W. G. Sin mons, W.M. 1155; A. Rosedale, P.M. 1673; Evan Pullen, P.M. 1601; J. J. Brighshaw, P.M. 2256; D. Dryman, H. Ponter, F. D. Sardell, A. Featherstone, S. Reichheim, D. Battlett, G. W. Perry, A. B. Kingsford, F. Hall, and W. L. Bayley.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. W. T. Feldon having been passed to the Second Degree, Messrs. Albert Reichenheim, the Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., Alfred Yockelson, and F. C. Ward White were duly initiated, the ceremony being performed in an efficient and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. C. Sims. The lodge was then closed.

After an excellent dinner, supplied by Bro. Till, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A good programme of music was rendered by Bros. Bayley, Price-Taylor, Lamb, White, Pynegar, Taylor, Hale, and E. Hall.

### Starkie Lodge, No. 1070.

The annual installation took place in the Masonic Rooms, Lord-street, Southport, on Monday, the 3rd inst. The Earl of Lathom wrote, expressing his inability to be present, owing to the death of Prince Henry of Batterberg. The visitors present were Bros. Robert Wylie, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. West Lancashire; Cottam, P.P. G.S. of W.; Whitaker Bond, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Thos. Wray, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Adams, P.P.G.D.; W. A. Tidwell, S.W. 2325; J. W. Hudson, S.D. 2325; and S. Fawcett Cave, Asst. Sec. 2325. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. Rigby, P.A.G.D.C.; James Hesketh, P.M.; Judson, P.M.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R.; and J. Fletcher, P.P.G.D. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Morrison McLeod, Past S.G.W. of Derbyshire, and Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, was installed into the chair of the lodge by the retiring W.M., Bro. Max Isaacs, and the other officers appointed were Bros. Milner, S.W.; Isaac Platts, W.M., P.P.S.G.W., J.W.; G. Bayley, P.M., S.D.; John Long, J.D.; Jas. Platt, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. H. Barrow, P.P. G.D., Sec.; J. H. Robinson, D.C.; W. Platt, P.P.G. Treas., Org.; A. E. Smith, P.M., I.G.; and Rockcliffe, Tyler.

After the installation a dinner, served in capital style by Bro. Rockcliffe, was partaken of, and at intervals songs and quartettes were given by Bros. Robinson, Ridsdell, Cave, and W. Platt.

### Urban Lodge, No. 1196.

The installation meeting of this well-known and distinguished lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 11th inst., when a large number of members and visitors attended to honour Bro. James Seba Mountford, the W.M. elect, a very popular member of the lodge.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Geo. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., then occupied the chair, and proceeded with the important task of installing Bro. James Seba Mountford as W.M., which he did with precision and dignity. In an excellent manner the new W.M. invested his officers, giving a kind and appropriate word for each officer, and his remarks were received with great applause. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Percy B. Hollick, S.W.; Wm. Thomas, P.M. 2045, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx., Treas.; Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M., A.G.D.C., Sec.; Paul Alliston, P.M. 2047, S.D.; J. T. H. Bailey, J.D.; R. Manuel, P.M. 1196, D.C.; C. E. Tinney, P.M. 1319, Org.; J. R. Roberts, P.M. 1642, I.G.; R. H. Blatchford, P.M. 1196, C. E. Blore, P. H. Davy, and W. Hubert Smith, Stwds.; and J. Verry, Tyler. The delivery of the customary addresses was very ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Geo. E. Fairchild, and he is to be

heartily congratulated on the efficient manner in which he carried out the installation ceremony. Bro. Mountford, the new W.M., then initiated Dr. A. R. Hall, and his working of the ritual was excellent, and proved beyond doubt that the members had made a wise selection in unanimously electing him as W.M.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the large number of visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, which was well-served, under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. Gérards.

At the close of the repast, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, in earnest and happy terms.

In proposing "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said that those exalted brethren were indispensable, and it behoved all to follow in their footsteps. He made special reference to Bro. Geo. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., who, he said, was a very pleasant fellow and one of the best of Masons, and was much esteemed in the Urban Lodge. The great services he had rendered to the Craft were well-known, and if he had been appointed to a higher office at Grand Lodge, they would not have been surprised. It gave him very much pleasure to join his name with the toast of the Grand Officers.

