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## THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR 1895.

The practice which has been adopted of recent years of issuing with the voting papers for the School Elections in April the Statements of Account and Balance Sheets is one that cannot be too highly commended. Those who contribute so generously towards the maintenance of our Institutions are interested in knowing that their contributions are turned to the best possible account, and it is only from these Statements that they are enabled to obtain the desired information. The Articles and Notes which appear from time to time in these columns demonstrate clearly enough that so far as the educational training of the children is concerned, the conduct of the Authorities leaves nothing to be desired. The accounts enable us to judge for ourselves whether the results of that training are commensurate with the outlay incurred. It appears from the accounts of the

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for 1895, that the Income for that year amounted to £18,160 1s. 11d., the principal items being £15,900 10s. in respect of Donations and Subscriptions—in which are included the annual grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter amounting to £160 10s.—and £2108 3s. 2d. in respect of interest on invested capital. The expenditure was £13,419 16s. 2d., the principal items, stated in round figures, being: Provisions, £3211; clothing of children and pupil teachers, £1061; house expenses, £437; alterations and repairs, £858; drainage, £141; playgrounds, £126; rates, taxes, and insurance, School, £926; coal, gas, and water, £800; books, stationery, &c., £256; infirmary, £285; gratuities and outfits to girls on leaving, £328; salaries and wages, School, £2000, and offices, £1189; stationery, printing, &c., £680; and pensions, £210. The balance was £4740 5s. 9d., which, however, after allowing for depreciation in furniture in School and office and on freehold buildings, is set down at the reduced amount of £3277 7s. 4d. The capital account shows a total of £187,753 12s. 5d., as compared with £182,828 17s. 1d. in 1894, the difference being made up principally of the balance on the income and expenditure account, after allowing for depreciations, and the increased value of the Stocks held by the Institution; while from the balance-sheet we learn that the estimated value of the freehold land and buildings at St. John's Hill is £99,210 7s. 8d., and that the value of the investments is £81,341 5s. 7d., and of the furniture, &c., at the School and office, £6544 12s. 3d. We also learn that the sum of £4000 was expended during the year in the purchase of £3746 11s. 6d. India 3 per Cent. Stock, the said £4000 being included in the value already stated of the investments. From these particulars thus

summarily stated our readers will be able to form their own opinions as to whether the results of the training which the children receive during their stay in the School, as exhibited principally by the successes in the Cambridge Local and other public examinations which it is our privilege every now and then to record, are worth the outlay incurred in obtaining them. Having regard to the fact that the great object of the authorities is to bestow upon all those children who are unfortunately compelled to seek the benefits of the Institution the best possible middle-class education which money judiciously expended can procure, in order to fit them to earn by their own exertions an honest and honourable livelihood when they have grown to be young women, our opinion is that, to use a familiar phrase, the game is well worth the candle. We trust the evidences of the excellent training to which the girls are subjected will be found to have exercised its due influence on Stewards and intending donors and subscribers when the day appointed for the celebration of this year's Festival comes round.

The accounts of the

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

for 1895 are equally satisfactory. The Income from all sources amounted to £22,625 10s. 6d., the principal items being, as in the case of the sister Institution, £20,509 15s. 1d. in respect of Donations and Subscriptions; Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £160 10s.; and Interest on Invested Capital, £1757 2s. 10d. The expenditure reached £23,047 2s. 2d., of which £13,922 12s. 8d. was in respect of the School, and £9124 9s. 6d. for the purchase of additional Stock. The principal items of expenditure, as stated in round figures, were: For provisions, £2571; clothing, £1530; salaries and wages, £3915, of which £2787 was in respect of the Institution, and £1128 at the offices; rent, rates, taxes, &c., £568; gas, water, coals, &c., £770; linen, blankets, household requisites, &c., £359; repairs and renewals, £850; infirmary, £171; sanatorium, £380; postage, telegrams, &c., £257; printing and general stationery, £377; School stationery, books, &c., £133; education and maintenance of boys out of the Institution, £411; Pension Indemnity Fund, to close account, £224. From the balance-sheet we learn that the cost of the several Stocks held by the Institution is £60,775 6s. 1d., of which £51,650 16s. 7d. had been incurred to the 31st December, 1894, and £9124 9s. 6d., as already stated, was expended during the year 1895. In this are included the prices paid for the several Perpetual and Life Presentations held by sundry Provinces, as well as the amounts of sundry Prize Funds; and, in order to show how successfully the Institution has been administered under the present régime inaugurated in 1890, it should be mentioned that in that year the investments, roundly stated, amounted to no more than £17,500, so that during the past five years the invested capital has been augmented by some £42,500 worth of Stock of different kinds. The value of the land and buildings at Wood Green is set down at £30,400, no account being taken of the furniture, &c., at the School, the expenditure in respect of which is charged against Income. From these particulars the reader will be able to judge for himself whether the successes achieved by the boys at the Cambridge and other public Examinations, which it has been our privilege to record from time to time, and which serve to illustrate pretty accurately the value of the benefits conferred upon the School generally, are commensurate with the outlay which produces them; and here, as in the case of the Girls' School, and bearing in mind that the main object of the School Authorities is to bestow upon all the children that come under

their charge a middle-class training, such as will enable them to fight the battle of life, when they arrive at man's estate, with a reasonable prospect of success, we say unhesitatingly that the Expenditure, both as a whole and in all its several parts, is fully justified. We trust this, also, will have its due weight and influence with the Stewards and intending donors and subscribers when this year's Festival is celebrated in the month of June.

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**THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF  
NORTHERN CHINA.**

It is always pleasant to read about the doings of the Craft in the remoter Districts which hold under the Grand Lodge of England. Their lodges may be few in number, and the aggregate membership limited to a few hundreds, or not more than is often to be found in a single lodge in sundry of the jurisdictions in the United States. But, be their lodges and members few or many, it is gratifying to us to know that their meetings are held regularly; that their appointed duties fulfilled with care and circumspection, notwithstanding the difficulties with which, in these outlying stations, they are frequently beset; and that their monetary resources are, at all events, sufficient for their requirements. On the other hand, it must be equally satisfactory to them, and must encourage them to the observance of this greater care and regularity, when they find that their proceedings are the subject of favourable comment in the Metropolis of English Freemasonry.

The District of Northern China has but five lodges on the roll of its District Grand Lodge, namely, the Royal Sussex, No. 501, dating from the year 1841; the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, founded in 1849; and the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027, which dates from 1864—all meeting in Shanghai; the Doric, No. 1433, Chinkiang; and the Union, No. 1951, Tientsin, constituted in 1881. These lodges, or such of them as were in existence, were formed into a District Grand Lodge in 1877, under the presidency of Bro. CORNELIUS THORNE as District Grand Master. In 1886, he retired from office, and was succeeded by the present District Grand Master, Bro. JOHN IRWIN MILLER. Under the rule of both these brethren the duties of the various lodges have been faithfully and regularly carried out, while the District Grand Lodge authorities have looked after the interests of those under their charge in a manner which entitles them to the highest commendation. On the 7th January the District Grand Lodge held its regular Communication at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai. In the unavoidable absence, through long-continued illness, of the District Grand Master, Bro. LEWIS MOORE, Deputy District Grand Master, occupied the chair, and was supported by a majority of the District Grand Officers and the representatives of the three local lodges as well as by Past District Grand Master C. THORNE and Past Deputy District Grand Master T. W. KINGSMILL, Past A.G.D.C. of England. The Reports of the District Board of General Purposes at its Special and Regular Meetings in November and December respectively were taken as read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, there being nothing worthy of notice in the proceedings at either of the meetings, except that at the Special Meeting a difficulty which had arisen in the Doric Lodge as to the regularity of the election of the W.M. and officers was carefully considered and satisfactorily adjusted. The District Grand Treasurer's Statement of Accounts was on the whole satisfactory. There was a slight falling off in the Income as compared with that of 1894, while, as in that year, the Receipts were exceeded to a small extent by the Expenditure, but there remained a comfortable balance of 215.88 taels to the good as against 244.94 taels at the close of the previous account. After the election of a District Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year and the appointment and investiture of the new District Grand Officers, the District Grand Master in the chair read the address to the brethren which he had received from the District Grand Master, who, as we have said, was prevented from being in his place by serious illness, but who, nevertheless, took the opportunity of congratulating his District Grand Lodge on the prosperous condition of Masonry in Northern China, and the lodges on the satisfactory manner in which they had performed their duties. We cordially echo the

wish expressed by the District Grand Master in the chair when he had finished reading the District Grand Master's address, that the latter may be speedily restored to health, and that in the future the prosperity and efficiency of the lodges in the District may be maintained, and even increased, to the general good of the whole body of English Masonry.

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**FREEMASONRY IN NEW MEXICO.**

From time to time we are able to afford our readers an insight into the proceedings of one or other of the more influential of the Grand Lodges in North America, so that they may be in a position to judge for themselves to what extent there is a community of theory and practice in Freemasonry in the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. But there are some 50 Grand Lodges under the Stars and Stripes, and from the opportunities we have of learning something about their proceedings in some of those jurisdictions which have been more recently established, it is evident that the brethren have very crude ideas about Freemasonry and its organisation and principles. Let us take, for instance, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, which was founded in 1877, and held its 18th Annual Communication in October last. It has 21 lodges on its roll, with an aggregate membership of 883. From the review of the proceedings at its annual meeting, which is to be found in the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month, it appears that on the evening of the first day's session, the Grand Master dedicated the new Hall of Temple Lodge, No. 6, and that many ladies to whom invitations to be present on the occasion had been sent, witnessed the performance of the ceremony. In the report on Correspondence, Bro. MAX FROST, who edited or compiled it, lays down one or two doctrines which to the ears of an English Mason sound passing strange. Thus as regards non-affiliates, he considers that a Mason becomes such either because he has a fancied grievance against the Institution or some of its members, or because he has ceased to feel for it any general interest. In either case he would rather have him remain a non-affiliate than become a member of his own lodge on the ground that "he cannot in the nature of things do any good." This mode of disposing of the non-affiliate which so seriously vexes some of the American Grand Lodges undoubtedly has the merit of originality, but as our contemporary points out, there are many good men who would speedily affiliate if circumstances permitted, while as regards the failure of a Mason's general interest in the Craft, it remarks that the proper way to overcome this is to make every reasonable effort "to revive his interest." We also gather from this review that in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico a ballot is necessary for each of the three Degrees, and we are told that Bro. FROST upholds this custom, contending that "an Entered Apprentice has no right; that he is a probationer only; and that his only obligation is one of secrecy." We hope that ere many years have passed the Masons in New Mexico will know more about Freemasonry than they do at present.

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**THE MASONIC VETERANS' ASSOCIATIONS  
AND GENERAL J. C. SMITH, P.G.M.**

One of the most appropriate and successful of modern Masonic Associations is that of the *Veterans*, peculiar to the United States of America, and which originated in that great country. When and precisely where and by whom Masonic Veterans were formed into an Association I have not discovered, but any way, several have been started and are now very vigorous organisations. Before me are Transactions of the M.V.A. of the District of Columbia, from 1879 to 1890, in two parts, the Society having been inaugurated 20th August, 1879. General Albert Pike was elected the first President, with Dr. Albert G. Mackey, second in command, the meetings being numerous and of considerable interest, a special feature being the remarkable Addresses of the lamented Chief, whose aim was "to strengthen the ties of brotherhood, to promote more intimate social intercourse, to encourage younger Masons to be zealous and faithful in the work, and to give each other counsel and comfort," according to the basis of the Association.

Another pamphlet before me contains an account of the

fourth Annual Reunion of the M.V.A. of Minnesota, of which Dr. G. R. Metcalf is the President. It was formed on June 23rd, 1892. Another Organisation is that of Pennsylvania, which publishes an artistic Roll of members or *menu* card in each year, but not of the Proceedings. I believe this branch dates from 1880-1, soon after which some of us in this country were honoured with membership.

The Veterans of New York are also well to the fore, and have most enjoyable Annuals, some brethren in England being honorary members of this Body\*. The members must have been at least 21 years connected with the Fraternity, but in Connecticut 30 years' membership is required as the minimum. For *honorary* membership, their regulations as to 21 years' service are sometimes set aside, but it seems a pity so to do nevertheless.

The best known of the Associations, however, is that for the State of Illinois, which was inaugurated on January 13th, 1886, with Bro. De Witt C. Cregier (P.G.M.), as President, who was succeeded as Venerable Chief (apparently in the following year) by the zealous Craftsman, Gen. John Corson Smith, also a P.G.M. of Illinois, and one of the most popular and respected Masons in both hemispheres. The second annual reception was held at his mansion, known by the veterans as "Smith's Inn," because of the unbounded hospitality of the host and hostess, when the old form of the summons used by the extinct Grand Lodge of all England, held at York, became a feature of the invitation card, and has so continued to this day. There have been *nine* annual reports in all, viz., in 1887 (1st), 1888 (2nd), 1889 (4th report, but 3rd annual re-union), 1890 (5th), and year by year to that of 1895, just published, being the "tenth annual report." Throughout this period, Bro. Gil. W. Barnard has been the ever-genial and indefatigable Secretary and Treasurer.

The first report of proceedings occupied 12 pages, the last taking some 170 pages, besides many illustrations, a great increase in size being a feature of each subsequent issue from 1887 until the present magnificent annual, which eclipses all its predecessors, though some of the late ones have been hard to beat.

