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NORTH WALES MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

North Wales is not by any means what would be called a strong Province. During the last few years it has established two new lodges in towns previously unfurnished with any convenience for the performance of Masonic duties. But, even with the addition of these, there are but 20 lodges on the roll of Provincial Grand Lodge, and sundry of these are located in small and comparatively unimportant towns. Nevertheless, since the year 1885, when it was dissociated from Shropshire, and formed into a separate and distinct Province under Bro. Lord HARLECH, it can point with pride to some very good work that it has done in behalf of our Masonic Institutions. We are reminded of this by the remarks which we made in our Analysis of the Returns at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in the summer of last year, and which are quoted in the report of Bro. C. K. BENSON, the London Representative of the Province. In these remarks, after enumerating the sums raised by North Wales to the three Festivals, we added: "This gives a sum of £302 8s. for the whole year, but is below the average of the three preceding years, the year 1892 having yielded £495 12s., of which the Girls' School received only £36 15s., the balance being pretty equally apportioned between the 'Old People' and 'Our Boys.' 1893, £474 18s., of which this Institution absorbed the bulk; 1894, £400 17s. 6d., of which the same Charity secured £291 4s. However, the Province has done admirably during these four years, and it is probably by chance that the Returns are lower in the present year." This testimony of ours as to the readiness of the Province to do its part in the charitable work of Freemasonry is borne out by the reports of the "North Wales Masonic Charitable Association" for 1895. True, the Committee commence by expressing their regret that they should be under the necessity of reporting "that there has been no material increase in the number of lodges represented on the A and B Fund lists for the past year. In fact, owing partly to the accounts being closed on the 31st December instead of being carried on far into the new year, there has been some reduction in the number of subscribers, whose names they are able to show in the report for the year 1895." Still, on referring to the statements of account of the A and B Funds respectively, we find as regards the former that the receipts, including balance of £4 10s. 6d. brought forward from 1894, amounted to £148 7s. 6d., while the amount distributed by its means among the three Institutions was £126, the balance remaining in hand at the close of the year being £22 7s. 6d. The B or Provincial Fund account shows a total of receipts, including balance brought forward of £83 19s. 7d., amounting to £146 5s., the expenditure reaching £54 8s. 9d., and the balance remaining to the good of the fund being £91 16s. 3d.

This balance, indeed, would have been considerably larger had it not been for the outlay incurred in revising and printing the by-laws. Still it is impossible not to appreciate the full force of the appeal made by the Committee in the last paragraph but one of their report, in which they beg "to remind the brethren of the great principle of Masonic Charity, and to entreat all, both individually and collectively, to do their utmost to strengthen and support them in this good work." The lodges contributing to the A or London Fund are only seven in number, while the number of those whose contributions are entered in the B Fund Statement of Account is 14. As regards the A Fund, the figures contained in our own remarks, as quoted by Bro. BENSON from the Boys' School Analysis of last year, show that a great deal more was done for the central Charities in London than appears in its account. Still, it is eminently desirable that the area of the Fund work should be enlarged. It is an easy method, that of contributing so much per annum in order to obtain life votes or votes in perpetuity, and we strongly counsel all brethren and lodges in the Province of North Wales, who do not feel equal to the payment in one sum of the amount qualifying them for Life Subscriberships, to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by their Provincial Association. As regards the B, or Provincial Fund, which has been established (1) for the Education and advancement in life of the children of deceased or indigent North Wales brethren, and (2) for making grants for relief to distressed brethren or their children, or the widows of deceased brethren or their children, it is one that naturally commends itself to the support of all lodges and brethren in the Province, and we should gladly see the amounts contributed by them on a larger scale. However, there is a good working Committee with an experienced Chairman—Bro. C. K. BENSON—which regulates the affairs of the Association, and we doubt not that in future reports we shall find that these appeals for a more extended support throughout the Province have been entertained to good purpose.

FREEMASONRY IN NORFOLK*

Chapter VII. treats of the "Order of the Temple," the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and "Mark and Ark Masonry," each of these systems being dealt with separately, while the constitution and subsequent progress of the several lodges belonging to each are accurately traced. In respect of the Templar Order, Bro. LE STRANGE states that "Sir JOHN MITCHELL RAMSAY, better known as the Chevalier RAMSAY," was the chief agent in engrafting Knight Templary and the High Grades generally upon Speculative Freemasonry, and that he (RAMSAY), "in 1728 proposed to the Grand Lodge of England a new system of Masonic degrees, of which that of Knight Templar was one, but his proposals found no acceptance there." There is probably a considerable amount of truth in the allegation that RAMSAY was mainly responsible for the introduction of the High Grades into Freemasonry. The late distinguished brother who edited KENNING'S "Cyclopædia of Freemasonry" states in his article on RAMSAY—who, by the way, was ANDREW MICHAEL, or according to FINDEL, MICHAEL ANDREW, but not JOHN MITCHELL RAMSAY—"We fear that to RAMSAY must be attributed that wondrous amplification of Masonic grades which has again led to Rites," &c. FINDEL, too, says: "He opened the door to the so-called High Grades, of which the injurious

* History of Freemasonry in Norfolk," 1724 to 1895. By Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Norfolk. Norwich: Agas H. Goose, Rampant Horse-street, 1895.

effects, notwithstanding the utmost exertions of genuine Freemasons, are felt to this very day." MACKEY, in his "Lexicon of Freemasonry," also ascribes the origin of the Templar and other Orders and Rites to the same personage, but neither the editor of KENNING'S "Cyclopædia" nor FINDEL attaches any value to the legend about RAMSAY'S visit to England, the former remarking—"we are not aware of any good evidence of this assertion," and FINDEL, on the authority of Dr. KLOSS, declaring that "he was only once in England, and that in 1730, to receive the degree of Doctor of Law." However, the question which more immediately concerned the author of this history related, not to the source from which Templar Masonry derived its origin, but to the period when it was in evidence that and the manner in which it was being worked in connection with English Freemasonry. Accordingly, he quotes from the records of the St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, Mass., the case of the candidate who, on the 28th August, 1769, was "made by receiving the four steps, that of an Excellt., Sup. Excellt., Roysl. Arch and Kt. Templar," subsequently styled "the four Degrees of a Royal Arch Mason," and refers his readers for other instances to Bro. HUGHAN'S "Origin of the English Rite," pp. 103-108 and Appendix D. Subsequently Bro. LE STRANGE mentions such cases as he has been able to discover in which the Templar Degree is referred to in connection with Norfolk Masonry, and having done this, he briefly describes the career of the preceptories established in Norfolk. He has dealt with the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and "Mark and Ark Masonry" in a similar fashion, the two chapters of Rose Croix under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite being the Albert Edward, at King's Lynn, for which the Prince of WALES was a petitioner, and the Clarence, at Norwich, named after the late Duke of CLARENCE and AVONDALE. It should be mentioned, however, that in the Templar and Mark Degrees Norfolk is not a separate Province, but part of the Province of East Anglia, while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite it is included in the East Central District.

The "Appendix" comprises, in addition to an "Index of Names" and a "General Index," both of which will be found exceedingly useful for purposes of reference by the reader, a short paper, entitled "Was NELSON a Freemason?" In this article Bro. LE STRANGE mentions that "among the furniture now in possession of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 101, at Yarmouth, is a stone bearing an inscription relating to NELSON." Having described the stone, he proceeds: "On each of the long sides is an incised inscription; that on one side commemorates the foundation of the Lodge of United Friends" on the 11th August, 1797, at Yarmouth—where it still flourishes as No. 313; while on the opposite side is the following: "In Memory of Bror. Vt. NELSON, of the Nile & of Burnham Thorpe, in Norfolk, who lost his life in the arms of Victory, in an engagement with ye Combin'd Fleets of France & Spain, of (sic) Cape Trafalgar, Oct. 21, 1805. Proposed by Bror. JOHN CUTLOVE." As it appears that the minute books of the lodge relating to this period have all disappeared, there is, as far as they are concerned, nothing to corroborate "the inference, from the above inscription, that Nelson was initiated in, or became a member of, the Lodge of United Friends;" but, as Bro. LE STRANGE very pertinently remarks: "It is, at all events, extremely unlikely that in a place where Nelson was so well known as he was at Yarmouth, the members of the lodge would have dared to place on the stone, commemorative of their own constitution, an inscription claiming him as a brother, which, if untrue, would have exposed them to ridicule and contradiction from many who knew the facts." We are also told that "Bro. ROBERT ELLIOTT THORNE, of Norwich, has in his possession a round black *papier maché* snuff-box, with gilt Freemasons' emblems on the lid, which was given to his relative, JOHN HARCOURT, by Lord NELSON, and the history of which is authenticated by a letter written by JOHN HARCOURT'S daughter, who was present on the occasion," and likewise of the "Nelsonic Crimson Oakes Medal," of which there are two specimens in the Grand Lodge collection and another in the Worcestershire Masonic Library. There is, of course, nothing antecedently improbable in Nelson having been a Mason, but while "there is not enough," as Bro. LE STRANGE remarks, in the facts he mentions, and which we have referred to, "to enable us to affirm positively that NELSON

was a Freemason," we agree with him that, so far as it goes, "the presumption points strongly towards that conclusion."