Bro. G. E. Fairchild, on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He stated that he knew the great work done by the Grand Officers, and the special services rendered by Bros. Lord Lathom and Lord Mount Edgumbe to the Craft. There were many present who knew of the internal working of Masonry, without which Masonry could not exist. It had been his privilege to have had many opportunities of witnessing the work of those two Grand Officers. Many were hard workers, but, of course, some were ornamental. He was on the Board of Management of the Boys' School, and could testify that the Grand Officers who were on that Board did their utmost for that Institution, and the same remark applied to the Institution for Girls. That night was the 20th year of his existence as a Mason, when he was initiated in that lodge by Bro. J. Tickle.

In submitting the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. H. G. Glindoni, I.P.M., stated that it was a most pleasurable toast, but it was difficult after the eloquent speech of Bro. Fairchild to say anything about Masonry. The W.M.'s work that evening was admirable and he felt sure that during his year of office he would raise himself to the highest standard in the Craft. The more he knew him the more he admired him for his enthusiasm in Freemasonry, and at the end of his tether as their ruler he would prove, without the slightest doubt, one of the best of Masters the Urban Lodge had ever had.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. J. S. Mountford, W.M., on rising to respond was received with much enthusiasm. He said that no man could rise unmoved after their manifestation. He felt the applause was more for the chair than the man, but still he took a little of it for himself, which he appreciated. It was only seven years ago since he was initiated in the lodge, at which time he made up his mind to be W.M. He had now attained the height of his ambition and his efforts for Masonry would not cease when the time came for him to vacate the chair. Masonry taught them many things and they were better after being made Masons. One of the places where he had found peace was in his lodge and he had gone away with the knowledge that the lodge had been his haven of rest. He would do his utmost for the lodge and he trusted that his year of office would be a happy and prosperous one. It was his determination to represent the Girls' Institution as Steward. Last year he went up for the Boys, and he had also been Steward, unattached, for the Old People. He urged the members to give liberally to his list, and to make it in amount worthy of the lodge. He must not forget to mention the ladies, and that reminded him of the fact that the lodge was somewhat selfish, because they had never entertained the ladies, and he was anxious to remedy that by having a summer outing for the ladies' benefit—they certainly deserved it. It would be his earnest endeavour to please them all, and he hoped the younger members would go forward, and he sincerely trusted that at the end of his year of office to be able to hand over to his successor what he had received, as pure and unadulterated.

The W.M. gave "The I.P.M., Bro. H. G. Glindoni," and said it was a toast that would be received with enthusiasm. Bro. Glindoni had been through his trouble, and now he had cheers all round. The work he had done was to the delight and pleasure of all the members. All the world knew that he was a distinguished artist, and they knew that he was also a distinguished Mason. It was his pleasure and duty, on behalf of the lodge, to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and he thought that whatever jewel he might hereafter receive in Masonry, he would not honour it more than the one he then pinned on his breast.

Bro. H. G. Glindoni, I.P.M., on rising to respond, received a hearty welcome. He said that he was afraid that in his province as an artist it was not in his way to make a speech. He thanked the W.M. for his kind, but flattering, remarks, and he honoured the jewel. When he was initiated, he saw something in the future that was very high, indeed, and wondered if he could ever attain that high position, and he determined to make an effort to go forward, but afterwards he felt doubtful, and consulted his dear friend, Bro. Fairchild, who said certainly, he (Bro. Glindoni) must go through the chair. He then went to work with a will, starting at the bottom rung of the ladder, and he filled every office with the exception of that of J.D. He was afraid he was tiring the brethren, he would rather paint a picture than make a speech. The more he knew of Freemasonry the more he felt the influence of it. It brought a man to focus his ideas beyond the ordinary run of life. Masonry was a world of itself, and its beauties were unknown to the world at large. He thanked them for all the kindness he had received at their hands, and in again referring to the jewel, he said he did not think he deserved it.

In giving "The Initiate," which the W.M. remarked, was the toast of the evening. Initiates were the life's blood of Masonry, and without them their ranks would soon decrease. He had the pleasure of proposing the initiate, and it had been his great honour to initiate him. He ventured to think that he would be an acquisition to the lodge and the Craft, and they were glad to receive him, and that the more he knew of the members the better he would like them.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, as was the initiate, Bro. Dr. Hall, on rising to respond. In eloquent terms, he acknowledged the toast, observing that he was deeply impressed with the beautiful ceremony that he had gone through, and he could not adequately express his feelings in words.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed. They had a good number present, several of whom had travelled over a hundred miles to witness his installation, and he was honoured and appreciated by their presence. He had, however, many disappointments, the cause of which was the consecration of the Lewisham Lodge, Smethwick, which was taking place that evening; but he had received from Bro. George Salter (Mayor of West Bromwich) and others the following telegram: "Lewisham consecration great success. We send you 'Hearty good wishes' from Chambers, Lewisham, Jefferson, Salter, Wood, Kendrick, Holliday, Spencer, Major Spencer, Dartmouth, Pepper, St. James, and all of us." Time would not permit him to refer to all their guests individually, but he made special mention of Bros. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Payton, and the members of the St. James' Lodge, West Bromwich, Hart, Humble, G. H. Bailey, T. C. Thomas, Turner, and Frank Hughes, his (the W.M.'s) oldest and dearest friend in the world.