From "early candlelight" the veterans and their dames, with other invited guests, had been assembling at the celebrated and historic "Inn," at 65, Sibley-street, Chicago, on October 23rd, 1895, until the house was comfortably filled, nearly 300 being present. This was the tenth annual reception by General and Mrs. Smith, and at 9 p.m. the gavel sounded for the transaction of business by the veterans in the library. The decease of three veterans and six honorary members was announced. Over 40 new members were elected. General Smith's address was quite cosmopolitan in character, but briefer than usual, owing to the time taken up in examining the many curios and souvenirs of his most recent tour "Around the World" with his beloved daughter, Miss Ruth Smith, one of our best friends.

The letters of regret sent by the members and honorary associates scattered throughout Europe, Asia, Africa and America make very interesting reading, and run to some 40 pages, but the great feature of the volume is the racy and instructive description of a few of the many places visited by the General and his daughter, the lodges and other Masonic meetings attended by the Chief, and the sights witnessed by the father and daughter, who never seemed to have missed an opportunity or overlooked aught of interest wherever they voyaged or travelled, and who saw so many friends, making more as they journeyed onward, that even their excellent memories must be severely strained to enumerate names and residences of their hosts and hostesses, especially in Asia, and Great Britain, and Ireland. Their progress was more like that of monarchs than an esteemed American gentleman and his daughter. So popular has the General become, and so highly valued is honorary membership in the Illinois Veterans, that Bro. J. C. Smith's name is better known throughout the Masonic world than any other that I am familiar with. Several Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters are now on the register of this prosperous and distinguished Association, including H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England; Earl of Haddington, P.G.M. of Scotland; Idris Bey Ragheb, G.M. of Egypt; and Prince Rhodocanakis, P.G.M. of Greece. There are about 100 honorary members in all, some 20 being in England, and considerably over 300 active members.

The organisation might well be termed the *International* Masonic Veterans' Association, as the membership includes active and illustrious brethren of the Craft from nearly every civilised country under the globe. It is my firm conviction that no single branch of the Fraternity has done so much to promote peace and goodwill between the United States and this Country

\*Another Society for Maryland is also known to me by a pretty antique circular invitation to one of the meetings. Also one at Brooklyn. There is also a most vigorous Society for the State of Ohio, and others for various Grand Lodges, strong enough to maintain such useful Organisations in the U.S.A.

as the Illinois Masonic Veteran Society, not simply through the handsome compliment of honorary membership conferred upon prominent brethren in England, Ireland, Scotland, and India, &c., but especially through the numerous fraternal visits paid by General Smith, who, as an old fighting chief with several honourable scars, knows what war really is, and does his level best to make it impossible between the two great English speaking nations of the world.

The illustrations—costly and most artistic—are too numerous to mention in this article, but I should like to add that the attractive work has been printed and published in a most admirable manner by the firm of Rogers and Smith, of Chicago.

Whilst writing this article a circular has been received announcing the Annual General Meeting of the "National Masonic Veterans' Association" for England, at the Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 21st March, at 4 p.m. The Acting Secretary is my good friend Bro. F. Schmitger, and the membership includes a number of us Veterans connected with American organisations; being conducted on similar lines and in imitation of the originals "across the big pond."

W. J. HUGHAN.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. R. LORD, AT PLYMOUTH.

In recognition of long and valuable services to Freemasonry, and especially to its Charitable institutions, Bro. J. R. Lord, P.G.D.C. and P.P.G.T. Devon, was entertained at a high tea and presented with a testimonial from the brethren of the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall, at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, the 26th anniversary of his initiation into the Order. The presentation took the form of a splendidly-executed portrait of himself, an illuminated address, a smoker's cabinet, and a purse of gold. Nearly 100 brethren and ladies attended the tea, and at the presentation the company was largely augmented.

Bro. G. S. Strode Lowe, P.P.J.G.W., presided, supported by Bros. J. Quinn, P.J.G.W.; J. Gover, P.P.G.S.; Du Pre, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Allsford, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; R. Radmore, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Kinton Bond, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. Pike, P.P.G. Org.; J. Burns, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Merrifield, P.P.G. S. of W.; J. Parkhouse, P.P.G.D.; J. Gifford, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Cawsey, P.P. G.D.; W. Chapple, P.P.G.D.; R. J. Bird, P.P.G.T.; J. Rendle, P.P.G.O. Major Tracy, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Barton, W. Stanbury, G. Dusterville, Parker, T. Eyre, P. P. Pearce, W. Morgan, J. C. Hannaford, J. Stenlake, C. R. Stebbing, J. T. Allingham, Dr. Dutton, B. Widger, Vigers Harris, J. Jacobs, Wallis, A. J. Rider, C. Knight, and Dyke, and a large number of ladies. Bro. Lord's aged father was also amongst the company.

Bro. QUINN, in inviting the Chairman to present the testimonial, remarked that Freemasonry was characterised by very deep and serious lessons on life and conduct, and those lessons demanded of all Freemasons continuous study and devotion. Amongst true Freemasons there was a very earnest feeling of gratitude and pride in the fact that their ranks contained very many who conscientiously practised in their daily lives the lessons they learnt during their Masonic education, and who constantly strove to promote the highest aims of their great Brotherhood. But no catalogue of those most worthy to be honoured amongst them would be complete if it did not contain the name of John Russell Lord. In the performance of his Masonic duty, Bro. Lord displayed an unswerving loyalty to the great principles upon which Freemasonry was founded, an unflinching activity in the cause of all that was good, pure, and noble, an unceasing scorn of all that was mean, base, and wrong, an unflinching courage in the face of disappointment and opposition, and an unselfish surrender of himself to the good of the great cause he had so much at heart. His life and character proved most conclusively that he had learned one of the greatest lessons in life—that of all the powers which a man could command to influence his fellow men for good the strongest was the force of his own example. He did not know how to pay a proper tribute to the sterling merit of Bro. Lord, but if he paid him the simplest compliment he could think of he should pay him, perhaps, the only compliment which his modesty, which was equal to his merit, would accept. He was a grand Freemason. They were met that night to express their approbation of his conduct, and he had never performed any social duty with greater pleasure than he felt at that moment in calling upon the Chairman to present those gifts to Bro. Lord as a material token of their warm and fraternal regard.

The CHAIRMAN, in making the presentation, said Bro. Quinn had not praised Bro. Lord one iota too much. At all times Bro. Lord had thrown himself heart and soul into Freemasonry. Indeed, they could not find anyone in the county of Devon who had done harder or steadier work for the Order. Initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, in March, 1870, he shortly afterwards became Master of the lodge. Besides filling at one time the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, he had been appointed Permanent Director of Ceremonies. In the Knight Templar Degree, Mark Masonry, and Arch Masonry, he had also taken provincial rank. In the foundation of the Devon Masonic educational scheme he qualified as Life Governor, and for some time had acted as Treasurer of the fund, and he had also taken an active part in promoting other Masonic Charities. In asking his acceptance of the portrait and other gifts, he expressed the hope that he might live long to enjoy the esteem of the Masons of Devon and Cornwall.

Bro. ALLINGHAM read the illuminated address as follows:

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of some 500 subscribers, beg to ask your acceptance of these small tokens of our esteem and regard, which we tender to you as a slight recognition of our appreciation of the long and devoted services you have rendered to Freemasonry in general, and to this province in particular.

"We feel that no measure of intrinsic value could of itself express adequately the hearty good feelings we have towards you, hence we consider that a number of small subscriptions from your many friends would be more gratifying to you than a limited number of larger ones.

"We wish also to offer you our sincere thanks for that ever ready help and counsel which no personal inconvenience, or loss of time, has ever prevented you from cheerfully giving us. Providence has blessed you with a genial disposition

and has added to it that lofty purpose of character which is alone consistent with the highest and purest teachings of our Order.

"That this has been recognised by the Masons of the province, from the highest to the lowest, is evidenced by the facts that you have been made a permanent officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and that your brethren have called you to the Treasurership of the province, the Treasurership of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and to the Almonership of the district.

"We all join in the fervent desire that the Great Architect of the Universe may bestow upon you every earthly comfort, and in the hope that for many years to come we may have the benefit of your help and guidance, upon which we have been so long accustomed to rely.

"We trust, too, that when you look upon this address it will be some satisfaction to you to know that among your brother Masons you are looked upon as a most worthy man, a true friend, a willing counsellor, and an ornament to Freemasonry.

"Presentation Committee—W. Bros. Major G. S. Strode Lowe, D.P.G.M.M. Devon, P.P.J.G.W., Chairman; F. B. Westlake, P.P.S.G.D., Vice-Chairman; C. S. Stebbing, I.P.M. 156, Hon. Treas.; J. T. Allingham, P.M. 964, Hon. Sec."

Bro. LORD, in acknowledgment, said it was impossible for him to adequately express his deep sense of gratitude at such a manifestation of their kindness. He could not concede that he had done anything to entitle him to such an extremely kind recognition. Whatever services he had rendered to Freemasonry had been a pleasure to him to render. One of the greatest pleasures in his life was to be privileged to attend Masonic gatherings and to be engaged in Masonic work. Notwithstanding his own unworthiness, he appreciated to the fullest extent the handsome testimonial which they had presented to him, and as he could not convey to them in suitable language how thankful he was for such an expression of fraternal feeling, he asked them to accept the will for the deed and allow him to prove by actions how very much he appreciated their good wishes. He should ever endeavour to extend the principles of Freemasonry and to carry out in everyday life its grand teachings. He could only express his warmest thanks for the great kindness and consideration he had invariably received during his long connection with the Order to which he was so much attached.

Rising again, Bro. LORD handed over the portrait to the W.M. and brethren of Lodge No. 1247, with the request that it should be hung on the walls of the Masonic Club, and Bro. RENDLE accepted the trust on behalf of the lodge.

Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Testimonial Committee and Chairman.

An admirable musical programme was rendered under the direction of Bro. W. Willoughby and was succeeded later by dancing, which was kept up with spirit until a late hour.

### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE RANELAGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 834.

The annual supper took place on Friday the 13th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, Bro. Hans Scharien, W.M. elect, occupying the chair, and Bro. W. Hinds the Vice-chair.

After a substantial repast had been served in a very able manner by Bro. H. Blackman, the host, the usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

The CHAIRMAN gave "The Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction and its Preceptor and Secretary," which was drunk with enthusiasm, to which the Preceptor, Bro. A. WILLIAMS, P.M., replied in a felicitous manner, stating that it had been his ambition ever since his initiation to become a teacher in the Craft, and since he had risen to that honourable position it had been his constant care to instruct as fully as possible all the brethren who came to the lodge for that purpose, and particularly to keep up the prestige of the mother lodge for good working in all details of the Craft, and hoping that his exertions in that direction would be productive of the effect he desired to thank the brethren for the attention they had paid to him, and giving them some wholesome advice.

The SECRETARY also replied.

The CHAIRMAN then, on behalf of the members, presented a very handsome diamond and pearl breast-pin to the Preceptor, Bro. A. Williams, as a slight appreciation of his services and the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, with many kind remarks on his own part for the manner in which he had always been treated by the Preceptor, and hoping that he might live long to wear it, to which the Preceptor, Bro. A. WILLIAMS, replied, expressing the pleasure it gave him to be the recipient of such a substantial mark of esteem and brotherly love.

The W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. E. NEWLAND, in reply to the toast of "The Ranelagh Lodge," said he was pleased to see the lodge of instruction prospering so well, and hoped the brethren would excuse his frequent absence from attendance on account of his residence being so far away from Hammersmith, but felt that being so ably conducted, it was greatly conducive to the very efficient way in which the officers of the mother lodge performed their respective duties.

The proceedings of the evening were admirably carried out under the direction of the Committee, Bros. Hinds, Hide, Clayton, Scharien, and Cronin, the intervals being enlivened by songs by several members, the instrumental music being supplied by Mr. J. W. Josey.

### THE OLD MASONIANS.

The old boys of our School at Wood Green spent a very pleasant evening on Friday, the 13th instant, when they held at their head-quarters—Anderton's Hotel—their annual concert in aid of the Benevolent and Grant Fund of the Association. The President (Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.D.), presided over the gathering, which consisted of a very fair number of members and their lady friends.

A capital programme had been provided. Miss Amy Sadler charmingly rendered "Will he come?" (Sullivan) and "Rory O'More" (Lover); Miss Lily Winch delighted everybody with her two songs—"In the chimney corner" and "Rory Darlin'"—and Miss Blanche Dunnett, G.S.M., proved her thorough mastery of the instrument in her brilliant playing of the pianoforte solo, "Pluie de Corail" (Durand de Grau). The programme was further contributed by Bro. C. Patrick O'Doherty (O.M.), who sang "In love and war" (Dandridge), and, in conjunction with Mr. H. W. Orchard, admirably rendered the duet, "The moon hath raised her lamp above" (Benedict); Mr. H. W. Orchard also sang "I seek for thee in every flower." The Curfew Glee Singers were a great success in their rendering of "The banks of Allan Water," "Simple Simon," and "The catastrophe," earning well-deserved applause; Misses S. Hunt and A. H. Evans gave

the duet "Excelsior" (Balfe), and were heartily encored; and Mr. Wynne Morgan ably contributed "I'll sing thee songs of Araby" (Clay). Of the humorous portion, Bro. J. B. Sarjeant created a good deal of amusement with his two recitations—"Ferdinando and Elvira" and "Gentle Alice Brown" (W. S. Gilbert), and Mr. Fred Rome, F.O.S., also caused much laughter with his comic songs—"Ye simple maiding" and "Ye scientific man."

We must not forget to mention that the Chairman, Bro. Keyser, also joined in the concert by contributing two songs—"The widow Malone" and "John Peel"—the audience heartily taking up the chorus in the latter.