It remains for us to express the pleasure we have derived from a careful perusal of the work, and the satisfaction we have had in noting in outline the general tenour of its contents. There can be no doubt that it is a very valuable addition to the limited number of Provincial Histories which have heretofore been compiled, both on the score of the intrinsic merits it possesses as a compilation, and also because as Norfolk was one of the earliest homes of Masonry in the Provinces, it is not unreasonable to expect that such a work must of necessity contain much valuable information, as to the usages and customs of the brethren during a very considerable portion of last century. It is to be regretted that so many of the earlier records have been lost, but in this respect the lodges in Norfolk are by no means singular, while Bro. LE STRANGE has been more fortunate than some of his brother historians in having lighted upon minute books and evidence of a trustworthy character, which take him back to within 20 years of the date of the constitution of the earliest lodge, that is to say, for upwards of 150 out of the 170 years since Masonry first made its influence felt in the county. He has also been fortunate in the character of the evidence he has accumulated, and by its means has been able to build up a sketch of Norfolk Masonry that may be relied upon for its truth. What he tells us is vouched for, not the creation of a too lively imagination. Above all, he has exhibited both judgment and ability in the manner in which he has fulfilled his task. It is essentially a readable volume, as well as one that is valuable for the insight it gives into the Masonic history of Norfolk. It is, moreover, externally, as well as in respect of what it contains, a goodly volume, well printed, and with a portrait of the distinguished Mason who, for close on 20 years, has ruled the Province. We trust it will find a place on the bookshelves of all who take an interest in the progress and development of the Craft throughout this country.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., P.D. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, in the chair. Supporting the Chairman on the dais were Bros. Frank Richardson, A. C. Spaul, George Everett, W. F. Smithson, and C. E. Keyser.

Bro. HEDGES, Sec., having read the minutes of the previous Quarterly Court,

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH asked the opinion of the Court whether the Chairman of the last Court was right in ruling that the motion he (Bro. Attenborough) made for the addition of two candidates to the list (Ruth Janet Chowne and Victoria Griffiths) was out of order. The motion arose out of the rejection of these cases by the General Committee on the ground that the fathers of the rejected candidates had ceased subscribing to a lodge before the candidates were born, and he contended that this was not within the laws of the Institution, the fathers having subscribed the requisite number of seven years. As he read the rules the Quarterly Court had the absolute power either to increase or decrease the number of candidates and he wanted the powers preserved. He moved that in the opinion of the Court the Chairman of the Quarterly Court of January, 1896, was not right in ruling as out of order his (Bro. Attenborough's) amendment that these two candidates were eligible.

Bro. W. RADCLIFFE, P.M., Sec. 211, asked whether the petitions were sent in in good time?

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH said yes.

The CHAIRMAN said he should put the minutes for verification. The Court had listened with considerable patience to Bro. Attenborough.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH said he was not moving that the minutes be rescinded or interfered with in any way; what he wanted was an opinion of the Court that the Chairman acted contrary to the laws of the Institution in ruling him out of order when he moved his amendment to add two names to the list.

The motion for the confirmation of the minutes was then carried.

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH said he was then in order in bringing forward his motion for a declaration that the Chairman of the Court of January, 1896, was not justified in ruling as out of order his motion for adding two names to the list.

Bro. W. RADCLIFFE seconded the motion.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON thought it would be injudicious to pass any such resolution. The cases had been sifted before. Where would they be if they put cases on the list that the Quarterly Court as a body knew nothing about?

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH said the cases he mentioned had been before the Petitions Committee, which had held that they were eligible according to the laws of the Institution. He would not think of getting up and springing on the Court cases that had not been enquired into by the Petitions Committee. The General Committee declined to put the cases on. He had asked the Court to accept them, and he was ruled out of order.

Bro. Attenborough's motion was supported by 10 members and opposed by 16. It was therefore lost.

The CHAIRMAN said that now that this was over he must say he thought the Chairman of the Court of January was perfectly right.

Bro. HEDGES having read the summaries of meetings of Committees,

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH again brought the matter forward, and moved, "That in the opinion of this Court the General Committee, in rejecting the cases of Ruth Janet Chowne and Victoria Griffiths on the ground that the fathers had ceased subscribing to a lodge before the candidates were born, exceeded the powers given them by the laws of the Institution, and that in order to rectify the

mistake made by such rejection, this Court directs both cases to be placed on the list for election at this Court." The fathers had subscribed the necessary number of years, although in one case the father had married 19 years after he had ceased to be a subscribing Mason; in the other case the father married 16 years after. He did not want to gloss over anything. If the father had subscribed seven years the child was eligible. The reason put forward for the rejection was that the father having ceased to subscribe, it rendered the children ineligible. He confessed he thought it a very narrow interpretation of the law. Chowne, the father, was a bankrupt in 1864, and his circumstances being altered, he did not consider himself justified in keeping up his subscriptions to his lodge. He never recovered his position. The Deputy Grand Registrar had given an opinion on a similar case in the Boys' School, that the Council went beyond its powers in rejecting a case on these grounds.

The CHAIRMAN said Bro. Attenborough's address was very temperate, and the brethren had listened patiently to it. But, while Bro. Attenborough had said that the father was too poor to continue his lodge subscription, it must be remembered he was not too poor to marry.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH supposed that none of us did everything we ought to do. Probably the brother got into distress, and then met a lady who assisted him materially. She was now supporting him by needlework, and that was stated in the petition as the father's sole means of subsistence.

Bro. W. RADCLIFFE said that, rather than the matter should drop, he would second the motion.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON having stated that the laws of the Girls' School and those of the Boys' were not on all fours, he thought that before passing the resolution, as the Deputy Grand Registrar had given one opinion with regard to the Boys' School, the Girls' School should take the opinion of counsel with respect to its case. The Deputy Grand Registrar was of the Common Law bar. The late Deputy Grand Registrar was a Chancery man. There was a difference between Common Law and Equity, but if the late Deputy Grand Registrar agreed with the Deputy Grand Registrar, this Court could then come to a resolution.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL raised the question whether Bro. Attenborough was in order in asking that these candidates should now be placed on the list. The laws said that the list should be closed on the last Thursday in December.

The CHAIRMAN said he ruled that it was out of order.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH said his point was that the Quarterly Court controlled and generally directed the other bodies. He was only asking for an expression of opinion. He would withdraw the words in his motion—"and that in order to rectify the mistake made by such rejection this Court directs both cases to be placed on the list by election at this Court."

The CHAIRMAN said he did not think it was in order to bring forward a motion to censure what had been done before.

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH said he was not censuring, and had not ventured to censure in any way. He asked merely for an expression of opinion.

After some further discussion, on Bro. Frank Richardson undertaking to take the opinion of counsel, Bro. Attenborough withdrew his motion.

On the motion of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, Bro. Henry Smith was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution, and the Chairman thanked the brethren for their renewed confidence.

The election of 24 girls into the Schools, from a list of 31 approved candidates, was then proceeded with.