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., responded. He said that amongst the visitors he was perhaps one of the most frequent, but it was not often that he had to acknowledge the toast of the visitors. It had been a great treat to him to witness the excellent working of the installation ceremony, and the way Bro. Mountford, their new W.M., had performed his duties, would fully maintain the well-known traditions of the lodge. He specially referred to the three Institutions, remarking that he was glad the W.M. was going up as Steward for the Girls.

Bro. Payton said he thought it was somewhat presumptuous for a country member to address a London lodge, but he was glad to be there to witness the splendid working; it had not fallen to his lot to have seen better working of the ritual. The Worshipful Master's speech in reply to the toast of the W.M. was worth the journey from Birmingham to hear. There was a noble side in Freemasonry and the W.M. had touched upon it that evening and the remarks of the W.M. he should never forget. He thanked him for the kind invite to him and the other members from the St. James' Lodge, West Bromwich.

Bro. J. R. Humble said that he felt it a great privilege to be there, as it was the first London lodge he had ever attended. He had been a Mason for 30 years and one of his sons was shortly to be initiated. He was a member of seven provinces and he had never seen the installation ceremony better performed than he had that night.

Bro. G. H. Bailey stated that it was difficult to respond to the toast after the previous speakers. He felt quite at home, and he and the other visitors were proud to be there and they had been royally entertained.

Bros. G. N. Watts, Hart, F. H. B. Riddle, W.M. 173; A. G. Turner, H. Bishop,

Cummings, Barker, and R. T. West also acknowledged the toast, bearing testimony of the excellent working and the welcome the visitors had received.

Bro. Frank Hughes said that he had visited the lodge on many occasions, but when he was asked by the W.M. to come that evening he felt the command must be obeyed, because the W.M. was one of his dearest friends. It was a great pleasure to see the W.M. installed in a London lodge and he had been lucky in reaching the chair in so short a time. It often happened that it took 12 years to get into the chair. The W.M. had attained his exalted position through sheer merit, and he wished him in Masonry everything he could wish himself.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters and Treasurer and Secretary." He said the name of Bro. J. Pearson and the Urban Lodge would never be forgotten, and he coupled the names of Bros. Pearson, Haycock, and Tickle with the toast.

Bro. Pearson responded. He said that words had fallen from Bro. Fairchild that evening which took him back years ago, and he referred in feeling terms to many who had gone over to the great majority. He then found himself the "father" of the lodge, which he did with much regret, as so many had gone never to return. He had never seen the working better carried out than that night, and he wished the W.M. every happiness and prosperity during his term of office.

Bros. Haycock and Tickle also acknowledged the toast in very appropriate terms. In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. stated that time did not permit him to do it justice, and he associated with the toast the name of the S.W., Bro. P. B. Hollick.

In response, Bro. Hollick observed that he and his colleagues would do their utmost to assist the W.M.

A very grand evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

An excellent entertainment was carried out under the able direction of Bro. Charles E. Tinney, P.M. 1319, in which Miss Teresa Blamy, Miss Minnie Chamberlain, Miss Lily Von Kornatzki, Miss Nettie Atkinson, and Bro. Wm. Davies particularly distinguished themselves.

The proceedings throughout reflected great credit on the W.M. and the executive.

## Royal Arch.

### Bisley Chapter, No. 2317

The installation meeting of this young but flourishing chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there were present Comps. Maj. G. Collins, P.P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; C. F. Passmore, H.; James Webb, J.; J. H. Askham, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., S.E.; J. J. Black, S.N.; J. W. S. Morrison, A.S.; A. H. Gale, D.C.; C. Fulman, P.Z.; J. B. Wood, A. M. Kennett, and W. S. Jackson. Comp. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, P.A.G.S., was a visitor.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation confirmed, the installation ceremonies were proceeded with, and carried out in a most impressive manner. The minor offices were then successively invested, the Auditors' report received and adopted, the Charity Representative (Comp. J. B. S. Lancaster) re-elected, and a handsome P.Z.'s jewel presented to Comp. Maj. G. Collins for exceptional services rendered to the chapter during his year of office.