At the close of the concert Mr. R. S. CHANDLER (Hon. Treasurer), in a brief speech, pointed out that the object of the Benevolent Fund was to assist ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic School in their after life. He also drew the attention of members to the presence of three who he considered were amongst the staunchest supporters of their old School, namely, their President, Bro. Keyser, Treasurer of the School; their Past-President, Bro. Geo. Everett, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management; and their Past-President, Bro. J. M. McLeod, the School's energetic Secretary. Mr. Chandler, before concluding, thanked Bro. Keyser for presiding, and said the Old Masonians were proud to have the Treasurer of their School as their President, and hoped he would often come amongst them. He also thanked the artists for the able entertainment they had given during the evening.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, in response, said he was very glad to be present, for holding the position he did in connection with the School, he naturally felt the keenest interest in the Association which he looked upon as an outcome of part of our Masonic system. He said he thoroughly understood the need of such an Association, and of the good work it was able to do in giving a helping hand to young men at what is probably the most critical period of their lives. He added that he was also glad to notice that several of the members had recently become members of the Craft.

The evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

We might add that Mr. Chandler announced that contributions towards their Benevolent Fund had been received from Bros. Keyser, Col. Lambert, and Vassar-Smith; also that Bro. Ewen, Treasurer of the South Middlesex Lodge, had intimated to him during the evening that his lodge had decided to make an annual grant of one guinea towards their fund.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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The United Grand Lodge	...	...	£210 0 0
Province of Durham, Lodges and Subscribers (per Bro. R. Hudson), each Lodge having contributed, making a total of £66 6s.	...	...	44 4 0
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The Fidelity Lodge, No. 3	...	...	5 5 0
Scientific Lodge, No. 88 (per Bro. Major O. Papworth)	...	...	5 5 0
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The Pomfret Lodge, No. 360 (per Bro. Geo. Ellard)	...	...	5 5 0
The Excelsior Lodge, No. 617 (per Bro. J. M. Drysdale)	...	...	5 0 0
The Felicity Lodge, No. No. 58 (per Bro. W. J. Crump)	...	...	3 3 0
Royal Pavilion R.A. Chapter, No. 315 (per Comp. C. W. Hudson)	...	...	3 3 0
The Gallery Lodge, No. 1928 (per Bro. Robbins)	...	...	2 2 0
The Allied Degrees, No. 18, Chapter (per Bro. Margrett)	...	...	2 2 0
The Right Hon. the Earl of Amherst, P.G.M. Kent (Vice-Patron of Institution)	...	...	5 5 0
Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Kent (Vice-Patron of Institution)	...	...	5 5 0
Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, P.M. 19, (Vice-Patron of Institution)	...	...	2 2 0
Bro. Alf. Wood, S.W. 2426	...	...	2 2 0
Bro. J. W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight	...	...	2 2 0
Bro. W. H. Toye, P.M. 1278	...	...	1 1 0
Bro. Thos. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G.J. Bucks. (Vice-President of Institution)	...	...	1 1 0
Bro. Matthias Mather, No. 1661	...	...	1 1 0
Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.	...	...	1 1 0
Bro. Aubone S. Reed, No. 5	...	...	1 1 0
Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501 (per Bro. J. Bliss)	...	...	1 1 0
St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge, No. 1410 (per Bro. T. Taylor)	...	...	1 1 0
Carrington Lodge, No. 2421 (per Bro. J. J. Thomas)	...	...	1 1 0
Felix Lodge, No. 2371 (per Bro. Chas. H. Downes)	...	...	1 1 0
Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.G.W. Victoria, P.P.S.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland	...	...	1 1 0
The Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454 (per Bro. W. H. Cummings)	...	...	1 1 0

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. David Dixon Mercer, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, in the temporary absence of Bro. Robert Grey, President; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.G. Purst., was called to the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. H. Lee, W. Dodd, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department. Bro. Robert Grey, who had been attending a special Committee, presided later on, and Bro. D. D. Mercer took the seat of Senior Vice-President.

There were also present Bros. William Vincent, S. V. Abraham, Chas. Dairy, George B. Chapman, George R. Langley, S. H. Goldschmidt, Geo. Graveley, Henry Garrod, J. H. Matthews, W. Kipps, W. Fisher, Walter Martin, W. F. Smithson, James Bunker, Robert A. Gowan, W. M. Stiles, George H. Gabb, J. Warcup, Francis Wickstead, M.D., W. R. King, H. W. Mitten, A. C. Wood, George Nott, Thomas B. Fullwood, H. Massey, Ernest Van Putten, J. W. Burgess, A. Darch, Christopher Sims, S. H. C. Coles, Joseph Rushforth, D. Paillips, W. Beavis, W. A. Scurrah, Stephen Earl, W. Morton Roberts, E. W. Clarke, Rev. John H. Rose, and W. Cleghorn.

The Board first confirmed grants recommended to the Grand Master at the February meeting to the extent of £470, and added £10 to a grant of £10 made at the same meeting. There were 40 cases on the new list. These were qualified through lodges in the Metropolitan district, and at Ryde, Ealing, Bradford, Liverpool, Allahabad, Chata Nagpore, E.I., Ulverstone, Holyhead, Oldham, Southampton, Jarrow, Horsham, Halifax, N.S., Swansea, Keswick, Beccles, Harrow Station, Barnstaple, Plymouth, Lincoln, Great Torrington, and the Argentine Republic. One case was deferred, and two cases were dismissed. One petitioner had died since his petition was lodged. The Board made a total grant of £350, in addition to the extra £10 grant above noticed. One petitioner was recommended to Grand Lodge for £75; seven were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each; and seven for £30 each. Nine grants were made for £20 each; nine for £10 each; and three for £5 each.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

The annual meeting of Grand Council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The M. Ill. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, presided, and was supported by Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy G.M.; the Earl of Portarlington; Col. A. B. Cook, P.D.G.M.; F. Richardson, P.D.G.M.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Recorder; C. H. Driver, the Rev. Peek, the Rev. C. E. Wright, Stewart Brown, A. R. Carter, Balfour Cockburn, Clifford Probyn, E. M. Money, R. Clowes, P. Clowes, F. Bevan, R. Voisey, W. Vincent, W. Briant, and many others.

The Grand Council was formally opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting—which had been printed and circulated—were unanimously confirmed.

The GRAND RECORDER read a report of the progress of the Cryptic Rite during the past year, which was received and adopted.

Bro. BALFOUR COCKBURN nominated Bro. R. Berridge for re-election as Grand Treasurer. He said that Bro. Berridge had held the post for some years, and it was a matter of regret to them all that he was unable to be with them on the present occasion.

Bro. A. R. CARTER seconded the nomination, which was agreed to *nem. con.*

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then appointed the following Grand Officers:

Bro. Viscount Dungarvan ...	...	Deputy G.M.
" Earl of Portarlington ...	...	G. Insp. of Work.
" Rev. Peek ...	...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. C. E. Wright ...	...	
" R. Berridge... ..	...	G. Treasurer.
" C. F. Matier ... ..	...	G. Recorder.
" W. Briant ... ..	...	G. Lecturer.
" Balfour Cockburn ...	...	G.D.C.
" Youells ... ..	...	A.G.D.C.
" R. F. Wheeler ... ..	...	G. Con. of Council.
" Capt. Hearn ... ..	...	G. Capt. of Guards.
" F. Bevan ... ..	...	G. Organist.
" Gresham ... ..	...	} G. Marshals.
" Easterbrook ... ..	...	
" Maitland ... ..	...	} G. Stewards.
" F. Cleaves ... ..	...	
" H. Corbett Jones ...	...	
" E. Mills ... ..	...	G. Sentinel.

Grand Council was closed, and the Degree of Royal Master was afterwards exemplified by Bros. W. Vincent, R. Voisey, and W. Briant, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded.

A banquet was subsequently held at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston, which was well attended.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following additions to lists have been received since last week:

LONDON.		£	s.	d.	
Lodge.	907 Bro. Henry C. Jones...	...	1	1	0
	(raising his list to £97 2s. 6d.)				
	1608 " T. G. Forster ...	...	4	10	0
	(raising his list to £94 10s.)				
	2454 " George F. Smith ...	...	6	8	6
	(raising his list to £31 8s. 6d.)				
PROVINCES.					
MIDDLESEX.					
Lodge	778 Bro. Guy G. Repton ...	...	5	5	0
	(raising his list to £16 10s.)				

Mark Masonry.

Metham Lodge, No. 96.

The annual meeting was held at the Working Men's Hall, Plympton, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, when Bro. J. C. Revell was installed W.M. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Bros. Major Storde Lewis, D.P.G.M., and R. Hambly, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. J. R. Lord, P.P.J.G.W. Amongst others present were Bros. T. S. May, W. J. Stanbury, T. J. R. Challice, J. H. Blackell, and W. Pengelly. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Hambly, I.P.M.; J. Pearce, S.W.; W. T. Luke, J.W.; A. Booth, M.O.; E. Hendy, S.O.; W. Rowe, J.O.; J. H. Blackell, Treas.; T. J. R. Challice, Sec.; W. J. Stanbury, R. of M.; R. G. Cawse, S.D.; G. Stoneman, J.D.; T. S. May, Chap.; C. Cook, I.G.; and J. Gidley, Tyler. The Treasurer's accounts showed a very satisfactory balance in favour of the lodge.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181.

This lodge held a meeting at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 10th ultimo, when there were present, among others, Bros. E. W. Davis, I.P.M., P.P.G.O., as W.M., in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. G. Everett, P.P.G.M.O.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., as S.W.; R. W. Forge, J.W.; J. Hill, M.O.; H. R. Ubsdell, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.P.G.S.B.; and C. H. Köhler, P.P.A.G.D.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Fredk. Bonney was elected W.M.; W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. G. Everett, the lodge at the same time expressing a hope that he would soon be restored to health. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. Everett, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet was afterwards partaken of. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. in the chair gave the usual toasts with commendable brevity.

Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.G. Std. Br., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers"; Bro. H. Higgins, P.P.G.S.B., for "The Provincial Grand Officers"; and Bros. W. J. Porter and C. H. Köhler for "The Past Masters."

In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer," the acting W.M., on behalf of the members, congratulated Bro. W. Fisher on his excellent management of the finances of the lodge. The Audit report that night was a most favourable one, and he trusted that their Treasurer might be spared many years to extend his sphere of usefulness.

This pledge having been warmly received, Bro. Fisher returned thanks in a few words. The toast of "The Officers" concluded the proceedings.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

A meeting of this lodge was convened at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult. Among the members present were Bros. L. W. Harvey, W.M.; A. N. Clemow, P.M., as S.W.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S., as J.W.; T. B. Dolson, M.O.; N. Prower, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.S.O.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and W. H. Holroyd, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., S.W., was elected W.M., subject to a dispensation being granted, he not having passed the chair in a Craft lodge. Bro. N. Prower, M.A., P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard, Tyler. In recognition of Bro. Harvey's second year's occupancy of the chair, he was voted a gold bar to decorate his Past Master's jewel. Bro. Nelson Prower was unanimously nominated as a Grand Steward. Just before the lodge was about to close, Bro. Humphries, one of the candidates for advancement, presented himself, and was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. The resignation of Bro. S. Valentine, through failing health, was received with great regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., R. Burleton, S.O., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Evans. The W.M. presided, as usual, most genially, and in a double capacity, he being the W.C.N. of the Ark Mariners Council attached to the lodge.

Bro. T. B. Dodson contributed vocal harmony, and Bro. F. W. Driver read several original poems.

The proceedings were most enjoyable.

Knights Templar.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101.

The regular meeting of the above preceptory was held in Freemason's Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of the E.P. Frater W. N. Cheeseman, and the V.E. Sub-Prior, E. Frater T. B. Whythead.

The muster roll having been called, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for Comp. William Lowther Carrick, of the Cleveland Lodge and Dundas Chapter, and he was thereafter admitted and obligated by Frater Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P., M.A., and duly installed and saluted. The E.P. elect, Frater T. S. Brogden, was then presented, and was duly installed as E.P. by E. Frater Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P., and saluted according to ancient custom, and afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Fratres Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P. Prov. Prelate, Prelate; F. W. Halliwell, Prov. Sub-Marshal, Constable; Jas. Smith, P.P.G.O., Marshal; W. B. Dyson, P., Reg.; F. W. Halliwell, Treas.; C. Hollander, P.P. A.G.D.C., Sub-Marshal; W. N. Cochrane, P. Herald, Herald; W. D. Rudgard, Vex Belli; J. V. Cooper, Beauceant; J. T. Sellers, P., Banner Br.; and W. L. Carrick, Capt. of Gds. The alms having been collected, the brethren renewed their vows according to ancient custom, and the preceptory was closed, the E.P. retiring under the Arch of Steel.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Hilda Chapter, No. 23.

The installation meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Tuesday, the 10th instant. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. F. Rudd, 18°, was then presented, and, having answered the usual questions and been obligated, was impressively installed M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.M.W.S., 30°. The officers were appointed as follows: Ill. Bros. Rev. C. E. L. Wright, 30°, P.M.W.S., High Prelate; W. H. Attlay, 1st General; T. S. Brogden, 2nd General; F. W. Halliwell, Recorder and Treasurer; C. Hollander, G. Marshal; W. B. Dyson, P.M.W.S., Raphael; and J. T. Seller, P.M.W.S., Captain of Guards. The Installing Officer having addressed the officers on the principles of the Order and their duty thereto, the chapter was then closed.