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

Name	Votes	Name	Votes
Minns, Dorothy Leonore ...	1282	Loveless, Margaret ...	520
Williams, Violet May ...	1175	Dransfield, Laura Elizabeth ...	329
Callander, Margaret Alison ...	1020	Cockcroft, Annie Irene ...	95
Marchant, Edith ...	852		

Lodges of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, E.C., when there were present Bros. Greig, W.M.; E. Croft Wise, S.W.; S. Spencer, J.W.; W. C. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; Meadows, Sec.; Saunton, S.D.; William Baker, J.D.; A. J. Rippin, I.G.; Jas. Smith, P.M.; Emden, P.M.; Sarson, P.P.; Underwood, Butcher, Woodman, Drake, Collins, and Knight. Bro. B. Tooke, D.D.G.M. Montreal, was a visitor.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Underwood being the candidate. Bro. Greig then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Saunton, W.M. 1423, who very creditably rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Greig personating the W.M. elect. Bro. E. Croft Wise being unanimously elected to occupy the chair next Wednesday, the lodge was closed.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., when there were present Bros. Marks, W.M.; Hauss, S.W.; H. Fonseca, I.P.M.; J.W.; W. C. Smith, P.M., Preceptor; Swift, Sec.; Nielson, S.D.; J. Swift, J.D.; S. Marks, I.G.; and Long, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. M. Marks, W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Smith, P.M., gave the charge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Heris, W.M.; W. Rapley, S.W.; A. F. Hardymont, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; C. T. Rayner, S.D.; C. Smith, J.D.; C. C. Renaud, I.G.; R. P. Upton, P.M.; A. Oliver, P.M.; S. Abell, C. G. Nicole, W. A. Goring, J. Amand, E. J. Harrison, C. W. Rayner, J. R. White, J. H. Thurman, G. A. Hopkins, A. L. Langton, C. Isler, and M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Amand being the candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree. Bro. Hancock, Preceptor, then rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Abell was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Rapley having been elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE in Westfield, Mass., was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of Thursday, the 11th ult. In this building are located the offices of the Masons Fraternal Accident Association on the second floor. The Association lost many records and papers either by fire or water.

THE CHIEF of the International football matches under Association rules, that between England and Scotland, was decided on the Parkhead Ground, Glasgow, on Saturday last in the presence of upwards of 60,000 visitors, the amount taken at the gate being £2340. For the first time for seven years Scotland proved victorious, defeating their opponents by two goals to one. The success of the Scottish team is attributed to their having been able to include five players of Scottish birth who have engagements in English clubs.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE WOKING EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The anniversary meeting of this highly-flourishing lodge of instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Wednesday, the 25th ultimo. The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., had promised to preside, but having been prevented at the last moment, by the pressure of his Parliamentary duties, from attending, the duties of Chairman were cheerfully undertaken and ably fulfilled by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer. The members present were—

Bros. J. J. Black, P.M. 1564, Preceptor; C. F. Passmore, P.M. 2317, Sec.; W. E. Robinson, W.M., and R. Mossop, J.W. 1395; J. H. Askham, P.M. 723, P.P. G.D.C.; C. Cheel, P.M. 777, Prov. G.D.; C. J. Butler, 1044; H. S. Higlett, J.D. 2234; J. W. H. Littleboy, W.M., J. T. Tomlinson, S.D., R. Clamp, J.D., G. J. Woolridge, H. A. Whitburn, H. W. Gloster, and A. Althorp, all of 2317; J. B. Wood, 2521; and A. M. Kennett, 2475. Visitors: Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; C. D'Oyley Mears, P.M. 299; W. A. Worlock, 777; J. W. Stevens, W.M., F. N. Keyzar, I.P.M., W. J. Hill, I.G., and B. A. Down, all of 2234; R. I. Bayne, S.W. 1044; J. M. Rogan, J.W. 860; and J. C. Partridge, P.M. 1974.

The lodge was opened, and the Second Lecture was worked under the presidency of the Preceptor, Bro. Black, as follows: 1st Section, Bro. C. Cheel, P.M. 777; 2nd, Bro. H. S. Higlett, J.D. 2234; 3rd, Bro. R. Mossop, J.W. 1395; 4th, Bro. G. J. Woolridge; and 5th, Bro. J. B. Wood, 2521. All the workers performed their allotted duties with great credit, and were rewarded with a hearty vote of thanks, which, proposed and seconded by Bros. Eve and Gould respectively, was put from the chair and carried by acclamation.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent supper, which had been provided for them.

Bro. RICHARD EVE presided, and gave in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The last toast having been suitably acknowledged by Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D.,

"The Health of the Chairman"—who was obliged to leave at an early hour—was taken out of its turn—and very heartily received.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., after an eloquent reply, then retired, and the chair was filled for the rest of evening by Bro. R. F. GOULD, who next gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Onslow, and the Prov. G. Officers of Surrey."

Bros. J. H. ASKHAM and C. CHEEL responded.

Then followed the toast of the evening—"Success to the Woking Emulation Lodge of Improvement"—coupled with the names of the Preceptor and Secretary.

Bro. J. J. BLACK, who first replied, in thanking the W.M. in the chair and the brethren for the warm manner in which the toast had been received, said: This lodge, which, by the way, is my own offspring, is of the greatest interest to me, as it is, I know, to every member, and I will, to the utmost of my power, endeavour in the future, as I have done in the past, to maintain that success which you so kindly wish it. This probably is an opportune time to give you a slight outline of the origin and object of this lodge of improvement, which has existed a little more than eight years. As an old worker of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London—I am speaking now of the time previous to this lodge's inception—I had the pleasure at our annual festivals of listening to the speeches of Bro. Thos. Fenn, a brother beloved by the whole Craft, in which the Emulation working was shown to be the only ritual sanctioned by Grand Lodge, and one which he hoped would in time become the uniform working of the Craft. I have never been able to bring myself to believe that such a consummation—though devoutly to be wished—will ever be effected, at any rate, in our time, but there can be no doubt that the Emulation working is the ritual of the future, and will predominate to a very great extent. It was to further this desire of Bro. Fenn's and because I saw there was room in Woking for a Lodge of Improvement that this lodge was promoted. With the assistance of a brother, not now a member—I refer to Bro. Aiken, who acted as Secretary for some time and who gave me very valuable assistance in procuring members—the lodge was formed in the early part of 1888, since which time we have worked uninterruptedly. Amongst the objects the most important of all is to teach strict Emulation working and to turn out men not only letter perfect but competent to render the ritual intelligently. The first impressions of a candidate are of the greatest moment, and undoubtedly, therefore, the manner in which the ceremonies are performed is most important. To hear, as many of us have, the ceremonies mangled and marred by some Masters in the chair, is to any man with an appreciation of the beauties of the Craft ritual simply intolerable. I cannot help thinking, too, that the frequent poor attendances at regular lodges is in a great measure due to the defective delivery of the Master and the slipshod way in which the work generally is carried out. I would ask the members of this lodge to foster that spirit of emulation which is the life and soul of a lodge of this character, and if possible to introduce here brethren who have just been raised and have not had time to be contaminated by some of the cross working one frequently sees. And now I will explain why we old Emulation men lay claim to our ritual being the only authorised one, and for this information we are, of course, indebted to Bro. Fenn. At the time of the Union in 1813 the workings of the various lodges were found to differ very materially and a warrant was issued for the formation of the Lodge of Reconciliation, consisting of an equal number of the two rival parties, with the object of framing a ritual which should become the uniform ritual of the Craft. They performed their task, and in 1816 the ceremonies were rehearsed before two special meetings of Grand Lodge, the Duke of Sussex presiding, and with one or two slight corrections ordered to be adopted as the recognised ritual. From this Lodge of Reconciliation a few years later sprung the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, with Bro. Peter Gilkes as its first Preceptor. That brother died about 1833 when his old pupil, Bro. Stephen Baiton Wilson, took over the Preceptorship and presided till his death in

1866. After that distinguished brother followed Bros. Fenn, Murton, and Richards, and it is to those grand exponents of Masonry that I am indebted for what knowledge of the working I possess. The ritual taught in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement at the present day by Bros. Sudlow, Rushton, and Keatish is the same as was taught in the Lodge of Reconciliation more than 70 years ago, and that working has been taught by me here in this lodge ever since its formation. I take this opportunity of thanking the Stewards for their efforts in making this festival a success, and our Secretary for all the arduous work he has had in connection with it. I hope the day may be far distant when these festivals shall become a thing of the past and when our meetings are not graced by the presence of Grand Lodge Officers.

Bro. C. F. PASSMORE, the Secretary, then read a summary of the work which had been performed in the lodge during the past year. There were 15 meetings. The number of members was 45, and the average attendance 14. The First Degree had been rehearsed on eight occasions, the second on seven, and the third on nine. The ceremony of installation, and the various Lectures, had also been worked, and the tracing boards explained.