The companions afterwards dined together.

The following are the office-bearers for 1896: Comps. C. F. Passmore, M.E.Z.; J. Webb, H.; J. J. Black, J.; J. H. Askham, P.Z., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. H. Littleboy, S.W.; J. W. S. Morrison, P.S.; H. R. Adams, A.S.; A. H. Gale, A.S.; A. G. Clinton, D.C.; A. M. Kennet, Stwd.; and G. J. Mason, Janitor.

### Royal Naval and Military Chapter, No. 2404.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on the 4th instant, which was attended by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, this being the first anniversary of the chapter. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation of Principals, &c., was then most ably carried out by the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Francis Powell, P.P.G.S.B. Kent. The investiture of officers having been completed, the M.E.Z., Comp. Edward B. Stephens, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Comp. Powell for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of that day—carried by acclamation. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., with the following inscription upon it, viz.: "Presented to M.E.C. F. Powell, P.Z., &c, by the chapter for his eminent services on behalf of same. Feb., 1896."

The chapter was then closed, and an excellent banquet partaken of.

## Knights Templar.

### Loyal Volunteers Preceptory, No. 7.

The following were present at the Queen's Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Tuesday, the 4th instant, to witness the inauguration of Sir Knight John Wagstaffe, Constable, E.P. elect: Sir Knights G. W. Wagstaffe, E.P.; Walter Newton, P.E.P.; T. D. Foreman, Marshal; Joseph Leech, P.E.P., P.P.S.B., Treas.; A. W. Siddall, P.E.P., P.G. Sub-Marshal, Reg.; A. Shaw, Sub-Marshal; G. W. Davies, Capt. of Guard; James Bromley, Almoner; T. Bowers, P.E.P., 1st Aide-de-Camp; W. S. Higson, 2nd Aide-de-Camp; T. Potter, 1st Purs.; Wm. Higson, 2nd Purs.; T. Neale, Guard; J. Townley Trotter, Ernest Moss, E. Jackson, Geo. S. Smith, P.E.P., P.P.G.S.B. Lincs.; Charles H. Griffiths, F. W. Lean, P.E.P., P.P.V.C.; H. Gordon Small, E.P., P.G.M.; and John Smith.

The preceptory was opened by Sir Knight Geo. Wagstaffe, E.P., who performed the first part of the ceremony of installing three candidates, which he did very creditably indeed. Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswicke-Royds, G.C.T., V.E.G. Prior of Lancashire, had arranged to perform the ceremony of inauguration, but, he being unable to be present, the duties of that important function were taken by Sir Knight F. W. Lean, P.P.V.C., at a moment's notice, and we never remember seeing the ceremony better rendered nor more impressively. The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights John Wagstaffe, E.P.; Geo. Wagstaffe, P.E.P.; Walter Newton, Prelate; T. D. Foreman, Constable; Allen Shaw, Marshal; Joseph Leech, Treas.; A. W. Siddall, Reg.; G. W. Davies, Sub-Marshal; James Bromley, Captain of Guard; John T. Trotter, Almoner; D. S. Higson, 1st Aide-de-Camp; T. Potter, 2nd Aide-de-Camp; Wm. Higson, 1st Purs.; Evans Jackson, 2nd Purs.; and T. Neale, Guard.

## Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Wednesday at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, when there were present Bros. Spencer, W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; J. G. Robeson, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; J. Smith, P.M., Asst. Sec.; A. J. Rippin, S.D.; Greig, J.D.; Emden, P.M., I.G.; Talbot, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; Saunton, P.M.; Galey, Butcher, S. Rippin, Wise, Thomas, Pepe, Sarson, Fisher, Knight, and Fuller.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pepe being the candidate, after which Bro. Galey, very ably answering the questions, was passed to the Degree of F.C. Next Wednesday being officers' night of the mother lodge, and the first Wednesday in March kindly placed at the disposal of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, Bro. William Baker was unanimously elected to occupy the W.M.'s chair on the 11th March. The lodge was then closed in due form.

### TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th instant at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. S. Lazarus, W.M.; D. Hills, S.W.; W. Hinds, J.W.; N. Vallentine, Preceptor; J. Eisenmann, Treas.; J. A. Witthaus, Sec.; Trenner, S.D.; A. T. Budden, J.D.; Kendall, I.G.; Ornstein, Mortimer, James, Braham, and Rosenberger.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked. Bro. Lazarus having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hills, the W.M. elect of the mother lodge, the ceremony of installation of officers was rehearsed. The lodge was then closed.

### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. W. Merrett, W.M.; F. Jackson, P.M., S.W.; F. A. Zeppenfeld, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Willby, P.M., Sec.; A. Terry, S.D.; M. Beedle, J.D.; G. A. Sturgess, I.G.; W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler; R. Stebbings, P.M.; J. Hemmings, P.M.; J. Thom, P.M.; L. Genese, J. Mason, Wm. Cumberland, S. C. Cross, and L. Gunzel.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Mason. Bro. S. C. Cross, being the candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cross acting as candidate. The 2nd and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. J. Hemmings, P.M. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and at the first rising the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. F. Jackson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. W. Rapley, W.M.; E. Smith, S.W.; E. P. Woodman, J.W.; R. P. Upton, P.M., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. Isler, S.D.; M. Mirov, J.D.; J. E. Thomas, I.G.; E. J. Harrison, D. C. Ritchie, R. Eddie, G. J. Hanson, H. F. Facks, C. Weeden, P.M.; G. Yexley, G. A. Hopkins, A. F. Hardyment, C. C. Renaud, M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and C. R. Kemp.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Harrison being the candidate. Bro. Hanson then occupied the chair, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rapley being the candidate. Bro. Rapley resumed the position of W.M., and a portion of the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hopkins being the candidate. Bros. C. Weeden, P.M., and H. F. Facks were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Cope, M.E.Z.; Loader, H.; Dawson, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Phillips, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; West, Reed, Block, Durham, Hardman, and Cureton.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. G. W. Reed personating the candidate. Comp. G. W. Reed, 2182, was elected a member. Comp. J. Loader, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comps. T. Grumman, P.Z., was elected Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treasurer; and C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E., for the ensuing year. The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds, to be placed upon the list of Comp. T. Grumman, P.Z., the esteemed Preceptor, who is Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The chapter was then closed.

The annual supper will take place on April 17th, at 7 p.m., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell; Comp. T. Grumman, P.Z., will preside.

## Our Portrait Gallery.



BRO. JAMES SEBA MOUNTFORD,  
W.M. Urban Lodge, No. 1196,

was initiated in the Urban Lodge in January, 1889; has served every office in the lodge leading to the chair but one; served the office of Steward (Unattached) to the Old People at the Jubilee Festival in 1892; served the office as Steward and represented his lodge at the Boys' Festival in 1895; and is a Life Governor of both these Institutions. He intends to represent his lodge at the Girls' Festival this year, and become a Life Governor of this Institution. He was exalted into the Royal Arch Degree last year, and is 1st A.S. in the Urban Chapter. He is one of the founders of the new Fellowship Chapter, for which a charter was granted at the last Grand Convocation, and will take office in the chapter as 2nd A.S.



## Masonic and General Tidings.

SIR DONALD CURRIE will preside at the annual Court of Governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society, which will be held on Friday next, the 28th inst.

BRO. LORD AND LADY PIRBRIGHT have left their residence in Grosvenor-place for the Riviera, where they purpose taking up their quarters until after Easter.

IT HAS BEEN definitively arranged that the Duke of Connaught shall represent the Queen at the coronation of the Czar and Czari'za. His Royal Highness will be attended on his journey to Moscow by Bro. Colonel Egerton.

IT IS SAID that the Lords of the Admiralty intend commissioning a flotilla of four torpedo-boat destroyers for service in the Mediterranean. It is understood that they will be stationed at Malta for instruction purposes.

BRO. LORD MAYOR, Sir Walter Wilkin, has very kindly accepted the invitation of the Committee of the City of London General Pension Society to preside at their 77th annual festival, which will be held on Tuesday, the 24th prox.

A MEETING of the Board of Governors of Dulwich was held on Monday, when Lord Justice Davey was elected Chairman of that body in succession to the late Rev. Prebendary William Rogers, who held the appointment for many years.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Christian, left Osborne upon the conclusion of her visit to the Isle of Wight on Thursday afternoon, and having crossed the Solent on the Royal yacht to Gosport, travelled by special train to Windsor, where she arrived about 6 p.m.

THERE ARE grounds for believing that it is contemplation to omit the customary banquet by the Royal Academy on the Saturday preceding the opening of the Exhibition, out of respect to the memory of the late President, Lord Leighton. Special invitations, however, will be issued to view the pictures privately on the day in question.