Lodge and Chapter of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A most instructive and enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the above lodge on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, E.C., when the 15 Sections were worked under the able and courteous presidency of Bro. E. C. Talbot, P.M. 65, as W.M., supported by Bros. J. G. Milbourn, P.M., S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Jas. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Spencer, S.D.; William Baker, J.D.; and Huckell, I.G. There were also present: Bros. Roberts, P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; Emden, P.M.; T. Prior, P.M.; A. J. Rippin, Greig, Drake, Quiney, Carr, Butcher, Pépé, Strong, J. G. Robeson, J. Collins, White, Stokes, Spaul, Sarson (W.M. 192); Bateman, Bird, Dickason, Chubb, Scott, Barnes, Pitt, Griggs, Rix, Pearson, Sandland, Knight, and Fuller.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the following brethren assisted the W.M. in a very able manner with the 15 Sections, some of them most eloquently rendering their part of the ceremony, viz.: Bros. H. B. Spaul, the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sections; J. G. Milbourn, P.M., 2nd, 5th, 11th, and 12th; R. Sandland, 6th, 7th, and 14th; Greig, 8th and 13th; Hill, 9th; E. C. Talbot, P.M., 10th (Bro. Milbourn, P.M., as W.M. in this); and T. Prior, P.M., 15th. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren expressing themselves as highly delighted with the Masonic treat they had had, and the hope that it soon might be repeated. Next Wednesday will be the officers' night of the Mother Lodge, No. 65.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Cureton, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Lewis, J.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Cass, S.N.; Towers, P.S.; Eadle, Pullen, Hardman, and Aggleton.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Aggleton personating the candidate. Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The installation of the Third Chair will be rehearsed by Comp. Grummant, Preceptor, after the close of the exaltation ceremony on Friday, the 20th inst. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

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EXCURSION TRAINS will leave PADDINGTON as under:—

THURSDAY, April 2nd, 7.55 a.m.—For WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Taunton, Minehead, BARNSTAPLE, Ilfracombe, EXETER, Torquay, PLYMOUTH, &c., to return April 9th, 10th, or 11th.

11.10 a.m.—For OXFORD, BANBURY, Leamington, BIRMINGHAM, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Cheltenham, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, &c., to return April 7th, and from certain stations at option on April 6th.

12.5. noon.—For Newbury, Devizes, CLEVEDON, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Wells, YEOVIL, Bridport, DORCHESTER, WEYMOUTH, &c.; to return April 9th, 10th, or 11th.

Passengers to Clevedon and Weston-super-Mare can also return on April 6th or 7th.

12.10 noon and 11.10 p.m.—For BATH and BRISTOL, to return April 6th or 7th.

11.55 p.m.—For NEWPORT, CARDIFF, SWANSEA, Llanelly, Carmarthen, and New Milford, to return April 6th.

12.35 p.m.—For Chippenham, GLOUCESTER, CHELTENHAM, &c., to return April 6th, and from certain stations at option on April 7th.

GOOD FRIDAY, 9.20 a.m.—For READING, OXFORD, &c.; to return same day. Oxford passengers can also return April 6th.

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**To Correspondents.**  
J.B.—There is no objection whatever to the plan which your W.M. elect is desirous of carrying out. Many lodges, on their annual installation nights, make a point of having a special musical entertainment, and it by no means infrequently happens that among those who take part either vocally or instrumentally in the entertainment are ladies and gentlemen, for whose accommodation a separate room is provided. When their turn comes to sing or play, they are ushered into the dining hall, and when they have done their part they retire to their room. Thus they neither know or see anything of the strictly Masonic part of the proceedings.



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1896.  
**Masonic Notes.**

It is evident from the letters we invariably receive after the report of a Festival of one or other of our Institutions with its accompanying "Stewards' Lists" and "Analysis of Returns," has appeared in these columns that the vaguest notions prevail in the minds of some of our brethren as to the nature and extent of the responsibility which devolves upon us in connection with the lists. It may be as well, therefore, if we state that our responsibility is limited to the accurate reproduction of the information which is furnished to us by the Secretaries, who kindly and courteously afford us every facility for obtaining the Returns at the earliest possible date.

We have nothing whatever to do with the compilation of the Returns. We have nothing whatever to do with the distribution of the Stewards under London and the different Provinces they represent. We do not enter their names against the lodges or Provinces they

act for, neither do we furnish the amounts which appear against their respective names. All this is done by the Secretarial Staff of the Institution in whose behalf the Festival is held. We copy the Returns as prepared by them and reproduce them in the *Freemason*, and if our copy or reproduction is inaccurate, the blame to that extent and no further, is ours.

The Returns thus furnished by the Secretaries form the basis of those Analytical Articles which for the last 12 or 13 years have appeared in respect of every Festival which has been held. The responsibility for those Articles rests entirely with us, and whenever it has been shown that we have mis-stated a fact or that any opinion we have expressed is not justified by the circumstances, we have never hesitated to make the *amende honorable* as speedily and as fully as possible. As for anything in the nature of harsh criticism, we have always recognised that in the case of contributions voluntarily given to a Charitable Institution, remarks of such a character must be, to use the mildest form of expression, entirely out of place.

We have said that the vaguest notions appear to prevail in the minds of some brethren as to the nature and extent of our responsibility for the lists or Returns as published in these columns. Here, for instance, is a brother who writes that the statement in our Analysis of the Returns at the recent Benevolent Festival as to Worcestershire having been "saved from the absentee list" at the last moment by Bro. T. R. Arter is hardly the fact, on the ground that he—a member of a Worcestershire lodge—had placed £5 5s. on the list of a brother representing a lodge in another Province. We commend our brother for his contribution to the Institution. At the same time, we remind him of Hotspur's remark to his wife, "I will believe thou wilt not utter what thou dost not know." We knew nothing of his donation, and we ask him to believe that "we could not alter what we did not know."

But, even if we had been aware of his contribution Worcestershire, as far as he was concerned, would still have been unrepresented. A Province is "represented" when one or more brethren serve as Stewards for it collectively; when one or more of its lodges send up a Steward or Stewards; or when some of its members give their services as Stewards hailing from it, but Unattached. A donation which appears on somebody else's list outside the Province constitutes no claim for it to be returned as a "represented" Province.

Other complaints have reached us directly or indirectly, one being from a companion to the effect that credit was not given to his chapter for a donation which appeared upon some other list, while a brother suggests that donations from the Grand Lodge of an unrepresented Province and one of its lodges, amounting together to £63, should be added to the Festival total. We have ascertained that these sums have been received at the offices of the R.M.B.I., but as they form no part of the amount raised by the Board of Stewards at the recent Festival, we fail to see how the authorities of the Institution can act upon his suggestion.

But, not to weary our readers with an excess of explanation, we ask those who favour us with these complaints or suggestions, to bear in mind (1) that the Returns represent the work done by the Festival Stewards; (2) that they are furnished to us by the Secretaries; (3) that we know nothing whatever of the items contained in the lists; and (4) that we should be exceeding our duty if, without authority from the Secretaries, we took upon ourselves to return as represented a lodge or Province which sent up no Steward; or to add to or subtract from the amounts of the several lists. We are always ready to correct any mistakes we may be so unfortunate as to make; but we dare not alter the facts and figures which are supplied us for publication.

We have been requested to publish either the whole of the report of the Executive Committee of the Order of the Secret Monitor, which was adopted by the Grand Council in December last, or the more important paragraphs it contains. We trust we shall be able to find space for it in our next issue.

We have been requested to caution brethren against entertaining the requests for help of an elderly man who has been twice sentenced by London magistrates to hard labour as a rogue and vagabond, and is now calling at the private houses of brethren soliciting alms. The name on his card looks well, and is followed by the letters "B.A., T.C.D."

## 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.

### GUY'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As it is now officially announced that his Royal Highness, the M. W. G. M., will preside at the Festival for Guy's Hospital in May next, would it not be a graceful act on behalf of the Freemasons to support, in honour of His Royal Highness, that noble institution, and to prove to the world that we Freemasons are not such a selfish body as is generally reported?

To endow one bed would be £1000. A few influential members of Grand Lodge, inviting each lodge in England to subscribe £1 1s. would easily make up the amount.

Perhaps you, Bro. Editor, might take the lead and follow the steps of the *Daily Telegraph*, who succeeded in collecting £5000 for a single individual. I think it is worth while to give the matter a little consideration.—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

MAURICE SPIEGEL,  
P.M., P.Z.

March 17th.

### THE INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice it is announced in some of the daily papers that a movement is on foot to hold a Masonic meeting in connection with the Church Congress to be held in Shrewsbury in the Autumn of this year. As a member of the legal profession, may I be allowed to suggest that in connection with the annual provincial meetings of the Incorporated Law Society some recognition should be given by the lodges in the cities or towns where such meeting is held to members of the legal profession, who, being Masons, attend such meetings. I have attended some of the meetings, and find that the local authorities, clubs, institutes, &c., all vie with each other in endeavouring to welcome the members and rendering their visit a pleasant and instructive one. So far, however, I have not heard of any effort on the part of Freemasons to welcome their brethren in the Craft. This year, I believe the meeting will be held in Birmingham on the 5th October and following days. Here is a grand chance for the brethren of the Metropolis of the Midlands to inaugurate a new departure for entertaining their Masonic brethren of the legal profession in their proverbial style. I would suggest the working of the Sections or the Third Degree.—Yours fraternally,

A P.P.G. REG.

## Reviews.

"THE AUSTRALIAN KEYSTONE," Collins-street East, Melbourne.—The issue of the 1st February contains, unfortunately, the announcements of the death of two distinguished brethren, of whom one, we regret to say, is Bro. E. O. Giblin, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. There are also full reports of the meetings of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria on the 27th January, and of the regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on the 11th December, 1895, as well as reports of numerous lodge meetings, &c., and also of that of the Masters' and Wardens' Association, on the 20th January, when a paper, entitled "Chips from the Chisel," was read by Bro. H. G. L. Batten, P.M., P.S.G.D. This paper is given in full, and to it are appended a series of editorial comments on the principal points considered by the lecturer. A vote of thanks, we are told, was most cordially voted to Bro. Batten, after which followed the discussion on the paper entitled "The Privileges and Responsibilities of a W.M.," which had been read by Bro. E. H. Williams, P.M., at the previous October meeting of the Association. The number is an excellent one throughout, and contains also the portraits of two Worshipful Masters, of whom one—Bro. Dr. F. W. W. Morton—is described as W.M. of the Melbourne University Lodge, No. 171, (V.C.), and of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752 (E.C.).

"VOICE OF MASONRY"—Chicago, Illinois.—The opening contribution by Bro. Augustus C. L. Arnold, LL.D., entitled, "Odinic Doing," contains an account of the "Mighty Life and Vast Influence" of Odin, and describes in admirable style what the writer gives as the "Rude Attempts in a Rude Age to Realise the Ideal Brotherhood." The article, which contains a detailed account of the initiation of Gylfi by Odin, is well put together, and in every way an interesting and creditable production. Bro. W. E. Ginther's "What is Freemasonry?" and Bro. Boutelle's "Man of Mount Moriah," are continued, and there are, as usual, many pages of "Masonic Gleanings," in which are reviewed the proceedings of sundry Grand Lodges, Chapters, Conclaves, and Councils. The portrait which serves as a frontispiece is that of Bro. William Washington, Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of Indiana.

"THE INDIAN FREEMASON."—The contents of the January number, which begins a new volume, are more varied and undoubtedly more interesting than usual. A further instalment of Bro. D'Crue's "History of Freemasonry in Bengal," which is compiled from the Records of the District Grand Lodge, is the opening contribution, and our one regret in connection with it is that the instalments are so short, especially when an event in the career of the District Grand Lodge, such as that in which Bros. Fenwick and Williamson figure so conspicuously, is spread over two or three numbers and important documents, like Grand Secretary White's letter relating to it are cut in two. A reader's interest in a work of this kind is apt to wane when an important matter like this is spread over several numbers. Other articles include a sketch of the Masonic career of Bro. W. H. Filze, P.G.D. England, Past Deputy D.G.M. Bengal, accompanying a capital portrait of that distinguished brother; a first instalment of the History of "Charity," No. 563 (E.C.), founded in Umballa in 1849—by a clerical error the date is given as 1894, while "Umballa" is printed "Ambula"—and a report of the half-yearly meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay. There are also the usual Editorial Notes and a number of reports of lodges and other bodies, with a list of the newly-appointed officers of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal.

THE "MASONIC CHRONICLE"—Columbus, Ohio—for February opens with the concluding portion of "The Land of the Pharaohs and Birthplace of the Prophet Moses," by Bro. Gen. John C. Smith, Past Grand Master, Illinois. There are also to be found lists of the newly-appointed officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the Grand Chapter of New York, "Some Morgan Reminiscences," quoted from the *Kansas Freemason*, and a well thought out after-dinner speech delivered by Comp. R. A. Jones at a banquet given by Tacoma Chapter, No. 4, to Seattle Chapter, No. 3.

"TEXAS FREEMASON"—San Antonio and Houston, Texas.—The March number opens well with a biographical sketch of Bro. W. S. Fly, Past G. Master, accompanied by a portrait, which has all the appearance of being an excellent likeness. There are also some excellent editorial "Notes," and plenty of readable matter. But the most interesting of all the contributions is the report of the "Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Members of Holland Lodge, No. 1," which was held in Houston on the 30th January last, at which there were present as the guests of honour three out of the four veterans of the lodge—the fourth being prevented from attending by illness—whose

Masonic career had lasted for 50 years and upwards, namely, Bro. the Hon. Frank R. Lubbock, who was raised to the Degree of M.M. on the 28th December, 1837—he being the first initiate of the lodge, which had only been warranted the year previous by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; Bro. Robert Brewster, who was raised 22nd February, 1844; and Bro. A. J. Burke, who was raised on the 11th August, 1845. The absentee veteran, Bro. W. M. Rice, who was prevented by illness, as we have said, from accepting the invitation of the lodge, was raised on the 24th January, 1843. About 100 brethren were present at this interesting festive meeting, and as may well be imagined, the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, such a gathering being almost unique in the history of any Grand Lodge, whether having jurisdiction within or outside the limits of the United States. Among the speakers was Bro. Lubbock, who mentioned incidentally that he was 22 years of age when he was made, and who gave many of his earliest reminiscences of early Masonry.