Other toasts followed, and "The Weyside Lodge, No. 1395," under whose wing the proceedings of the lodge of instruction are conducted, was very pleasantly acknowledged by Bro. W. E. ROBINSON, its W.M.; Bros. J. C. PARTRIDGE, R. I. BAYNE, J. M. ROGAN, and Bro. C. D'OYLEY MEARS replied for "The Visitors," the last-named of whom said he was most agreeably surprised to find such excellent working of the Sections. He had heard good reports, and was pleased to have the opportunity of congratulating the Preceptor, Bro. Black, upon the extraordinary precision and remarkable ability displayed by the members of the Lodge of Improvement that evening, and which testified in a most remarkable manner to the value of the teaching conducted by Bro. Black. The Sections were worked most capably by each member entrusted with the task, and the expectations of the Preceptor and others were amply justified by the results, especially so, as he understood that in one or two cases, the workers were those of very few months' experience in Masonry. He was present as the invited guest of Bro. Clamp, and he expected to see good working, but it had far exceeded his expectations. No doubt he, like other visitors, came with the idea of being a little critical and if he might be allowed to make a suggestion, with all due respect to the opinion of others, it would be that the speed with which one Section followed another was too great. No sooner was one Section finished than within a few seconds the Worshipful Master's gavel was heard, and another was commenced even before members had time to turn round, reflect, criticise, or congratulate. He submitted that an interval of a few minutes between the Sections would be desirable. It would enable listeners to grasp the subject of each Section better, and keep the whole clearer in their minds than could be expected when gone through so rapidly. He must also commend the Wardens and the I.G. for the excellent and clear manner in which they carried out their respective duties. Not a single fault or hitch could be detected, proving the good effects of the training they have been under at their meetings. He had pleasure in thus testifying his thanks as a visitor in having witnessed such excellent Masonic work, and he thought such should be emulated in other lodges. It would be a source of pleasure and gratification to all. He thanked them for coupling his name with the toast of "The Visitors."

The next toast was "The Section Workers," to which they all replied, with the exception of Bro. Higlett, who had been compelled to leave by an early train.

"The Worshipful Masters of the Working Lodges" next followed, and was most ably responded to by Bro. LITTLEBOY, W.M. 2317.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and after a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated for their various homes.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE LODGE, No. 308, AT EASTWOOD.

During the last two or three years several lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire have had the good fortune to receive centenary warrants from his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master, and have celebrated the auspicious event with all possible éclat. In 1893 it was the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, meeting in the town of the same name, and the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296, Sheffield; in 1894, the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, and the Philanthropic, No. 304, meeting in Bradford and Leeds respectively; and last year the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, of Leeds; while during the present year, out of the five lodges still on the roll of United Grand Lodge which were constituted by the Grand Lodge "Moderns" in 1796, two belong to West Yorkshire, namely, the Prince Frederick Lodge, No. 307, Hebden Bridge, and the Prince George Lodge, No. 308, Eastwood. But none of these fortunate lodges has been more successful in the celebration of its centenary or better deserved success by reason of its past records and present energy than the lodge at Eastwood, which, having been able to prove to the authorities of Grand Lodge the continuity of its working during a full century of years, has recently had conferred upon it the honour of a centenary warrant. The lodge, as has already been stated, was warranted in February, 1796, the day on which it was constituted being the 2nd March following, and it was on the 2nd March, 1896, that the brethren resolved on holding a special meeting in order that they might receive their new warrant with that pomp and circumstance which is proper on such momentous occasions. Accordingly there were gathered together on the day appointed a large attendance of members and visitors, to the number of 120, who met under the presidency of Bro. Edward Roper Dickenson, W.M., the officers and members being for the most part in their places, while among the visiting members were Bros. the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Henry Smith, P.G.D. England, Dep. P.G.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. England; C. Letch Mason, 304, Prov. S.G.W.; W. Harrop, 290, Past Prov. G.W.; the Rev. W. Wilkinson, 1214, Prov. G. Chap.; John Elswen, 308, P. Prov. G. Reg.; George Bolton, 152, Prov. G. Treas.; H. G. E. Green, 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; W. C. Lupton, 974, P. Prov. G.D.; Thos. Utley, 307, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Sidney T. Steele, 380, P.D. Prov. G.D.C.; J. W. Monckman, 1028, D.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Matthewman, 1019, Asst. Prov. G. Sec.; W. Cockcroft, 307, P. Prov. G. Purst.; F. W. Turner, 408, P. Prov. G. Purst.; and W. Haigh, 1283, P. Prov. G. Std. Br.

Lodge having been opened, and the summons convening the meeting read, the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers were received and saluted in due form. A portion of scripture was then read by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, after which a short, but highly interesting sketch of the career of the lodge, which had been compiled for the occasion by Bro. JOHN E. CRAVEN, P.M., was read by that brother, the brethren following him with the closest attention, and warmly applauding him at the close.

Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, addressing the Worshipful Master and brethren, said it was his privilege to present to them the centenary warrant of the lodge and the centenary jewel which accompanied it. Before doing so, he might be allowed to say a few words on that interesting occasion. They had listened with great advantage and, he was sure, with great pleasure, to the very lucid and clear and connected statement of Bro. Craven with reference to the history of Prince George Lodge—a lodge, which they had heard, had a most interesting historical record. The original warrant was dated February, 1796, and the first meeting was apparently held on Monday, 2nd March—that was just 100 years ago that very day. Of course, they were reminded that the lodge originally met at Howarth, a district rendered famous and sacred by its associations with the Bronte family, and that it was subsequently removed into this important district—a district which had been described as the Masonic Mecca, from the number of Degrees it was capable of conferring, and from the general excellence it had achieved as shown by Bro. Craven's report. Again, the love of music was not absent, for had they not been told that a brass band was attached to the lodge in those days, as well as the long pipes, and ale, and punch. They, however, had gone a step much beyond that, and had kept pace with the progress of the nation and with the progress of that education which Bro. Craven told them in those days was not very good; and he had no doubt there had been some difficulty in deciphering the minute books of those by-gone days. The Order, however, was in several respects a reflex of the history of the nation, both educationally and as regarded all its other progress. He was very much interested to learn that the number of members of the lodge was 49, and that of the Past Masters now living, 21 were subscribing members to their lodge. That showed distinctly—if any evidence were wanting—that the principles which they valued in connection with the Order had left their impression on the minds of those men who had passed through the lodge, that they retained all their old affection for it, and that they were imbued with a desire to do all they could to increase its efficiency. He thought Bro. Craven had done well to emphasise the fact that we valued something more highly even than numbers—that we recognised that the principal value was not in the mere collection of a large number of men together, but rather to be found in the fact, that wherever lodges were held, there they would also find loyalty, harmony, and brotherly affection. He as P.G.M. re-echoed the sentiments which had been expressed towards him as the head, for the time being, of that great province, and assured the brethren that there was nothing that could be so gratifying to the P.G.M. of such an important Province as West Yorkshire as to know that the fundamental principles of loyalty, harmony, and brotherly affection prevailed throughout the province. He need say nothing more on that point, as Bro. Craven had told them that jealousy was absent, and that loyalty to their officers prevailed in that lodge. The minute books, showing the continuity of the lodge from its earliest day, were there present with them on the W.M.'s pedestal, and he was sure there was great cause to rejoice in the memory of the past of Prince George Lodge. He desired to make one or two brief remarks somewhat in the nature of an apology. It was to him a great disappointment that he was unable to be present at the centenary of 307 (Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge). It was not, however, very easy, as he was sure they would appreciate, in connection with a province covering so wide an area and having such a large number of lodges as West Yorks, to make visits so frequent as one would desire, and it was, he would assure the brethren of that lodge, a great disappointment to him that such an interesting occasion should pass without his having the opportunity of being present. He fully recognised the value, and he would say the importance of frequent visits being paid by P.G. Officers to every lodge in the province, and he would be wanting in his duty if he did not acknowledge the willingness which the D.P.G.M. had always shown to do everything which it was possible for him to do in order to keep in touch with the different lodges in the province. He (the P.G.M.) recognised that this was necessary and that it not only stimulated activity and loyalty, but that it did much to keep the working of the different lodges on some uniform method and plan, in addition to which it made all the lodges in the province feel that they were all bound together in the Province of West Yorks. Nobody appreciated that more than he did and no one would desire more to give effect to that view. He hoped, therefore, that although they might not be able to visit the different lodges as often as they would wish, still they would do all that lay in their power to promote that good-fellowship, and, above all, that they would be bound together in affection and demonstrate the three great principles of the Order. That was their centenary, and on an occasion of that kind they were naturally led to think of the lessons which such occasions tended to enforce. He thought he might say that one of the lessons which it tended to enforce was that of respect and gratitude towards those who had gone before. Those who had borne the burden and upheld the faith in previous times, and had handed down the great traditions of the Order unsullied had taught them a noble lesson; but they might not only learn a lesson from their work; even from their failures they might learn the lesson of perseverance in endeavours to do their duty. They were all liable to fail, but they knew that a determination to try and do their best would sooner or later meet with success. They were stimulated by the example of those who had gone before. The growth of the nation and its progress should be exemplified by the growth and progress of the Order. They should try to live up to the principles of the Order, bearing in mind that the effect was not limited to the particular district in which the lodge might be placed, but that those principles were being carried by brethren, not only into the outlying districts, of this country, but into every district in the world. They knew what great progress had been made in every part of the world, and how real and true it was that Masons always showed towards brother Masons a help and assistance beyond that which could be shown by men towards each other who were not Masons. They knew also, perfectly well, how the uninitiated might sometimes jeer at their Order. They were, however, aware that the principles of the Order were founded upon truth, and that they tended to promote brotherly love among the members of the Order. Again, Masonry was spread throughout all the world, and embraced all classes of people, from the Prince to the peasant. At the same time, there was always recognised between two Masons a degree of equality, which it was impossible to find in any other Order. He was quite sure, from what they had heard from Bro. Craven, that, so far as that lodge was concerned, the members would strive to live up to the principles of the Order, and it had been to him personally a matter of great satisfaction to have taken part in that ceremony that day, and to have the honour and the privilege of presenting to the lodge the centenary warrant and the jewel to the W.M. He was quite sure that they would recognise that in the acceptance of the warrant there was carried with it the responsibility that none of the traditions of the Order should be allowed to lapse; that nothing should be done to tarnish it, and that the lodge would do all that was necessary to preserve intact the ritual of the Order, and hand down to their successors the centenary warrant of that lodge, with all its beauty, and all its lustre untainted and untarnished. The Prov. Grand Master then said: It is now my privilege to present to you, as W.M. of the lodge, the centenary warrant which is hung behind you; to give it into your care; to charge you with the responsibility of its care, and also, as far as in you lies, to preserve it in accordance with the traditions of the Order. I may also be permitted to attach the centenary jewel, which marks the occasion, and I wish, with great sincerity, that the Great Architect of the Universe may grant you health and strength and long life to remain a member of this lodge.