THE TOPICAL INTEREST of the article on "Our Youngest M.Ps." and the thrilling incidents of "Dr. Nikola" and "Martin Hewitt," resulted in the February "Windsor Magazine" going out of print within 36 hours of publication. A further large edition is being printed to satisfy the heavy demand for this popular magazine, and will be ready in a few days.

BRO. THE REV. T. SELBY HENREY was inducted into the Vicarage of St. George, Old Brentford, by the Ven. Robinson Thornton, D.D., Archdeacon of Middlesex, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 5 p.m., an appropriate service, appointed by the Archdeacon, being held on the occasion. On the following day the Vicar "read himself" in at the afternoon service at 4 p.m.

LADY BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH distributed the battalion prizes to the London Scottish Volunteers at their headquarters, Buckingham Gate, on Monday, when in spite of the ungenial weather there was a good muster of the regiment. Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh acknowledged the vote of thanks passed by acclamation to her Ladyship for her kindness in attending. After the distribution there was a concert, in which the regimental pipers took a prominent part.

THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC COMMITTEE, at their meeting on Monday, took into consideration the reference from the Court of Common Council respecting the vacancy in the office of Principal of the School, caused by the death of Bro. Sir Joseph Barnaby. After considerable discussion the subject was referred to a Sub-Committee, and it will probably be some weeks before the Corporation will be able to proceed to election. It is considered that the new Principal's salary will be the same as the late Bro. Sir J. Barnaby received at the time of his death, namely, £1000 per annum.

A TERRIBLE FIRE occurred early on Sunday morning last at a house in Church-street, Soho, by which no less than eight persons were burned to death, while a ninth, who threw himself from a second-floor window, sustained such injuries that he has since died in Charing Cross Hospital. The cause of the fire is said to be unknown, but it is believed that it originated from a paraffin lamp. Another fatal fire occurred at a house in Chapman's Gardens, Bethnal Green, the occupant of the premises, a Mr. Frederick Ritta, being so fearfully burned, that he was removed to the hospital, where he died shortly afterwards.

ACCORDING TO THE *Irish Times*, a serious accident occurred to the Hon. Fredk. H. S. Roberts, son of Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., on the 11th instant. A hunter was being exercised in the grounds of Mr. Byrne, horse-dealer, at Mill Town, near Dublin, to which Mr. Roberts took a fancy, and, having obtained permission to mount it, he put it at a fence. The horse, however, over-jumped itself, and Mr. Roberts was pitched upon his head, sustaining severe concussion of the brain. The following day he was taken, in a still unconscious state, to the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, where he was attended by Surgeon Wheeler, and subsequently regained partial consciousness. We trust that Mr. Roberts will not suffer seriously from the accident.

THE ANNUAL distribution of prizes to the successful members of the Queen's Westminster Rifle Volunteers took place at the regimental headquarters in St. James's-street on Saturday last. The ceremony was performed by the Duchess of Westminster, among those present being the Duke of Westminster, who formerly commanded the regiment, the Secretary of State for War (the Marquis of Lansdowne) and the Marchioness of Lansdowne, Lady Howard Vincent, Lord and Lady Lech, Lady Ebury, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., and Lady Esther Smith; Bro. Sir F. Seager Hunt, M.P., and Lady Seager Hunt; Lady Lysons, and Sir Arthur and Lady Arnold. The regiment was said to be 1200 strong, and application was shortly to be made to the War Office for the formation of two additional companies.

THE YOUNGER SON of the Duke and Duchess of York was christened in the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Sandringham, on Monday. The church was beautifully decorated, and among those present were H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (who represented the Crown Prince of Denmark), H.R.H. the Princess of Wales (who represented the Queen), the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne, Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife), the Duke of Teck, the Prince of Leiningen, the Prince and Princess Adolphus of Teck, Lord Colville of Culross, the Home Secretary (Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P.) and Lady White Ridley, Sir Dighton and Lady Probyn, Sir Spencer Ponsonby, and others. The rite was administered by the Bishop of Norwich, assisted by the Rev. Edgar Sheppard, Sub Dean of the Chapels Royal, and other clergymen, the infant Prince receiving the names of Albert Frederick Arthur George. After the service the Prince and Princess of Wales entertained their guests at luncheon, the tenantry, the employees on the estate, and the servants being also entertained at dinner on the auspicious occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO FREEMASONRY.—A Manchester contemporary relates a little incident that will be highly gratifying to the brethren of the Masonic Craft. Four children, the eldest of whom is only 12 years old, have, we are told, completed a journey of 4000 miles without any other special protection than that which was willingly given by the officials and the fellow-travellers of their long trip. The quartette lost both their father and their mother within a month at Loomis, in the State of California, and the grandfather sent tickets from New York to some Masonic friends with a request that they would start the children on their way eastward. This was done, and at various points brethren (of the mystic tie to whom word had been sent met the train. The guards and conductors took pains to make the journey pleasant, and "even the haughty Pullman porter" is said to have relaxed his dignity and given them all the assistance in his power. At New Orleans they were transferred to the steamship Louisiana, and after the first difficulties of sea-sickness had been overcome the children found the sea voyage made as pleasant for them as the land journey had been. They met kindness everywhere, and all vied in trying to make them happy. The incident is a pleasant reminder to the cynical world that it is not quite as ill-natured as it sometimes supposes itself to be.