"THE NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN."—Faatherston-street, Wellington (N.Z.)—The February number contains, in addition to reports of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and private lodge proceedings, an article on "Uniformity of Ritual," in which our contemporary, though not insisting on verbal uniformity, expresses his opinion that the system of work adopted in every jurisdiction should be uniform in essentials, and it laments that the intentions of the founders of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand to formulate a ritual which should be generally adopted by the lodges of its Constitution has not been carried out. There is also another very interesting article on the subject of "Making Masons at Sight," in which the explanations offered by Bros. Paton and Dr. Oliver in respect of this alleged prerogative of a Grand Master are quoted at length. Our worthy contemporary however, has fallen into the mistake of giving precedence to Paton over Oliver. It was not the latter who, "in his 'Jurisprudence' follows clearly on the lines indicated by Paton," but Paton, who followed Oliver.

THE KEYSTONE—237-9, Dock-street, Philadelphia.—We learn from the article in the issue of the 7th instant that the revised edition of the "Ahiman Rezon," which was unanimously adopted at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in December last, has been sent to all the lodges in the jurisdiction. We learn from the same source that the Committee which was charged with the revision, and was composed of brethren whose abilities are recognised on all sides, have directed their efforts principally "to secure clearness, simplicity, and uniformity." They have endeavoured—and, from the fact of their Grand Lodge having accepted the result of their labours, we presume successfully—"to bring into harmony all the various laws and Regulations that have been made at various times, so that there may be no uncertainty or diversity; and seeming contradictions have been obviated." From the "Masonic Notes" we learn that at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 4th instant, the memorial tablet in honour of the late Bro. the Hon. Richard Vaux, Past Grand Master, was presented to the Grand Master by Bro. Conrad B. Day, Past Grand Master, and accepted and entrusted to the Temple Committee with a view to its being suitably placed in the Temple.

## Craft Masonry.

### Zetland Lodge, No. 852.

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Salford. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. W. Sidebottom, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were the ceremonies on the summons of two passings and one raising. The two former were performed by the W.M. and the latter by Bro. R. B. Robinson, I.P.M.

The following were present: Bros. A. W. Sidebottom, W.M.; R. B. Robinson, I.P.M.; T. Hulme, S.W.; J. D. Walley, Sec.; T. A. Turner, S.D.; G. Hackin, J.D.; T. Pike, P.P.G.S.B., acting J.W.; W. H. Fulford, P.M.; J. W. Booth, P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; James Patterson, James Laycock, E. A. Robinson, J. J. Shawcross, Wm. Ingram, E. A. Peat, R. Bradshaw, J. W. D. Page, W. Price, John Ingle, R. Lovell, John Binks; E. Denton, W. H. Wood, W. J. Chisholm, A. Downs, G. Baker, F. Baghuti, W. Egan, W. Bannington, J. Blockwell, James Bradbury, and B. Burnett. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Bee, P.A.G.D.C. East Lancs.; G. A. Myers, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancs.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O. East and West Lancs.; and E. Hurlong.

### City of London Lodge, No. 901.

There was a large attendance of brethren at the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 16th instant. Bro. F. Eade, W.M., completed a satisfactory year of office, and was succeeded by Bro. M. T. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex, who is well known in metropolitan Masonic circles. The members in attendance included Bros. F. Eade, W.M.; R. Gillard, I.P.M.; P. C. Rogers, S.W.; M. T. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex, J.W.; J. Hatton, Sec.; G. English, S.D.; R. W. Dobing, J.D.; W. H. Key, D.C.; W. H. Haylock; J. F. Haskins, Org.; S. E. Green and E. W. Barnes, Stwds.; W. R. Haylock, P.M.; E. Venner, P.M.; A. Ginger, P.M.; G. Gross, P.M.; H. Harbord, P.M.; J. Hoddinott, P.M.; J. Laurence, P.M.; and G. Rubardt, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Coles, P.M. 20; J. Pratt, S.W. 1744; J. Birks, J.W. 95; J. W. Clarke, P.M. 1512; A. H. Haskins, P.M. 228; J. Day, I.P.M. 212; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; D. Bushell, 1158; W. G. Dickenson, 2535; G. R. Nichols, W.M. 700; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177, P.P.G.D.C. Essex; W. J. Rogerson, W.M. 2394, P.P.G.D.C. Notts; W. E. Blake, Sec. 2467; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd.; H. J. Slade, 2272; T. Davies, S.D. 1381; A. McDowell, P.P.G.D.C. Bucks; Dr. J. H. Frye, P.M. 201; F. S. Guy, Prov. J.G.W. Essex; A. Chinnery, 1366; J. H. Magrath, 1306; F. Penn, 2550; C. J. Butler, 1627; A. H. Cole, I.P.M. 1744; T. Jefferies, W.M. 1744; H. Willans, 820; H. C. Cater, J. W. Clifford, J. M. Ledlie, 77 (I.C.); Egbert Roberts, P.M. 917; M. Skene, 2032; J. Hay, 780; J. Bayne, Org. 1288; W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a satisfactory audit report adopted. Bro. London was raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Bro. M. T. Tuck was next presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S., after which he invested the following officers: Bros. Freuk, Eade, P.M., I.P.M.; P. C. Rogers, S.W.; G. English, J.W.; David Hughes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; J. Hatton, Sec.; R. W. Dobing, S.D.; W. H. Haylock, jun., J.D.; W. H. Key, I.P.G.; R. Gillard, P.M., D.C.; S. E. Green, A.D.C.; F. J. Haskins, Ph.D., &c., P.P.G.O. Essex, Org.; A. Ginger, P.M., E. W. Barnes, and H. H. Broughton, Stewards; and Turbefield, Tyler. Mr. T. B. Turnham was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in an able and impressive manner. A sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward, and this amount was considerably augmented by the brethren later in the evening. It was unanimously agreed to hold a summer gathering, and Bro. Haylock, P.M., was again appointed Sec. of the Committee.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the length of an excellent musical programme, the W.M. set a commendable example of brevity in proposing the usual toasts.

Bro. E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., having been called upon to reply for "The Grand Officers," said that although a Past Grand Steward, he did not rank as a Grand Officer. He could, however, testify, to the fact that the Grand Officers did all they could to encourage the prosperity of the Craft and the brethren generally.

Bro. F. Eade, I.P.M., then said he had to propose "The Health of the W.M.," which they would all welcome with the greatest pleasure. It required very few words to recommend the toast to their notice, as Bro. Tuck was well known in that lodge, in which he was initiated, and he was also a Past Master of another lodge. They were all pleased to see Bro. Tuck installed in the chair of his mother lodge, as he was a distinguished ornament in it, and would give credit to the lodge and the position he held. Nothing would be left undone by him to uphold the dignity of the lodge; and they all trusted he would live long to enjoy his honours and their friendship.

Bro. M. T. Tuck, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for having spoken so kindly of him in terms he did not deserve, and also thanked the brethren for their kindly reception of the toast. They had conferred the greatest Masonic honour upon him he could achieve in installing him in the chair of his mother lodge. He fully

appreciated that honour, and it would be his earnest endeavour not to disgrace the lodge, and he trusted a year hence to receive the same kindly and fraternal greeting.

The W.M. then said he had to propose "The Health of the I.P.M." They had had a good sample of a Master in Bro. Eade, who had performed his duties in a conscientious and able manner. The officers, in order to show their appreciation of his work, asked Bro. Eade to accept a Past Master's collar. The brethren generally had voted him a Past Master's jewel, which he (the W.M.) had the pleasure of pinning on his breast, and it was the sincere wish of all the members that Bro. Eade would be spared for many years to be with them as a Past Master.

Bro. F. Eade, I.P.M., thanked them for that mark of their esteem. If his services had met with their approbation, he was sure they had not been detrimental to the honour and dignity of the lodge. It had been an exceedingly pleasant year, for he had received nothing but kindness from the brethren, and it would be a red-letter day in the history of his life to have received that jewel from the members. He trusted to live to enjoy the respect of all the brethren, and rank amongst them as a Past Master who had conscientiously done his duty in every shape and form. He could only express his thanks for the more than courteous manner in which they had always received him.

"The Initiate" was next given, and replied to by Bro. Turnham.

In proposing "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master said the lodge was at all times pleased to welcome visitors, and he was proud to see such a distinguished array that night.

Bros. Guy and Jefferies replied, also.

Bro. Dr. Ledlie, 77 (I.C.), who said that was the second occasion on which he had enjoyed their hospitality, and seen the very efficient manner in which the work was carried out.

Other toasts were given before the pleasant proceedings terminated.

Bro. J. F. Haskins, the Organist of the lodge, had provided an excellent programme of music. The artistes included Madame Eugenia Morgan, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Cecilia Haskins (a daughter of Bro. Haskins), Miss Benson Gilbert, and Bros. J. Bayne and Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org. Bro. W. M. George supplied the humorous element by a couple of musical sketches, which were brim full of mirth and fun, and were much appreciated and enjoyed.

### Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ilminster, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at which Bro. A. Poole was installed W.M. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset, P.G.D. England. The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. J. R. Paull, I.P.M.; W. Callander, S.W.; W. H. Sheppard, J.W.; J. Bryant, P.M., Chap.; J. Grabham, P.M., Treas.; C. P. Chapple, P.M., Sec.; F. Luxton, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; H. Powell, D.C.; F. Broad, I.G.; G. T. Sweetland and A. W. Bickford, Stwds.; and T. W. Conner, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the George Hotel.

The customary Masonic and other toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

### Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

The last meeting of the season of this prosperous lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on the 3rd inst. Among the numerous brethren present we noticed Bros. C. Colwell, W.M.; Barry, S.W.; Chisholm, J.W.; R. La Feuillade, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Hearn, P.M., Sec.; Davies, S.D.; Hopkins, Org.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Foale, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; Dennis, P.M.; A. Lundie, P.M.; and Dr. Millson, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1623, 1745, G.S., Sec. Bd. of G. Stwds., &c.; and E. Ayling, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several candidates were initiated, passed, and raised, the three ceremonies being well performed. Then took place the interesting event of presenting Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., with a testimonial consisting of a beautifully-illuminated address in book form, a framed address giving the names of the subscribers, and an elegantly chased and massive silver salver. The inscription, address, and other details of the testimonial were fully given in our issue of the 7th inst.

A banquet followed.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, G.S., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." Having dealt with the subject toast, he expressed his pleasure at being present on so interesting an occasion. He had known the worthy recipient of the testimonial many years, and he ventured to express an opinion that no one was more worthy of a recognition of the kind than Bro. Geo. Everett. He (the speaker) had visited the Kennington Lodge several times, and had noticed how well their late Treasurer had discharged his duties both in and out of the lodge. His courtesy and attention to the wants of the visitors were marked and highly appreciated.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," particularly mentioned the name of Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., who in times gone by had been exceedingly kind to many of the members of No. 1381, in the character of a Preceptor. He was also for some time a member of the lodge, and is a Past Principal of the chapter in connection with it.

Bro. Ayling, in response, expressed his obligations to the W.M. for the kind and flattering manner in which his name had been mentioned. He quite endorsed what had been said by Bro. Lardner about Bro. George Everett, who had done so much for the lodge, since its consecration in 1872, as a founder and a Master and for 10 years as its Treasurer. He trusted that for many years Bro. Everett would live to enjoy the presents that had been given to him, and that in due time his children would treasure them as interesting mementos of a worthy sire, who had been held in high esteem by English Freemasons.

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters." He said that he should couple the names of the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Millson, and Bro. George Everett with that toast. The Kennington Lodge had a very powerful array of Past Masters, all of whom had done good suit and service, but some of them had outshone others. Among the latter were the two brethren whose names he mentioned. Bro. Dr. Millson had ably performed, during his year, the four Craft ceremonies, and had presided most genially at the banquet table. He had also been the directing head of the Committee that had organized the testimonial, and well had he performed his duties. The praises of Bro. Everett had been sung that evening by several brethren more eloquent than he, and therefore he should not dilate further.

The I.P.M. said a few words in reply.

Upon Bro. Everett rising to speak he received a most warm and hearty reception. He was rather overcome, and briefly said that the occasion was a red-letter day in his life. Curiously enough, the date chosen by the brethren to make the presentation was his natal day, as he first saw the light on the 3rd day of March 65 years ago. He particularly wished to thank Bro. Dr. Millson and the rest of the Committee for the trouble they had taken in the matter, and from the bottom of his heart he expressed his acknowledgments to them all. Although no longer their Treasurer, he should continue to evince the most lively interest in the affairs of the lodge.

A few other toasts followed.

During the evening some very excellent singing and reciting were enjoyed by the brethren, Bros. Davis, Lundie, W. P. Webb, and Leauville being very much in evidence. Their respective efforts were highly appreciated, but the honours of the evening fell to Bro. Hamilton, the well-known flautist, whose selections created a *furor*.

### Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. D. C. Ritchie, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. J. A. Blount, S.W.; E. J. Harrison, J.W.; A. Cox, I.P.M.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; C. Isler, S.D.; C. Hirst, J.D.; W. Taylor, I.G.; F. W. White and G. E. Walker, Stwds.; R. Loomes, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Carter, I.G. 2501; A. Williams, 1584; and E. C. Titcomb, S.W. 1452.

The business on the agenda was to ballot for Bro. F. Cakebread as a joining member, the result being a unanimous election. Messrs. William Field Roberts and John Fauncey were also balloted for, and accepted as candidates for initiation. This ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., and the lodge was closed.