Bro. E. R. DICKENSON, W.M., on rising, said: Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Prov. Grand Officers, and Brethren,—In accepting this warrant on behalf of the lodge, allow me to express the great satisfaction of my-

self and the brethren of the lodge at your presence here to-day. We know, R.W. Sir, how valuable your time is, but we are glad that you have been able to come down here, no doubt at great inconvenience, to help us to celebrate our centenary. We are likewise glad to see you accompanied by Bro. Hy. Smith, D.P.G.M., and supported by so many Prov. Grand Officers. The last occasion on which Prince George Lodge was honoured by a visit of the Provincial Grand Master was on the 21st November, 1835, when the late Bro. Tew, whose name and memory are revered in this lodge as all over the province, came down and heard a paper read by Bro. Craven similar to the one they have heard to-day, which so interested him that he asked to be allowed to bear the expense of printing and publishing it. Reference has been made to the harmony which exists in this lodge; no one finds that existence out sooner than the W.M., and so far as that goes, I am glad to say that, as Master of this lodge, my task is an easy one indeed. I venture to say that no lodge in the province possesses in greater degree than Prince George Lodge that true brotherly feeling which should at all times characterise a Freemason's lodge. As regards its efficiency, I can say without exaggeration that it is thoroughly efficient. Ever since I entered the lodge it has been the invariable rule for every W.M. to initiate, pass, and raise all brethren during his term of office, and the majority of the Masters have installed their successors. Efficient as this lodge has been in the past, I know that I may say, looking at the present officers of the lodge, that that efficiency will be maintained, if not surpassed, in the future. I should not like this opportunity to pass by without recognising the constant and valuable services of Bro. Craven. For nearly a quarter of a century he has been a tower of strength in our midst, and has loyally adhered to the lodge, not only in the time of its prosperity, but more especially when its returns were at a low ebb. I know it is the wish of the brethren that some reference should be made to his services on this occasion. It is also the wish of the lodge to make some donation to the Charities on this interesting occasion, and I am authorised by the members to say that they will contribute the sum of 50 guineas to the Masonic Charities. I am sure that you will agree with me that this is an indication that we do not wish to neglect the main object of Masonry, viz., the cultivation of the spirit of Charity. In accepting this warrant I wish again to express our great gratitude for your attendance here, R.W. Sir, and also for the valuable address you have given us. Bro. Bates: I give this centenary warrant, which we regard as only second in importance to our warrant of constitution, into your keeping and trust you will see it duly hung on the walls of this lodge.

At this point the P.G.M. hoped they would not take it unkindly, or as showing a lack of appreciation or a want of courtesy on his part, when he told them that he was under strict orders to catch a train which in a few minutes would be stopping specially to take him on to London. He would, therefore, ask the permission of the W.M. to say how glad he had been to be there and to leave with them the responsibility of carrying on the good work. He would also like to say how sorry they all were that Bro. Wrigley, who had done so much for the lodge, was absent from them on that occasion, and he hoped it might be conveyed to him that they were extremely sorry for the cause of his absence. With their permission he would now say good day, as the Lancashire and Yorkshire trains were noted for their punctuality.

Bro. BATES, P.M., Sec., read the centenary warrant, and an ode, specially written for the occasion, having been sung.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. HENRY SMITH, on rising to present the centenary jewels to the brethren of the lodge, said: I think you cannot have listened to the speech of the P.G.M. and taken part in the proceedings this afternoon without feeling deeply impressed with the sincerity of the occasion. I feel very deeply grateful to you for the salutation you gave to the Grand Lodge and to the Prov. Grand Lodge. We have come here to assist you in celebrating your centenary with a large amount of pleasure, and some little inconvenience to ourselves. I do not think, however, that we can be too grateful to our friend, Bro. Craven, for the anxiety he has shown to make the celebration a success, and the ability he has displayed in discharging the duty of D.C. He has read an interesting account of the history of this lodge, and I am quite sure that Bro. Jackson has gone away very deeply impressed with the meeting, which it has been his pleasure and privilege to attend. It is 10 or 12 years since I had the pleasure of attending your lodge, and I well remember the hearty welcome I received on that occasion, though, of course, you were not met in such large numbers as I see here present to-day. I am not sure whether Prov. Grand Lodge has ever assembled here; however, it is represented to-day in large numbers, and we tender a hearty and sincere feeling of gratitude to the brethren for the cordial invitation, and for the great amount of sympathy which has been evinced towards the old lodge on this occasion. We now number 15 lodges which have celebrated their centenary. At the celebration of the centenary of Prince Frederick, 307, we had a charming meeting, and on that occasion a great amount of enthusiasm was displayed, but, unfortunately, our Prov. Grand Master was not able to be present, or, I have no doubt, he would have given an interesting address as he has done to-day. I think you will go away to-day favourably impressed with the manner in which the Prov. Grand Master can thoroughly grasp every subject with which he is called upon to deal. His time is very much taken up, for he has the duties to perform in connection with his office as Mayor of Leeds; he is Chairman of the Great Northern Railway Company, and has a large business in the neighbourhood of Leeds, in addition to Parliamentary duties, and, with all these engagements, it is with the greatest difficulty that he can have a moment at his own command. I am deeply gratified to have listened to him on this interesting occasion. Bro. Craven is well-known to all of you, but few know him as I do. I know that he has been indefatigable in the interests of the lodge, that his heart is in the right place, and that his attachment to the lodge is sincere. The simple duty I have to perform is that of presenting the centenary jewels to the various brethren who have made application for them. You are aware that no one is entitled to wear it unless he is a subscribing member of the lodge. The jewel itself is only a proof that you are a member of a centenary lodge, and that you have secured it in a proper and legitimate manner.

After presenting the jewels to the brethren, the D.P.G.M. said: I feel it a great pleasure and honour to present these jewels, and I think it is most creditable that so many brethren have taken up the jewels. It is entirely voluntary on their part, and I hope they will take care to wear it on visiting other lodges.