A GRAND SPECULATION, in these days of financial unrest, is a rare thing for people with spare capital to come across. It is, therefore, refreshing to know that in purchasing a box of Holloway's Pills good value for money can be obtained. They never fail to give instant relief from pain, and no disease can long withstand their purifying influence. A few appropriate doses at the proper period will prevent many a serious illness. Their primary action is upon the blood, stomach, liver, kidneys, and bowels. Their secondary action strengthens the nervous centres. No drug can be so harmless, yet so antagonistic to disorders caused by brain worry. The most perfect reliance may be placed upon their regulating and renovating virtues.

BRO. HENRY WRIGHT, P.M. Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, has been gazetted to the rank of Major. He became a Volunteer in 1873.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, attended by Lady Evelyn Moreton, informally visited the National Hospital for the Paralyzed (Albany Memorial), on Tuesday.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL DINNER of the Music Hall Benevolent Fund will take place at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday next. Mr. W. H. Bailey is to preside.

MR. LEONARD SMITHERS, of Arundel-street, Strand, has just published a small but remarkable catalogue of rare books and MSS., with illustrations of some choice bindings, one shilling each, post free, being charged for copies.

THE HON. LADY WHITE-RIDLEY, wife of the Home Secretary, will give an evening party at her residence in Carlton House Terrace, on Saturday next, the 29th inst., and a similar function on the Saturdays during the month of March.

H.M.S. PORCUPINE, the last of the three torpedo-boat destroyers, built and engined by Palmer's Iron and Shipbuilding Company, Jarrow, has just completed her official full-speed trial. A mean speed of 27.916 knots was attained.

A TERRIBLE OCCURRENCE happened at Santarem, about 50 miles from Lisbon, on Tuesday evening, when a fire broke out at the Artists' Club while a masked ball was being held, and a panic ensued. According to the latest advices 40 bodies have already been found.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) the 100th performance of the pantomime, "Cinderella," which has been played twice every day uninterruptedly since Boxing Day, will take place at Drury Lane Theatre. This is unprecedented in the history of pantomimes, even at "Old Drury."

A DINNER of the members and friends of the British Economic Association will be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Tuesday, the 24th March. Mr. Goschen, M.P., who is President of the Association, will take the chair, and the principal guest will be M. Léon Say.

A DINNER was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., in aid of the funds of the St. George's and St. James's Dispensary. In the course of the proceedings, subscriptions to the amount of close upon £500 were raised.

BRO. GLENESK has received a letter from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, in which the latter states that he has been commanded by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to congratulate his lordship and the other founders of the Drummond Pension in connection with the Printing Trade Charities, and to wish it every success.

AT THE MEETING of the Court of Aldermen held at the Guildhall, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Walter Wilkin, among those who applied for the Freedom of the City by redemption was Bro. C. S. Penley, "Charley's Aunt," who has taken up the livery of the Framework Knitters' Company.

THE SOCIETY OF FRENCH PROFESSORS IN ENGLAND were entertained, at the Mansion House, on Saturday last, when the prizes and certificates awarded in connection with recent examinations were distributed by Miss Wilkin. Alderman Sir Stuart Knill presided, and the Count de Saint Gny's represented the French Ambassador.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY has appointed the Bishop of Salisbury to preach the annual Spital sermon at Christ Church, Newgate-street, on the 7th April—Tuesday in Easter week—when Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of London will attend in State, and the Governors of the Royal Hospitals will be present.