After dinner the usual toasts were given and honoured, and an interesting programme of music carried out under the direction of Bro. T. E. Newman. Bros. Albert Henning, W. F. Roberts, E. H. Bury, H. B. Harding, and J. Amand contributed songs, which secured hearty applause, and a recitation was given by Bro. C. M. Coxon. Bro. H. Stafford Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon., F.R.C.O., accompanied.

The Tyler's toast and "Auld Lang Syne" concluded the evening's entertainment.

### Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Septimus Croft, W.M.; James Shotter, I.P.M.; Wm. R. Brunskill Briscoe, S.W.; Thomas Briggs, J.W.; Samuel White, P.M., Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; Henry Nicholas Bennett, S.D.; George Rawlinson, P.M., acting J.D.; Edward Anderton, P.M., D.C.; C. R. R. Hopper, I.G.; H. Thomas, Tyler; Arthur B. Hudson, P.M.; John Larkin, P.M.; Ralph Langton, and J. Gordon Langton, P.M. 96 (Hon. Mem.). Bro. Geo. Robins, 1348, was a visitor.

The minutes of the lodge held February 17th were read and confirmed, and Bro. Clarence Raymond Richard Hopper was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. J. Gordon Langton. The W.M. invited the members and their ladies to a garden party to be given in June.

The lodge being closed, the brethren dined together.

Bro. Robins gave much pleasure and satisfaction by his clever musical sketches.

### Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780.

The installation and Festival of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, the attendance of members and visitors numbering about 70. Present: Bros. Berry, P.M.; T. P. Payne, P.M.; Parnell, R. Mabb, T. Griffin, R. Griffin, T. Jerram, A. W. Kitcatt, W. Beavis, W. Cowgill, and others. The visitors were Bros. R. Kingman, P.M. 359; A. Algar, P.M. 319; H. Rohss, W.M. 1461; E. Long, W.M. 359; T. G. Dacombe, P.M. 359; W. Mayoss, P.M. 1112; J. Hollis, W.M. 394; J. Seward Pearce, P.M. 1260; A. J. Brown, P.M. 1461; J. Burbage, P.M. 319; and A. Ritchie, P.M. 1461.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Mr. Oliver Salisbury was initiated. The principal business was that of installing Bro. J. Barrow, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. E. Warren, P.P.G. Std. Br. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Alexander, I.P.M.; R. Prowse, S.W.; E. W. Drysdall, J.W.; G. Heathcote, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; T. Holmes, Sec.; R. W. Denness, S.D.; T. G. King, J.D.; A. Curtis, I.G.; H. Hussey, P.M., D.C.; W. Groundsell, Org.; and W. Ives and G. Rowe, Stewards. The sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and £5 5s. to the Hampshire Masonic Educational Institute; also £5 5s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Bro. C. H. Perress kindly offered £5 5s. to the same Institution; and £5 5s. was voted to the orphans of a deceased brother of the lodge. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Bro. Curtis, on behalf of the Auditors, gave a report that the lodge was in a very sound financial position.

Business over, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was ably catered by Bro. and Mrs. Biggs, under the efficient directorship of Bro. H. Hussey, P.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and enthusiastically received, Bros. Lavington, Payne, Berry, Thompson, Pearce, Prowse, Ritchie, and Kitcatt adding greatly to the harmony of the evening with songs and recitations.

The W.M., Bro. J. Burrow, was heartily congratulated by all the visitors, who wished him a successful year of office.

### Horwich Lodge, No. 2324.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich. Present: Bros. Z. Tetlow, W.M.; John Evans, S.W.; J. H. Howarth, J.W.; Rev. T. Storey Bates, Chap.; Richard Hampson, Treas.; Hawthorn R. Thornton, P.M., Sec.; T. Cooper, S.D.; W. H. Howarth, J.D.; W. M. Varley, P.M., D.C.; W. W. Glover, I.G.; J. D. Binns, J. H. Hadfield, and T. Mitchell, Stewards; George Calderbank, Tyler; T. Morton Palmer, I.P.M.; Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; John Rogers, P.M.; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; W. Balwin, P. Coulthurst, A. Sadler, W. J. Slater, James Dent, J. P. Dent, Ralph Bates, James Kay, F. M. Palmer, jun., J. Clarkson, R. Harrison, F. Thornham, J. E. Jackson, J. Jones, T. Wood, T. Hope, and Walter Hibbert. Visitors: Bros. E. B. Jackson, P.M. 418 and 2214, P.P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire; H. Waterhouse, W.M. 1134; J. Ogden, 1134; Wm. Kay, 2269; and J. Urmston, J.W. 1723.

The lodge having been opened, Dr. W. C. Rigby and Mr. James Farquharson were initiated by the W.M. Bro. J. P. Dent was passed to the Second Degree, and a candidate for initiation having been proposed, £5 5s. was voted out of the lodge funds for the Church of England Incorporated Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays.

After the business of the lodge, the brethren retired to supper, when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### Doric Lodge, No. 2359.

At a meeting of the above lodge, at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, on Saturday the 14th instant, it was decided to remove the lodge to more convenient premises—the Conservative Club, Barlow Moor—providing it meets the approbation of the Prov. Grand Master.

### Minerva Lodge, No. 2433.

The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Birkenhead, on Friday, the 6th instant, Bro. W. F. Robinson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Baird, S.W.; E. W. Armstrong, J.W.; Squire Chapman, P.P.G. G.D. W. Lances, Treas.; S. Jones, P.P.G.D., Sec.; H. Roberts, S.D.; Dr. Brewer, J.D.; Owen Jones, P.P.G.S.B., as I.G.; Keene and Buckley, Stwds.; Geo. H. Brown, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. G. R. Johnson, P.G.C.; G. H. Danby, P.P.G.D.; J. Armstrong, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Vernon, P.G.D.C. W. Lances; Marsden, P.M.; J. J. Tickle, P.P.G.S.B. W. Lances; and a large number of members and visitors.

Bros. Rev. G. R. Johnson, P.G.C., and Gourley were elected joining members, and Mr. Alfred Hibbs for initiation. The latter being present, was initiated in a most able manner by the W.M., assisted most efficiently by the officers.

Bro. John Armstrong then read his paper on "The Descent of Masonic Symbolism and Speculative Masonry." Syllabus: The Culdees; the Athelstone Legend; Ancient Scottish Masons; Ancient York Masons; the Ancient Charges and their Common Origin; Masonry in Lancashire and Cheshire in the 17th Century; the Modern Grand Lodges.

Culdee was described as meaning refugee, and was originally applied to those members of the Druidical persuasion who, having embraced Christianity, taught the Christian religion to the Britons. After the destruction of the Druids by the Romans, Druidism as such gradually gave way to the new religion, of which the Culdees were the exponents. The Druids taught the unity of the Deity and the immortality of the soul, but the Culdees, in addition, taught the mysteries of the Gospel, which appeared to the people to be the secrets that the Druids made it unlawful to make known to them. Patrick the apostle of the Irish and Columba were themselves Bards, and had been initiated into the mysteries. They affirmed that they received their peculiar modes of worship from the disciples of St. John the Apostle, hence St. John's Masonry. There is a tradition in the Highlands of Scotland that the Culdees immediately succeeded the Druids as ministers of religion, and that they received their name as *delighting, like the Druids, in retired situations*. One of the greatest lights and promulgators of Culdeism was Patrick, or St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. He was born near Dumbarton about A.D. 400, and received a liberal education at the hands of the Culdees, which, with his high natural endowments, made him conspicuous in early life. He was in due time received into the brotherhood of Culdees, and went to Ireland in A.D. 432, where he laboured for 40 years, and died in A.D. 472. Columba or St. Columba, the apostle of the Picts, was also a Culdee, and laboured about a century after Patrick's time. He founded over 100 sanctuaries during his lifetime. Columba, who is sometimes confounded with St. Columba, went over into Burgundy in A.D. 580, accompanied by 12 brethren of the Order, and founded the Abbey of Luxeuille, which

he governed for 20 years. He travelled over France and Italy, where he superintended the erection of other abbeys. The Culdees superintended the building of all the large edifices in Caledonia during the early centuries of our present era. During this period they initiated brethren into their mysteries, and elected their President and kept the light burning for at least 10 centuries. The President was no more than the first amongst his equals, placed in that position by his brethren for the purpose of maintaining order at their meetings when assembled to deliberate. Amongst the ancient seats of the Culdees, the most noted were Melrose, Aberdeen, Kilwinning, Dumfermline, Dunblane, Brechin, and St. Andrews on the mainland of Scotland, and York in England. The last Culdees of whom Higgins has found any trace were in the Church of St. Peter at York A.D. 936, or 10 years after the date of the great assembly of Masons at York, from which we derive the Athelstan Legend. Krausse considers the York Charter (926) genuine, its authors being Culdees, "whose writings agree with the convictions and sentiments contained in the York Constitution. Their chief doctrines were associated with the three great lights of our lodges." Yarker says, "The Culdees were the schoolmasters of the time in which they lived, they taught the artisans in the monasteries, they had their own builders and worked with their own hands. They had their own occult ceremonial rites, which Cardinal Newman asserts were actually the continuation of the mysteries of Seraphis. When an educated artisan or Mason desired to extend his researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science, he sought initiation." According to the Athelstan Legend, the first grand assembly of Masons was convened at York, and presided over by Prince Edwin, a brother of the king (Athelstan). It was to this assembly the brethren were requested to bring any old writings or records in their possession; thus were brought together data in Greek, Latin, French, and other languages, from which were framed the constitutions and charges of an English lodge, and a law was then made to observe the same in all time coming, which law has been faithfully transmitted through the intervening ages, and is to-day the leading feature of our Constitutions. The chief seat of the Culdees in England was at York, and when as Culdees they disappear, we find the Freemasons immediately succeeding them and establishing a Grand Lodge in the very city where they were in greatest evidence—another proof that they were one and the same body under different names. In Scotland we have seen that the chief seats of the builders were at Kilwinning, Melrose, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Brechin, &c., places that had rendered famous by the erection of magnificent monasteries, to be afterwards replaced by still more magnificent abbeys, their chiefs being the leading architects, and their disciples the master builders and skilled artisans who were initiated into their secret doctrines—in fact, wherever we find an ancient and magnificent edifice there do we find an old Scottish lodge of Masons whose existence dates from time immemorial. The mother Lodge Kilwinning claims an antiquity as remote as the 12th century, as do also the Lodges of Edinburgh, Melrose, and Aberdeen and Glasgow. Laurie, in his "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," says: "The existence of the Kilwinning Lodge has been traced back as far as the end of the 15th century, but by other collateral arguments, which amount almost to a demonstration, to the building of the Abbey of Kilwinning." The oldest minute book possessed by Lodge Kilwinning dates from December 20th, 1642, former records being lost. In the Schaw Statutes of 1598, which are virtually the old charges of a Freemason, we read: "It is ordained by my lord general that all the old ancient acts and statutes before made by the predecessors of the Masons of Kilwinning be observed and kept by the Craft in all time coming." An old French poem relates how in 1226 Jacques, Lord Stewart, received in his lodge at Kilwinning, in Scotland, the Courts of Gloucester and Ulster, and history records that these two noblemen were at that time amongst the adherents of Bruce. Lodge Kilwinning claims an existence from 1149, Glasgow St. Johns, now 3 bis, from the Incorporation of Masons of Glasgow in 1057. The latter lodge is in possession of a charter granted by Malcolm III., dated October 5th, 1057, which sets forth that the free Incorporate Masons of Glasgow shall have a lodge for ever at the City of Glasgow, &c. The Culdees, as has been seen, were adepts in ecclesiastical architecture; they were suppressed by Malcolm III. in 1057. Is it not highly probable that they would become associated with the Freemasons engaged in erecting the cathedral at Glasgow, and thus impart to the latter both speculative and operative knowledge? The Lodge St. John's, Glasgow, did not join the Grand Lodge of Scotland until 1851, before that time the Deacon of the Incorporation was always Master of the lodge. The first by-laws of this lodge (1851) recite—"Whereas the Lodge of Glasgow St. John has along with the Incorporation of Masons of the City of Glasgow been Constituted by Royal Charter and immemorial usage into a Lodge of Freemasons for a period of 800 years &c. (1) This lodge shall be held exclusively for Masonic purposes, &c." The histories of St. Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, and of the old Melrose Lodge, the former dating from the building of Holyrood, in 1128, and the latter from 1136, were then examined in detail, and the visit of Desaguliers to the former in 1721, noted, he and the members being so thoroughly in accord on all points of Masonry, making it evident that the secrets of the old lodges in both countries were similar. Fraternities were established in England in 1202, at Winchester, and about the same time at the Tower of London, Canterbury, and elsewhere, an oath or secrecy was administered to the initiated, and a veil of mystery was spread over their proceedings. The old charges, some 80 of which are now known, from the Regius of 1390, the Cook, 1450, to those of the 17th century were shown to be, when not duplicates, variations of some old original, and that almost to a certainty the charge formulated in 926. Freemasonry in Lancashire and Cheshire, in the 17th century was reviewed, and the members of the old lodges both in Warrington and Chester shown to be almost exclusively speculative. The Steinmetzen of Germany were also alluded to, with a view to showing that their parent stem was the Culdees taken over by Colman in the 17th century.

The lecturer concluded by quoting Alison, who says: "Masonry is, beyond question, the oldest of any of the institutions that is now known in the world; it goes back to the remotest period of Egyptian story, prior to the departure of the Israelites from the land of Pharaoh; it is found flourishing in vigour at the time of the building of the Temple of Jerusalem by King Solomon."