Bro. W. HARROP, P.P.G.W. (Chairman Charity Committee), said he did not expect being called upon on that occasion to address them in the lodge, but he had thought that he might have had an opportunity at a later stage to say a few words on behalf of the Charities. On behalf of himself and the Charity Committee, he tendered their sincere and heartfelt thanks, and their hearty good wishes for the handsome donation they had voted on behalf of the Masonic Charities. Many of them knew the advantages of these Charities. Had they not felt a warm interest in these Charities, it might be that he would not have been standing there thanking them for the handsome donation from Prince George Lodge. Those Charities were worthy of the support of every Mason in the province, and he felt that, without exception, they were the noblest Charities this country possessed. He was quite certain that in the administration of them there was, at the present time, the greatest care exercised that any Freemason could desire, and he knew that they were managed with economy and efficiency. Most of them would be aware that at the Aged Freemasons' Festival held in February last, £20,000 had been subscribed to the fund. Considering the limited number of Freemasons in the country, and that it was entirely voluntary, he believed there was no other society or body of men who could produce such a result. Shortly they would

have the Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and both deserved their warmest support. He conveyed to them, on behalf of his lodge, No. 290, Huddersfield, hearty good wishes, and again thanked them for their donation to these Charities.

Bro. LUPTON, P.P.G.D. (Vice-Chairman of Charity Committee), said that generally a man spoke with greatest effect after dinner when pleading for a good cause; he was, however, thankful to say that on that occasion he had no need to plead. Was it St. James who said "Show me thy faith by thy works?" The brethren of Prince George Lodge had that day shown their works. No greater proof of the interest they took in their lodge could be shown than the magnificent action they had taken in voting such a sum to the Royal Masonic Institutions. There was no need to plead for those Charities in West Yorks, for he believed that their true West Yorks common sense taught them that the money devoted in this manner brought its own reward. As far as the province was concerned they were in the proud position of not being forced to reject any candidates who came forward for their Charity if they were properly qualified. By supporting these Charities, viz., the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Aged Masons and Widows, they were stirring up a power which enabled them to do good, and he heartily thanked them for the splendid manner in which they had shown their sympathy on that occasion.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an elaborate menu had been provided by Duckworth, of Rochdale, the room being very tastefully decorated, and the tables being also well furnished with floral decorations.

On the removal of the cloth, the several toasts were successively proposed and honoured.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE UNITED MARINERS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 30.

A very pleasant and happy meeting to celebrate a successful termination of the year's work was held at the Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., Bro. E. Eedle, P.M. 1441, Preceptor, took the chair, ably supported by Bros. J. Wimble, P.M. 1901, Treas., as S.W., and G. F. Hipkins, S.D. 1598, Sec., as J.W., through whose indefatigable exertions the whole proceedings were brought to such a successful issue. There were also present Bros. Hattersley, P.M.; Dearing, P.P.G.S. of W. Herts; W. E. Goodwins, P.P.G. Org. Herts; Wyng, P.M.; Dallimore, P.M.; Bale, P.M.; F. Neale, W.M. 1981; Davidson, Wilkinson, P.M.; E. Talbot, P.M.; Pargeter, P.M.; Omer, P.M.; Mackway, P.M.; A. E. Kipps, E. Hattersley, Millington, Cook, Dickson, King, William Morris, Medcalf, Mullens, R. E. Clarke, J. Hill, C. Bell, Reynolds, Conyers, C. Morris, Macdonald, Morgan, Jas. Smith, Cavill, Smales, Rawlings, McLaughlin, Morgan, Kennedy, and C. H. Stone, P.M.

A capital supper was provided by the hostess, Mrs. Pearce, to which justice was done.

Upon the removal of the cloth the President, Bro. EEDLE, gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts in capital style, which were right royally received.

The toast of the evening was presented by Bro. DEARING, P.M., viz., "Success to the United Mariners Lodge of Instruction," remarking that under the able guidance of his old friend, Bro. Eedle, Preceptor, it had rendered excellent service to the brethren, and the presence of such a goodly number showed the esteem he and the other permanent officers of the lodge was held in. If the brethren showed their interest in the lodge and attended to support those officers they would not tire in rendering all the assistance that lay in their power. Bro. Eedle was master of the ceremonies in other degrees, therefore under his able tuition he (Bro. Dearing) was confident the lodge would not suffer, and he wished it in future a most successful career.

In reply, Bro. EEDLE said that the Executive of the lodge of instruction were deeply grateful to the brethren for such heartiness shown. He congratulated them upon such an unqualified success, both as regards that annual supper and also to the many able workers that had gained much of their Masonic knowledge in that lodge. He was fully conscious of the honour done him in electing him Preceptor for the eighth time, and would state most cordially that he would spare no efforts to further the interest of the United Mariners Lodge. Too much praise could not be bestowed upon Bros. G. F. Hipkins, Sec., and Wimble, Treas., for their exertions in catering so well for their comfort.

Bro. WIMBLE, P.M. 1901, Treas., thanked the brethren for the trust reposed in him for the 10th year in electing him Treasurer, and pledged himself to a faithful discharge of all monies committed to his keeping. Greater praise was due to the Preceptor and Secretary than to himself, as at times his professional engagements caused his absents himself, but his interest in the lodge was still great, and he would do his utmost for its benefit.

Bro. G. F. HIPKINS, Sec., in reply, stated his labour in the lodge was out of love for its prosperity, and none was too hard, so long as that end was achieved. He would like to mention a strong point that was made in the lodge, that any brother desirous of office could almost, without exception, take that position forthwith; therefore, he should heartily welcome more brethren who would honour them with a visit. He had taken the greatest interest in the lodge, and before he was a Master Mason joined, and hoped still to remain many years among them, and see the result of their labours, which had already been evidenced by many worthy and distinguished brethren.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been duly honoured, it was very ably responded to by Bros. DEARING, WYNG, GOODWIN, MULLENS, CONYERS, BELL, CLARKE, and MORRIS.

The PRESIDENT next proposed a toast to "The Brethren of the Mother Lodge, No. 30," under whose fostering care the lodge of instruction was held. They all expressed their gratitude for this kindness for granting the warrant, thereby enabling them to carry on the good work.

Bros. COOK and McLAUGHLIN very suitably replied.

"The Health of the Proprietress" was next proposed, with the best thanks of the meeting for giving such a capital repast and allowing the lodge of instruction to be held in such a splendid room, wishing her long life and happiness.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

The harmony of the meeting was greatly enhanced by songs from Bros. Eedle, Hill, Kipps, Goodwins, and Clarke, and recitations from Bros. Jas. Smith, Smales, and E. Talbot.

Bros. Kipps and Goodwins, R.A.M., Medalist S. of Arts, ably presided at the piano.

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Treasurer, in the chair, after the General Business was
disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to
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No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Votes.
1	25	Watkins, W. K.	3831
2	24	Hands, V. M.	3598
3	11	Franklin, M. R.	3579
4	15	Hancock, M.	3440
5	7	Hawkins, P.	3491
6	30	Cooper, C. L. V.	3347
7	4	Richardson, F.	3252
8	5	Canova, T. K. C.	3190
9	19	Bailey, M. J.	3173
10	12	Lomer, J. K. R.	3136
11	20	Dorrell, C. M.	3118
12	29	Pocklington, K.	3107
13	10	Kingsmill, W. M.	3084
14	23	Firkin, G. D.	3001
15	14	Taylor, E. H.	2977
16	16	Sutcliffe, F. B.	2976
17	28	Collingwood, J.	2980
18	13	Cain, A. L.	2938
19	22	Sleeman, E. J.	2835
20	9	Eastment, R. E.	2779
21	8	Kemp, O.	2732
22	26	Day, C. C.	2710
23	31	Harris, D. G.	2439
24	6	Holloway, M.	1901

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SATURDAY MORNING containing a full
Report of the Quarterly Court of the R.M.I.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and
Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls
was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday. The chair
was taken promptly at noon by Bro. Henry Smith,
and when the ordinary business of the meeting had
been dispatched, a poll was opened for the election of
24 from an approved list of 31 candidates. The names
of the successful will be found recorded in our
advertisement columns.

For the second time during the present year there
has been a lodge centenary celebration in the Province
of West Yorkshire. The earlier of the two was that
of the Prince Frederick, No. 307, Hebden Bridge,
while the more recent, which took place on Monday,
the 2nd ult., is that of the Prince George Lodge, No.
308, Eastwood. Both celebrations were carried out
with great spirit; in both cases a *résumé* of the lodge
history was read by one of the abler and more ex-
perienced members of the lodge; while at both
meetings there was a large attendance of members and
visitors, by whom a great amount of enthusiasm was
shown in honour of so important an anniversary. In
one respect, however, the Prince George was more
avoured than the Prince Frederick Lodge, namely, in

the fact that the respected Prov. Grand Master of
West Yorkshire, Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson,
M.P., found himself in a position to set aside a few
hours in the midst of his multitudinous engagements
in order to be present and take, as he always does
take, an active part in the proceedings of the day.