THE ROYAL CAMBRIDGE FUND for the relief of necessitous soldiers which is administered by Bro. Viscount Wolseley as Commander-in-Chief now amounts to £36,916 4s. 3d., producing an income of £1254 3s. 6d. per annum. The number relieved during the past year was 452, the sum distributed amongst them being £1786 11s.

BRO. IINDSAY, R.W.M. of Lodge Dalhousie, Carnoustie, delivered an interesting lecture on Thursday, the 6th inst., to the brethren of St. Thomas Lodge on the "Origin and History of Freemasonry." His graphic narration was listened to with great attention and evident appreciation, and at the close, on the motion of Bro. Wilson, R.W.M. of St. Thomas Lodge, he received the hearty thanks of the meeting.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. Herbert Samuelson, son of Bro. Sir Bernhard Samuelson, and Sybil, only daughter of Maj. the Hon. Walter and Lady Eleanor Harbord, granddaughter of the Duke of Grafton, and niece of Bro. the Earl of Euston, was solemnised at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on Saturday afternoon last. Among those who attended the wedding were the Duke of Grafton, Bro. the Earl of Euston, and Lady Suffield, and the Hon. Judith and the Hon. Bridget Harbord.

IT HAS BEEN officially announced that H.R.H. the Princess of Wales will hold Drawing Rooms, on behalf of the Queen, at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, the 11th March, and on Tuesday, the 21st April. There will also be two Drawing Rooms in May, while, in addition to the Levee announced to be held by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Thursday, the 5th March, there will be one held, on behalf of the Queen, at St. James's Palace by the Duke of Connaught on Thursday, the 26th March.

THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL in behalf of the City of London General Pension Society will take place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 24th March. Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin has kindly consented to preside, and will be supported by the Sheriffs of London, while among the Stewards are Bros. the Duke of Leeds, the Duke of Fife, the Marquis of Breadalbane, Lord Ampt-hill, Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., Alderman N. Vaughan Morgan, Under-Sheriff Beard, and others.

BRO. THE REV. T. SELBY HENREY.—Bro. the Rev. J. Stephen Barras assisted on Saturday at the induction of Bro. the Rev. T. Selby Henrey, by the Archdeacon of Middlesex, to the living of St. George's, Old Brentford. An interesting feature of the ceremony was the reading of the lessons by Bro. Benjamin Norman (churchwarden of St. Botolph, Aldersgate), and Bro. Matthew R. Webb, J.P. (the solicitor of the parish.) Amongst those present at the service were the Rev. H. Sinclair, Mrs. M. A. Webb, Bro. Welsh, Bro. Robeson, Mrs. Ellis, Bro. William Baker, and nearly 40 other parishioners of St. Botolph's, Aldersgate.

A RAILWAY OFFICER'S JUBILEE.—Bro. George Abbott, P.M. 192, the district superintendent of the South-Eastern Railway at Charing-cross and Cannon-street, entered on his 50th year of service on Monday last. During this long period, Bro. Abbott has filled every grade in the coaching department. When the Cannon-street terminus was opened in September, 1866, he was appointed stationmaster, and he has ever since occupied that position. In February, 1890, the charge of Charing-cross terminus was also added to his duties. Bro. Abbott, although well on in years, has no present intention of retiring from the office he has so honourably filled.

BURMANS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The directors of the Crystal Palace have arranged, as one of the principal attractions of the coming season, a Burmese Village. It was only after much persuasion that the troupe of males and females consented to leave their country. They come from various parts of Upper and Lower Burmah, and have brought with them materials for a number of Burmese houses, which they will erect in the Palace. Within these they will each ply their several avocations illustrative of the chief industries of Burmah. An entertainment will also be given, which will include a Burmese play, singing, dancing, juggling, marionette performance, football as it is played in the streets of Burmah, instrumental music, &c. The show will commence on the 4th of May next.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.—"I shall never forget that breakfast in the historical house in which the famous breakfasts had taken place, and where so many good things had been said, as they appear in the pages of the 'Autocrat.' Of the meal itself there were almost as many dishes as one could have procured at that Piccadilly resort of gourmets, Hatchett's, when Pratti is on his mettle. It was not a mere tea and coffee affair, with rounds of toast, the inevitable egg, and strips of bacon; but there were solids, like cold chicken, veal patties, liver on toast, game, and Cumberland ham, with choice wines and acceptable Apollinaris Water, which capital diluent, by the way, is as popular a table tipple in the United States as it is in Europe. It was a veritable *embarras de richesses*. The Man of Letters was determined that his guests should have a variety to choose from.—"Dinners with Celebrities," by Howard Paul.