A discussion ensued, in which Bros. Dr. Brewer, James Hume, T. Vernon, and others took part, the views expressed being generally opposed to the theory of the lecturer, viz., that the Craft had a purely operative origin, the speculative element being introduced in the 16th and 17th century, and gradually increasing in numbers until it finally eliminated the operatives in the 18th century, leaving it as it is to-day, a purely speculative Order.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and seconded by Bro. G. H. Brown, the latter remarking that an eminent Mason and antiquarian of Chester had told him that so far as Masonry in Chester was concerned, he had proofs that it was purely operative in its origin, and was so shortly before Randle Holme's day.

#### Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449.

The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on the 12th inst. There was a very large attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Fred. Warburton, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. At this stage Bro. W. F. Schofield, P.M., P.P.G.D., assumed the chair, and he appointed as Installing Officers, Bros. J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D. of C., as S.W.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., as J.W.; H. Ratcliffe, P.M., as I.G.; and B. Hopkinson, P.M., as Org. Bro. T. T. Hardicker, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. W. Boden, I.P.M., and he was duly conducted through the first portion of the ceremony. The chair was at this point resumed by Bro. Warburton, who installed his successor in a highly creditable manner. The newly-installed W.M. was duly saluted and proclaimed under the direction of the I.P.M., who gave the address to the W.M. and presented the warrant, &c. Bro. Wm. Boden, P.M., presented the working tools in each Degree. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, and their duties were explained by Bro. Schofield, who also addressed the Wardens and brethren: Bros. Fred. Warburton, I.P.M.; C. J. Hall, S.W.; Robert Meggitt, J.W.; H. H. S. Taylor, Chap.; O. Rushton, Treas.; J. Kinsey, Sec.; A. G. Bryce, S.D.; A. Scarlett, J.D.; J. Whittle, D.C.; T. Wooten, I.G.; H. B. Rudolph, R. Chiswell, S. Kew, J. Fairbairn, and A. Sutcliffe, Stwds.; T. H. Stott, Asst. Sec.; and F. Warburton, I.P.M., Charity Representative. Bro. James Andrew, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., was elected an honorary member of the lodge. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the Grand, Prov. Grand Officers, and brethren of other lodges, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently a banquet was served, the W.M. presiding. There were 12 toasts on the list, including the usual loyal and Masonic ones.

Bro. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec., responded for "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hardicker," was given and received with great enthusiasm, and having in a few well-chosen remarks, returned his thanks, he

proposed "The Health of Bro. W. Warburton, the I.P.M.," and said Bro. Warburton and Bro. Schofield (he believed) were the first to form that lodge, which had been so very successful in the past. I have been acquainted with Bro. Warburton for a very long time, and that acquaintance has grown into a deep friendship. We all know how well and thoroughly he has done his work, and how well he has acquitted himself during the last year. I shall rely upon his valuable assistance during my year of office, and I am sure it will not be denied. In fact, his services have been so much appreciated that the brethren have marked their appreciation in a substantial form, and I have deputed me, in the name of the lodge, to present him with this lovely and valuable Past Master's jewel, which he richly deserves. I only regret the presentation has not been entrusted to able hands than mine, because I feel I cannot do justice to it. But, however, Bro. Warburton, I have pleasure in presenting to you this lovely and valuable Past Master's jewel, and wish you long life to wear and enjoy it.

Bro. Warburton, in response, said: I thank Bro. Hardicker for his very kind words and the year has been successful on account of my being so well supported by my officers. If I have appeared harsh at any time to enforce the precepts, I hope the brethren will put it down to my desire of seeing work done well. I have done most of the work myself, and have always been well supported by my Past Masters, and I have done all I could for the benefit of the lodge. I thank you all very sincerely for the very handsome and valuable jewel you have presented to me.

Other toasts followed.

A capital musical programme had been arranged, the following taking part: Bros. Nelson Stokes, Cuthbert Blacow, Kenneth Stewart, W. Howard, Bingley Shaw, and G. A. Pennington (violin soloist). Bro. B. Hopkinson, P.M., acted as accompanist.

The following were present: Bros. Fred Warburton, W.M.; Wm. Boden, I.P.M.; T. T. Hardicker, S.W., W.M. elect; C. A. J. Hall, J.W.; O. Rushton, Treas.; Robt. Meggitt, Sec.; G. Kensay, Asst. Sec.; G. A. Bowden, S.D.; T. H. Stott, J.D.; A. G. Bryer, I.G.; W. F. Schofield, P.M., P.P.G.D.; B. Hopkinson, P.M., Org.; John H. Crowther, J. T. Whittle, D.C.; J. H. Maybury, John Bentham, T. H. Wooten, R. H. Whatham, R. Hamilton, J. B. Fairbairn, W. E. Brooks, H. Ratcliffe, P.M.; W. H. S. Taylor, James Parks, Arthur Sutcliffe, J. B. Marshall, H. B. Rudolph, Samuel Kew, and Arthur Scarlett. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; Jas. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Peav, P.P.G.D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O. East and West Lancs.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.J.G.D.; Rev. J. O. Jelly, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Whitwam, W.M. 1219; G. Bell, W.M. 1888; P. Iratt, W.M. 2482; G. H. Grocock, R. Fox, P.M.; J. Harrison, Kenneth M. Stewart, R. W. Harrison, W. Howard, and R. T. Worth.

#### Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, when the following were present: Bros. C. Sims, W.M.; C. Lamb, S.W.; J. Coote, J.W.; H. Visger, Treas.; Edward Hall, Sec.; H. Lewis, J.D.; W. C. Tyler, I.G.; W. T. Price-Taylor, Stwd.; J. W. Drysdale, D.C.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; J. Lusty, H. T. Bridges, W. J. Taylor, F. W. Inandt, the Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., A. Reichenheim, A. Yockelson, F. C. Ward-Whate, and J. S. Gregory, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Weaver, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; O. Rose, P.M. 1597; E. H. Selby, W.M. 1601; G. W. Beste, W.M. 507; E. Van Putten, P.M., Sec. 1601; C. Thomas, P.M. 507; T. H. Jarvis, 862; M. Delmard, 2190; H. J. Breez, 1257; W. Bennett, 700; W. G. Burrows, 1669; T. W. Sanders, 1853; D. Bartlett, 213; J. Levy, 1366; and C. Couchman.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. A. Reichenheim, Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., A. Yockelson, and F. C. Ward-Whate were passed to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. Montague Lucy, Henry Wayland, John T. Wise, and Richard Batchelor were initiated, the ceremonies being performed in an impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Christopher Sims.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

An enjoyable programme was rendered, in which the following brethren assisted: Bros. C. Lamb, H. T. Bridges, W. J. Taylor, E. H. Selby, C. Couchman, Burrows, O. Rose, W. T. Price-Taylor, C. W. Wilkes, Org.; and Edward Hall, Sec.

## Cryptic Masonry.

#### Grand Master's Council, No. 1.

A meeting of this old council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street on the 28th ultimo, when there were present, among others, Comps. A. McDowall, T.I.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M., as P.D.M.; J. J. Pakes, P.C. of W.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.D.G.M., Recorder; J. N. Frye, J. J. Thomas, N. Prower, M.A., B. Stewart, H. Briggs, E. Storr, P.T.I.M.; Alfred Humphreys, J. Smith, T. P. Dorman, and H. P. Hay.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Comps. W. H. Graveley and O. Heinemann were duly admitted, received, and greeted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the ceremony being performed by the Treasurer, ably assisted by Comps. J. J. Pakes, Baron de Ferrieres, and J. Smith. Comp. W. A. Scurrey, D.M., was unanimously elected Thrice Illustrious Master; Comp. George Graveley, Treasurer; and Comp. E. Mills, Outer Sentinel. Comps. Prower and Briggs were elected Auditors. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the T.I.M. for his services during the past year. The resignation of Comp. Dr. Pocock was received with regret.

Among those sending apologies for non-attendance were Comps. G. Powell, P.D.M.; Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, P.T.I.M.; R. B. Bryant, P.T.I.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M.; R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.T.I.M.; the Rev. Dr. Lomon, P.G. Chap.; and the Rev. C. Wright, G.C.; G. Gregory, Major P. Dunbar, W. A. Scurrey, and D. P. Cama.

The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master.

A dinner was held at the Holborn Restaurant, and was well attended. The customary toasts were duly given.

## The Craft Abroad.

#### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

#### Colombo Preceptory, No. 164.

The first annual installation meeting of this young, but flourishing, preceptory in the Island of Ceylon, took place on Wednesday, February 19th, at Freemasons' Hall, Slave Island, Colombo, and it is gratifying to note that during the past year 15 Sir Knights have been installed into the Order, and that, notwithstanding the removal of several members through the exigencies of the military service, the preceptory is in a very flourishing and prosperous state. In the absence of the E.P., Sir Knight Captain Hearn (South Staffordshire Regiment) and of Sir Knight John Maitland, P.E.C., both being in England, the chair was taken by Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. J. Blake (Commanding Royal Artillery Ceylon), P.E.P., P.P.G. Constable of the Mediterranean, and who, assisted by Sir Knight Col. Henry Byrde (late 57th Regiment, Commanding the Ceylon Volunteers), P.E.C., installed Sir Knight Capt. E. C. Davies as E.P., who invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights Lieut. W. Fellowes Lukis, Constable; Robson, Marshal; G. B. Lane Brenner, Chap.; John Guthrie, Treas.; Arthur Alvis, Reg.; J. A. Maitland, Sub-Marshal; and J. Campbell, Captain of the Guard.

The names of several brethren having been proposed for installation, and a vote of thanks carried by acclamation to the Installing Officers, the preceptory was closed. A Priory of the Knights of Malta was then opened, and Sir Knight Capt. E. C. Davies was installed as Prior, and invested his officers.

The Sir Knights then adjourned to the Galle Face Hotel, where, after a sumptuous banquet had been partaken of, the usual toasts were given, and a most instructive and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

LORD WOLVERTON has very kindly consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival in aid of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**  
For the week ending Saturday, March 28, 1896.

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 23.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.
- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
- 759, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
- 769, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel.
- 902, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
- 905, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1549, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1033, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
- 1744, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
- 1828, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 1913, Bishops-gate, Great Eastern Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
- Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
- Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
- Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Marquess of Ripon, Midmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
- Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
- Perseverance, Ridter's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
- Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
- St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
- St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
- Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
- Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishops-gate-street, at 8.
- Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
- Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
- Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
- North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 49, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- 105, Honor and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 150, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 225, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 250, Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole.
- 1128, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1348, Liberty, Criterion.
- 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 2108, Empire, Criterion.
- 2124, St. Stephens', Green Man Assembly Rooms.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.
- 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 227, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Da Housie, Lord Truro, Dalston lane, at 8.
- Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
- Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
- Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
- Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
- Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
- Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
- Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
- Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
- Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
- St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
- St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
- Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
- Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
- Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
- 753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.
- 807, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
- 1050, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1059, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
- 1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1818, Clapham, Criterion.

- 2332, Borough of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms, East Greenwich.
- 2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.
- 2416, Iiram, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2455, St. Martin's, New Town Hall, Charing Cross.
- 2562, Papyrus, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 704, Camden, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1200, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1471, Islington, Great Eastern Hotel.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 13, Iiram, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
- Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
- Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
- Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
- Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
- Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
- Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
- Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
- La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
- London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
- Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
- Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
- Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Primrose, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
- Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
- Ravenbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
- Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
- St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
- Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
- Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
- Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
- United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
- Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26.**

- General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- 99, Shakespear, Albion Tavern.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
- 760, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 801, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
- 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1008, Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.
- 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern.
- 1074, St. Mary Abbott's, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
- 2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
- 2264, Clough, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
- Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
- Elliott, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
- High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
- Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
- Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
- Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
- Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
- Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
- Montmore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
- Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
- St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
- St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
- St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
- Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
- Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
- Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
- Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
- Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27.**

- Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 60, Peace and Honor, Freemasons' Hall.
- 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- 509, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.
- 2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.
- 2312, London Irish Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**

- 26, Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
- Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 6.
- Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
- Coburn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
- Crossaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
- Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
- Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.

- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
- Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
- Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
- Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
- Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
- Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
- Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
- Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
- Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
- Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
- Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
- Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
- The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
- Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and 4th Friday, at 7.
- Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
- Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
- Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
- 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Frascati Restaurant.
- 1679, Henry Muggieridge, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1700, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2472, Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
- Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
- Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
- Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
- Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
- King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
- Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
- Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
- Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
- Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

**WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.**

**DRURY LANE THEATRE.**

- At 7.30, Pantomime, CINDERELLA.

**COVENT GARDEN.**

- SEASON OF FANCY DRESS BALLS.

**ADLPHI THEATRE.**

- At 8, ONE OF THE BEST.

**GAIETY THEATRE.**

- At 8, THE SHOP GIRL.

**PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.**

- At 8, GENTLEMAN JOE.

**AVENUE THEATRE.**

- At 8, THE NEW BARMALD.

**LYRIC THEATRE.**

- At 8.15, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

**DALY'S THEATRE.**

- At 8.15, AN ARTIST'S MODEL.

**SAVOY THEATRE.**

- At 8.30, THE GRAND DUKE.

**TERRY'S THEATRE.**

- At 8.45, JEDBURRY J.N.H.

**PRINCESS'S THEATRE.**

- At 8.50, EAST LYNNE.

**GRAND THEATRE.**

- At 7.30, CHEER BOYS CHEER.

**SURREY THEATRE.**

- At 7.45, LOST IN LONDON.

**BRITANNIA THEATRE.**

- At 7, SHALL WE FORGIVE HER.

**EMPIRE.**

- At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

**ALHAMBRA.**

- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

**LONDON PAVILION.**

- At 7.45, AN UNSURPASSED VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

**TIVOLI.**

- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

**OXFORD.**

- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

**CANTERBURY.**

- At 7.40, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

**PARAGON.**

- At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

**THE ROYAL, HOLBORN.**

- At 7.45, A BRILLIANT COMPANY OF STAR ARTISTES.