It was he, indeed, who personally handed over the
Customary Warrant to the custody of the Worshipful
Master of the lodge, and presented him with the
Centenary Jewel, which all subscribing members of the
lodge, if they so desire it, are now privileged to wear.
And in discharging these two most agreeable functions
Bro. Jackson turned the opportunity to account by
delivering one of those kindly, and, at the same time,
practical common-sense addresses for which, even
during his comparatively brief tenure of the office of
P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, he has already made him-
self conspicuous. His worthy Deputy, Bro. Henry
Smith, was also present, and in handing the centenary
jewels to the members who had applied for them,
loyally backed up the speech of his respected chief
with a few words of advice such as only so experienced
a Mason as he could tender. We heartily congratu-
late the lodge on the receipt of its Centenary Warrant
and the success of its proceedings at the Special
Meeting, held on the very day of the month and week
on which one hundred years previously the lodge had
been formally constituted; and we trust that its
future may be in every way worthy of its past long and
honourable career.

Very general sympathy will be felt with our Tasma-
nian brethren in the loss they have sustained through
the sudden death of their M.W.G. Master, Bro. Dr.
E. O. Giblin. The deceased, who was but 46 years of
age, had gone to the north of the island in order to
take part in the annual shooting matches of the Tas-
manian Rifle Association, when, during the afternoon
of Friday, the 27th December last, he was seized with
sunstroke on the range, and as soon as possible he was
removed to his hotel in a cab. There he was attended to,
firstly, by Dr. Hallows, and afterwards, in consultation
with him, by Dr. Maddox, but though everything was
done that science and the most thoughtful care and
kindness could suggest, Bro. Dr. Giblin died the same
evening at 10.30 p.m. The body was subsequently
removed to the doctor's residence in Macquarie-street,
Hobart, Town, and on the following Sunday (the 29th
December), was buried with full Masonic and military
ceremonial in New Town Cemetery, the early portion
of the religious service taking place in the cathedral.
We have received the official records of the Grand
Lodge proceedings at the Special Communication held
in consequence of the Grand Master's death, and the
Annual Communication on the 30th January, with a full
account of the funeral, and it is our intention to publish
proceedings of the meetings in our next issue.

It appears that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
has its authorised School of Work, corresponding to
our Emulation Lodge of Improvement. It is known
as the "Temple School," and on Tuesday, the 3rd
ultimo—the day preceding the Quarterly Commu-
cation of the Grand Lodge—a meeting was held, at
which there were present the Grand and Deputy Grand
Masters, the Grand Wardens, Past Grand Master
Eichbaum, sundry other Grand Officers, and a
large number of officers and members of private
lodges. The ceremonies of the Three Degrees were
rehearsed, and, according to the *Keystone*, "the Grand
Master not only commended the officers for their
accurate rendition of the work, but also announced it
as the authorised work of the jurisdiction." Our Emu-
lation Lodge of Improvement is not quite so favourably
circumstanced as the Pennsylvania "Temple School."
It is countenanced, and even encouraged, by our Grand
Lodge authorities, while its work is tacitly acknow-
ledged and accepted by the great majority of English
Craftsmen as the authorised version; but we are not
aware that it has ever been officially declared as such.

Indeed, so far as our reading goes, no such official
declaration has been made in favour of our version
of the ritual since the year 1816, when H.R.H.
the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master, held a
Special Grand Lodge on the 20th May, and the
ceremonies of the Three Degrees as settled by the
Lodge of Reconciliation were rehearsed. On the 5th
June following, these ceremonies were considered, and
after alterations upon two points in the Third Degree
had been resolved upon, they were approved and con-
firmed by Grand Lodge. But this happened 80 years
ago, and, though there is no reason to suppose that in
the period that has since elapsed the essential parts
of the ceremonies have been disturbed, there is little,
if any, doubt that differences in some of the details
exist. Our Grand Lodge is probably right in not
concerning itself about minor differences, especi-
ally as the influence of the Emulation Lodge of
Improvement, as a School of Instruction, is becoming
greater every year, and, as time goes, on we may look
to see its working universally accepted, if not officially
authorised. We trust, however, that should there ever
arise anything in the nature of a serious departure
from the ritual as settled in 1816, it will be at once
and firmly checked.

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.

QUALIFICATION FOR MASTER'S CHAIR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I do not like to allow an appeal addressed directly to me to pass unnoticed—at the same time, at the present moment I feel some diffidence in answering Bro. Mears' question, for peculiar reasons.

I trust, therefore, it may be sufficient for Bro. Mears if I refer him to the appeal of Bro. Vaillant and others decided in Grand Lodge 5th December, 1877 (Grand Lodge Proceedings, Vol. 3, p. 117), and the passage from Dr. Oliver's Masonic Jurisprudence therein referred to; from which Bro. Mears may draw his own conclusions.

I would particularly draw his attention to the passage in the speech of the present Grand Registrar, V.W. Bro. Philbrick, as to *constructive* service, with which I am most thoroughly in accord.

As to what view the Board of General Purposes would now take as to the two cases cited by him, I am inclined to think, from what I have seen of the usual practice in English lodges, that if Bro. B—— were invested by proxy on the proper night, as, rightly or wrongly, I have frequently seen done, and regularly attended to his duties afterwards, he would be considered, on the principle of *constructive* service, to have served his year so as to be qualified for the Master's chair; though, of course, it would be safer for him to serve a second year if possible.

As to the case of Bro. A——, I do not like to express an opinion, but should hardly think the brethren would elect such a brother to the Master's chair.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

April 4th.

SIGNING OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Surely the W.M. in the chair when the minutes are read, and who puts the same for confirmation, must be the proper person to sign them? His signature is merely to the fact that they are *confirmed* at that meeting.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

April 4th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1081] THE STEWART LODGE, RAWAL PINDI.

What may be termed the annual report of the Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, held at Rawal Pindi and Murree (*Punjab*) has just been published for "private circulation only." I am not going to betray any confidences, but, as one of the trio of honorary members, am naturally anxious that its doings may be known to brethren in this country, who take a special interest in its welfare as one of the lodges to which my lamented friend, Bro. Henry Josiah Whympere, C.I.E., belonged. Bro. James Brown, the W.M., has addressed the members as to the proceedings of the lodge during the past year, the survey generally being of a most satisfactory character, and the numerical strength of No. 1960 having reached its highest on 31st December last (some 70), there is every reason to hope that there is a bright future before the lodge, the main difficulty being the paucity of the attendance, as so many are non-residents or on "field service." The Charities are always remembered by the brethren, the past year adding some £143 to the total contributions, besides a large sum to the Punjab Masonic Institution. Major J. H. Leslie, R.A., was the Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and did well. The lodge has now 12 votes in perpetuity for the "Girls" and five for the "Boys," being a creditable record since its origin about 14 years ago. The W.M. thus speaks of a work that is certain to secure a wide circulation: "Wor. Bro. Leslie has in hand a History of the Lodge, with an Introduction by Bro. R. F. Gould, and I believe it will be published during this year 1896." The roll of officers is given to 1895 from 1882 inclusive, and several other interesting tables, especially one referring to the membership under each year, the roll varying from 21, in 1882, to 71, in 1895. I am very gratified to note that over 21,000 rupees have been collected or subscribed by the members on behalf of the Punjab Masonic Institution. A capital idea is carried out by the Secretary in an excellent digest of the business transacted and the attendance at all the meetings during the year. The last meeting at which Bro. J. H. Leslie was present was on February 23rd, when general regret was expressed on his departure for England. He has done good service on behalf of the lodge, and will long be gratefully remembered. The list of brethren, with full particulars to date, of all the members from the origin of the lodge, is a most useful compilation, and quite invaluable for reference. The important by-laws of the lodge I alluded to in a special article in the *Freemason* about two years ago.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

"THE MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAMBRIDGE, 1896."—The editor, printer, and publisher of this neatly-printed and ably-compiled annual is Bro. W. P. Spalding, Cambridge, who began this most useful pocket edition and Calendar some 14 years ago. Undoubtedly Bro. Spalding can claim most truly that his province has done a most satisfactory work for the Masonic Charities, considering there are but six lodges, having only 423 brethren as subscribers. The statistics exhibit the membership at 437 *gross*, but there are 14 who belong to more than one lodge, thus leaving the total 423 *net*—a slight increase from the previous return. The average to each lodge is unusually high, that of No. 895 (Isaac Newton University Lodge) having the large number of 193 on the roll. The chief Masonic events in the province during 1895 are carefully noted by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.M. SS, who does an immense amount of work in the province. There are four Royal Arch chapters, two Mark lodges, one Knight Templar preceptory, and two Rose Croix chapters, particulars of which, roll of officers of each, and special dates are all duly noted. Another year the editor might well give the votes held for the province in the Central Masonic Charities, and thus complete the information looked for in such a handy compilation.