**METROPOLITAN.**

- At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

**MIDDLESEX.**

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**NOTES ON THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION,** by H. SADLER, P.M., P.Z., Author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," with

## Masonic and General Tidings.

AS WE ARE just going to press we learn with great regret of the death of Bro. Jabez Church, which occurred at 7.30 this morning from pneumonia and subsequent complications. Bro. Church was W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, P.G.W. Middx. (Craft), P.G.O. (Mark), and a member of the General Board. He was also a Past Preceptor of the St. George's Preceptory (K.T.).

THE GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY have made a donation of £200 to the funds of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland-road.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has promised her annual subscription of £50 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, of which she is Patron.

MRS. SOPHIA ASHMEAD-BARTLETT, mother of Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, M.P., and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., died suddenly at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday last in her 80th year.

THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1736, Halifax, has just purchased from the Halifax Corporation the Heatherstone Mansion, in Bull Close-lane, for £1725. It is understood that the lodge is to take up its quarters there.

THE COUNCIL of the British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War, held a meeting on Monday, and voted a sum of £1000 for the benefit of the Italian soldiers who have suffered during the Abyssinian Campaign.

THE INAUGURAL BANQUET of the London East Anglian Society was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., who was supported by a numerous body of guests.

BROS. BHOWNAGGREE, Victor Cavendish, and Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., are among the 25 members of the House of Commons whom the Government have arranged shall constitute the Select Committee on Distress from Want of Employment.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the "National Masonic Veterans' Association" will be held at the Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to-morrow (Saturday), at 4 p.m. The acting Secretary of the association is Bro. F. Schnitger, by whom all information will be most courteously given.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud and Prince Charles of Denmark, arrived on Saturday last at Sandringham, where they purpose remaining over the Easter holidays, Prince Charles's visit being extended a few days longer before rejoining his ship.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Monday, the 30th instant, under the able presidency of Bro. Wm. Dawson, W.M. 788. Lodge opened at 7 p.m. sharp. All brethren will be heartily welcomed.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, attended by Sir Charles Cust, returned to town on Monday from Bagshot Park, where they had been since Saturday last staying with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. In the evening their Royal Highness witnessed a performance of "The Squire of Dames" at the Criterion Theatre.

THE PERSONAL ESTATE of the late Lord Bolton, who died on the 7th November last at the age of 77 years, has been valued at close on £224,600, the executors being Bro. the Hon. Orde-Powlett (now Lord Bolton), P.G.W., D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, and the Hon. Amias L. Orde-Powlett, power being received to grant probate to the Hon. H. R. Orde-Powlett.

BY THE KINDNESS of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas., the whole of the boys of our School at Wood Green enjoyed a visit to the Drury Lane Pantomime on Monday, the 16th inst. The Board of Management has also to acknowledge with much gratitude the invitation of Bro. W. S. Penley, who has given the senior boys renewed opportunities of witnessing him in "Charley's Aunt."

THE COMMITTEE of the Guildhall School of Music held a meeting on Monday, when it was decided that the salary to be paid to the successor of the late Bro. Sir Joseph Barnaby as Principal should be £1000 per annum, and that his hours of attendance should be from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The date on which the new Principal will enter on his duties will be the second week in September.

BRO. CAPTAIN LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, since relinquishing the appointment of Captain in charge of the Medway Dockyard Reserve, has been placed upon the half-pay list. His term of office will not fully expire till July, but, in consideration of his services, the Lords of the Admiralty have relieved him of the post now that he has completed the period of service qualifying him for flag rank.

THE SPRING HORSE SHOW of the Peterborough Agricultural Society was held on Saturday last, attracting a large number of entries from all parts of the country. The championship, which carries with it the Shire Horse Society's gold medal and the Peterborough Society's silver medal, was awarded to Dunsmore Willington Boy, belonging to Mr. P. A. Muntz, M.P., which took first prize in the Shire Stallion Class.

THE CABINET COUNCIL which was held at the Foreign Office, on Monday, was attended by Bros. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor); Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland); Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart.; the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White-Ridley, Bart., and the other Ministers.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK left Warwick Castle for the South of France on Monday, taking with her her only son, Lord Brooke, who has been suffering from a bronchial attack at Eton. Her ladyship has just founded a home for cripples at Warwick, intended chiefly for little sufferers who have been discharged after treatment from the London Orthopaedic hospitals, and require pure air and generous diet in order to complete their recovery.

BRO. DR. WILLIAM SALMON, of Penlynn Court, Glamorganshire (to whom last year Mr. Gladstone sent "sincere wishes for here and hereafter"), has entered on his 107th year. He was born in Suffolk in 1790, and moved with his father, also a doctor, to Cowbridge in 1798. He has been for 50 years a magistrate for Glamorganshire, and claims to be the oldest Freemason in the world. He has had eight children, but only one, a daughter, is alive. He sleeps well, rises at noon, dines at six o'clock (when he takes two glasses of wine), and goes to bed at nine. He has not smoked since he was 90, nor has he been out for a drive since his hundredth year.

THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR and Mrs. Bayard, Bro. Lord Herschell, Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Bro. Lord and Lady Arthur Hill, and Bro. the Hon. Schomberg McDonnell were among the guests at the dinner party given by the Home Secretary (Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P.) and the Hon. Lady Ridley at their residence in Carlton House Terrace on Saturday evening last, and at the reception which was held subsequently there were present, among others, the Belgian and Brazilian Ministers, Bro. the Earl of Crawford, Bro. Lord Norton, Bro. Lord Justice Lopez, Bro. the Hon. M. F. Massey-Mainwaring, Bro. Sir W. Dixon-Hatfield, Bart., M.P., Bro. Sir John Llewelyn, M.P., and Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF TECK dined with Earl and Countess Stanhope at their residence in Grosvenor-place on Saturday evening last, among the guests invited to meet her Royal Highness and her husband being Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dartmouth, Bro. Lord and Lady Amphill, Bro. General Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller, and Bro. Sir John Stirling Maxwell, Bart., M.P. At the Countess's reception which followed there were present the Russian Ambassador, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess Isabel Deyn, the United States Ambassador and Mrs. Bayard, the Turkish Ambassador, the Marchioness of Headfort, Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Valentia, Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Bro. Lord and Lady Cremorne, Bro. Lord Glenesk, and many others.

UNITY IS STRENGTH may, indeed, be said with regard to Holloway's Pills and Ointment, for when used together they are remarkable in their effects upon disease. No matter how stubborn the symptoms may be, they cannot long withstand these remedies. All sufferers, whom other treatment has failed to relieve, should try the celebrated Ointment, which will strengthen and cure them. The Pills recommend themselves to the attention of all sufferers. No injurious consequences can result from their use; no mistake can be made in their administration. In indigestion, confirmed dyspepsia, and chronic constipation, the most beneficial effects have been, and always must be, obtained from the wholesome power exerted by these purifying Pills over the digestion.

AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION on "Bricks and Brick Making" took place at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Tuesday last. Bro. Henry Lovegrove was in the chair.

THE MEMBERS of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, of which Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury is W.M., Bro. H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., is Treasurer, and Bro. Henry Lovegrove is Secretary, have unanimously elected Bro. Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan as W.M. for the ensuing year.

A "LADIES NIGHT" in compliment to Bro. Fred. H. Cozens was given by the Excelsior City Musical Society, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Monday evening, the 16th instant. A number of ladies and gentlemen gave their services on the occasion, among them being the Misses Margaret Snow, Louise Jenkins, and Emily Foxcroft, the Dilettante Quartette, Master Claude Gascoigne, the marvellous boy pianist, Bro. Fred. H. Cozens himself, and many others, and a capital programme was carried out very successfully.

A BELVEDERE TOWER, nearly 200 feet in height, similar to those erected at the World's Fair, Chicago, and at the Paris and Philadelphia Exhibitions, will be erected this season at the Empire of India and Ceylon Exhibition. The Tower will be handsomely designed, provided with two passenger lifts, and have several balconied storeys. The top platform will accommodate about 100 persons, and from this an excellent view may be obtained, while the Tower itself will be a striking feature of the Queen's Court, and will, at night, be illuminated by a lighthouse lamp of 4,000,000 candle power.

BRO. VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, who for many years has been Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, has intimated to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England, his intention to resign that position in consequence of pressure of other engagements. The announcement has been received with general regret, as his lordship is held in great esteem throughout the province. It is probable that the office will be conferred on Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., who has for a long period filled the position of Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Devon, and his appointment to preside over the Craft would be hailed with satisfaction throughout the province.

A MEETING of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution has been held in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith presided. Fifteen children, recommended by the General Committee of the Charity, were elected on the foundation of the Institution. The Treasurer, Bro. Callow, reported that the income of the Institution for the past year, including a balance, amounted to £2500, the expenditure on the maintenance of children and incidental charges totalled up to £1654, and the invested capital now reached about £23,000. Bro. Dr. Crawford, Chairman of the Ball Committee, intimated that a meeting would be held at an early date, and he trusted he would be able to announce a surplus, including donations, of about £500.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked at the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, which meets at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6.30 p.m. Bro. J. Robinson, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.W., will preside as W.M.; with Bro. W. Bickel, P.M. 1327, as S.W.; Bro. J. Mark, W.M. 1327, as J.W.; and Bro. G. Houldsworth, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P., as I.P.M. The work will be done as follows: First Lecture—Bros. J. Sharp, W. Robinson, R. Taffee, J. Mark, J. Hodgson, W. Bangs, and D. Sheppard; Second Lecture—Bros. J. Priddle, W. Bickel, G. Shelbourne, J. Robinson, and W. Bailey; and Third Lecture—Bros. J. Dent, M. McInerney, and W. Curtis. Bro. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.W., is Preceptor of the lodge; Bro. G. Houldsworth, Treas.; and Bro. W. Bailey, I.G. 2343, Hon. Sec.

AN APPEAL is being made to the public in behalf of the fund which is being raised for the preservation and restoration of the tower and spire of Salisbury Cathedral. It has been declared by no less eminent an authority than Bro. Sir A. Blomfield, A.R.A., that it is necessary that steps should be immediately taken to strengthen the foundations of the piers and effect such other repairs as will enable the tower and spire to be sustained in their present position, and it is estimated that from £15,000 to £20,000 will be required in order that the work may be done effectively. It is needless to say that anything which is done towards the preservation of such an edifice as Salisbury Cathedral has our warmest sympathy, and we sincerely trust that the endeavours which are being made to restore and preserve the tower and spire will meet with success.

THE 53RD ANNUAL REPORT of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York shows that the funds now amount to £45,276,564, being an increase of £3,386,355 during the year. The interest earned on the Mean Funds has been at the rate of £4 19s. 6d. per cent. per annum, excluding an increase in the value of investments to the extent of £270,263. The premiums received are £7,505,378, being an increase of £396,962. The new premiums amount to £2,083,783. The new policies issued and paid for in 1895 were 56,039, insuring £30,206,934. This excludes all policies issued in 1895 that were not paid for in the account of that year. The total policies in force are 314,024, insuring £184,614,878. The surplus over all liabilities now exceeds five-and-a-half millions sterling, having increased by more than one million during the past year.

THE FINSBURY PARK WORKING LADS' INSTITUTE is evidently doing good work, and only needs that it should be more widely known in order to receive greater support and sympathy. From the eighth Annual Report to the 15th May, 1895, we learn that during the year the number of enrolled members was 191. These are divided into seniors, 67; Boys' Brigade, 84; and juniors, 46. Evening Educational Classes are held, with very satisfactory results, twice a week, while during the winter session meetings are held at which lectures on various subjects of interest and utility are given by competent persons. There is also a Library, which contains 500 volumes, and a gymnasium, which is well attended, while a cricket club has been established with very creditable results. Concerts and entertainments are likewise given, while holiday, clothing, and sick clubs have been grafted on the Institute, and are found to be of great benefit. But all these endeavours to do good to the youngsters involve a considerable outlay, and the Institute is in need of funds to enable it to carry on its beneficent work, and we hope that its appeal for support, which it is so justly entitled to, will not be made in vain. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. E. W. Pope, No. 22, Woodberry Grove, N.

EASTER RAILWAY FACILITIES.—The Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their City and West-end offices. The booking office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before Easter. Cheap tickets, at special low fares and available from April 2nd to 6th, will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England. Tickets at 25s. return, available for 14 days, will also be issued for use on April 2nd, 4th, and 6th, to Guernsey and Jersey. On Thursday, April 2nd, an excursion, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours, will leave Paddington at 7.55 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, New Milford, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, &c. On Good Friday, cheap trains will run to Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, April 4th, an excursion will run to Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, &c., and on Monday, excursions will be made to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. On Tuesday, April 7th, a cheap half-day excursion will leave Paddington at 12.10 noon for Oxford, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon. In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population. On the Thursday before Easter, most of the long-distance trains will be duplicated; the first portion, as a general rule, will take passengers for the longer distances and the second those for less distant places. On Good Friday, the trains will run as on Sundays, with the addition of the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train which will run as far as Oxford, Plymouth and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts; at Bathampton (by special stop) with the 8.47 a.m. train from Bathampton to the Weymouth line; and at Plymouth with the 2.15 p.m., thence to Penzance. Cheap third-class excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday, April 4th, Easter Sunday and Monday, by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Addison-road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other popular riverside resorts. Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, April 2nd, Good Friday, and Saturday, April 4th, to Bridport, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Weymouth, Malvern, Church Stretton, Oxford, Leamington, Warwick, and Stratford-on-Avon. These tickets are issued on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.