"DORSET MASONIC CALENDAR, A.D. 1896."—This large and exhaustive work is edited, printed, and published by Bro. John A. Sherren, 79, St. Mary-street, Weymouth, from whom copies may be had at one shilling each. It is really a wonderful compilation, and must have involved an immense deal of labour, for notwithstanding the ready assistance of the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Robert Case, P.M., &c., the arrangement, tables,

and particulars must have all been duly attended to by the able editor. First of all there is a page calendar, then lists of lodge meetings, Royal Arch chapters, Mark lodges, &c., are given on two pages, from February, 1896, to February, 1897, a most handy compilation; the Masonic Calendar is explained on another page, and nine pages are devoted to the Grand Lodge, the Prov. Grand Lodge, and all the Past Prov. Grand Officers according to precedence. The abstract of the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts is given in detail, and a list of Prov. Grand Lodges, 1876-1895, appears on one page, the other side having an annual summary of work done in the province during 1894-5. Thirteen lodges are returned with 686 members. There are really 14, however, but the latest is only of 1895. The tabular list of votes exhibits a grand total of 2930, which for under 700 brethren is surely a good record. Under each lodge will be found full particulars as to warrants, places and times of meetings, names of officers, roll of Past Masters, and names of all the members under the years of admission. There are seven Royal Arch chapters, with 213 members, for which similar particulars are afforded, as also for the Mark lodges, the Knights Templar preceptories, and the Rose Croix chapters. The Dorset Masonic Charity is also well to the fore, the Hon. Sec. being Bro. S. R. Baskett, who has ably filled that office since its origin. There is not a more complete or better directory published, and it is to be hoped that the brethren warmly appreciate the labours of Bro. Sherren as editor.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1896."—This is an excellent and ever welcome annual, ably edited by Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., LL.M., P.M. 523, and printed in a perfect manner by Bro. E. Shardlow, of Leicester. This year the Portrait is that of Bro. the Rev. Canon Denton, M.A., Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, who was initiated in No. 779 as far back as 1859, and has done good service on behalf of his province. Thirty-seven years of active membership, the senior P.M. of his lodge, and still Secretary, our esteemed brother well deserves the compliment thus paid him. The Calendar is edited on the same lines as later issues, and is now in its 24th year of publication, being a credit to all concerned. Besides the usual information, the whole of the names of the members of each lodge, and a full Roll of Voters for the Central Masonic Charities are given. There are 743 subscribers to the 14 lodges in the province, 205 companions to the five Royal Arch chapters, 190 to the same number of Mark lodges, and there are also Royal Ark Mariners, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Rose Croix, and Knights Templars' meetings held, so that for a comparatively small province, there is no lack of Masonic attractions and activity, Leicestershire being one of the most compact and best-managed provinces, and possessed of advantages in other respects superior to many, such as a good Directory, edited by Bro. Smith, a really valuable Library and Museum, carefully looked after by Bro. J. T. Thorp, who is also the indefatigable Secretary of the "Lodge of Research," the literary centre for studious Freemasons in the Midlands.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE FOR MASONIC CHARITIES.

A charming entertainment was given under the auspices of Bro. Sargeant Searle, the Worshipful Master of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 633. Bro. Searle, who is ever ready to give a helping hand to those who are worthy, availed himself of the opportunity of a commendable offer from a friend who is the founder of the Manchester Amateur Players, and who offered to give the services of the Society for an evening during Bro. Searle's year of office in the chair as W.M. Therefore Bro. Searle lost no time after his installation in making arrangements for the entertainment, which gave such pleasure to a large number of ladies and brethren, who assembled on Friday night, the 27th ultimo, at the Gentlemen's Concert Hall, Peter-street, Manchester. Such splendid arrangements had been made for the audience that everything passed off without a drawback.

The company selected the comedy in three acts by Mark Melford. They all were in fine form, and, indeed, without mentioning any particular name, all took their parts admirably, and very nearly approached the profession. They kept the large audience in a round of merriment from the rise to the fall of the curtain; and we have now only to wait to see the result, but we are inclined to think, from the large quantity of tickets sold, there will be a considerable surplus to hand over to the Charities.

Bro. Searle had procured a dispensation for Craft and Royal Arch clothing, and amongst the brethren present we noticed the following: Bros. S. Searle, W.M.; T. A. G. Wilson, I.P.M.; D. Guymer, P.M.; E. Pleasance, S.D.; H. Pleasance; Geo. Pleasance, Stwd.; R. Hamilton, 2449; T. H. Stott, 2449; Wm. Finlay, H. Thompson, F. Burgess, and A. G. Burgess, all of 1459; C. Armitage Mellor, 1774; G. A. Myers, P.M. 1730, P.G.D.C. West Lanes; R. H. Robinson, P.M. 1213; J. F. Sallon, P.M.; Arthur Shann, John Hall, F. S. Crippie, J. H. Heywood, P. H. Davidson, P.M.; J. Clegg, M. Rowlands, A. Joynson, J. Ross, H. Hughes, M. Davies, H. J. Harrison, P.M.; P. Davidson, J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Bowden, R. Fox, P.M.; T. H. Stott, W. Kay, and others.

Obituary.

BRO. J. I. MILLER, D.G.M. NORTHERN CHINA.

The Masonic funeral of the late R.W. Bro. John Irwin Miller, who occupied the important office of District Grand Master of English Masonry in Northern China, was an event long to be remembered in the Masonic history of Shanghai. Even the veriest scoffer cannot deny that Masonry in its corporate capacity has done much for our foreign community and deserves well of the public, and it is not too much to say that its moral has not been less than its practical influence. It was a matter of satisfaction to the leader, who has so recently passed away that much of this development had taken place while he occupied the post of ruler of the Craft; and the brethren in recognition of the fact that to his personal influence and tact was due much of the satisfactory position of the institution did not fail to express their sense of what was due by a numerous attendance. If the late Bro. Miller's influence thus held together and fostered the lodges working under his own immediate control, it had the still more important effect of welding into an united whole the body of Freemasonry represented in the place, and of exhibiting an almost ideal view of Masonry universal. Not only were the lodges working under the English Grand Lodge represented, but the Ancient Landmark owning allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Lodge Germania holding of the Grand Lodge of Berlin and the Cosmopolitan under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, all sent their representatives with their banners and insignia of office. The special Grand Lodge thus called for the solemn occasion was a representative not of any particular section but of Masonry at large. At half-past three on Thursday, the 20th February last, the brethren, in response to the summons widely distributed amongst the Craft, met in the Masonic Hall to perform the last ceremonies to the memory of their departed and much-loved Master.

Bro. Lewis Moore, as Deputy District Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. H. Anderson, Past G. Warden, acting as his Deputy; C. Thorne, Past District Grand Master; A. W. Danforth, Deputy District Grand Master for Massachusetts; and T. W. Kingsmill, Past A.G.D.C. of England, and Past D.D.G.M. for Northern China.

Bro. MOORE, acting as District Grand Master, delivered a feeling address on the loss the Craft had experienced, and was followed in a few words by Bro. C. THORNE.

The representatives of the various Grand Lodges, of the District Grand Lodges of Japan and South China and several private lodges then expressed their sympathy, after which the lodge temporarily adjourned to the cemetery. On arriving at the gate, a procession, marshalled by Bro. R. S. Ivy, District G.D.C., was formed in the following order:

District Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.

Members of Lodge Germania under Grand Lodge of Three Globes of Berlin.

Members of Orient Mark Lodge.

Members of Ancient Landmark Lodge under Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Members of Lodge Cosmopolitan under Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Members of Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027.

Members of Northern Lodge of China, No. 570.

Members of Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501.

The District Grand Lodge, headed by the D.G. Stewards of the year.

Grand Lodge Officers.

The District Grand Sword Bearer.

The District Grand Master, in the chair, and his Deputy.

On arriving at the chapel the coffin was found covered with wreaths sent from the various Masonic bodies and from many private friends, and bearing over the breast the late District Grand Master's Masonic insignia. The Rev. H. C. Hodges here said the English Burial Service, when the brethren again formed in procession in inverted order, the following brethren being appointed as pall-bearers: Bros. J. W. Cope, D.J.G.W.; W. H. Anderson, P.S.G.W.; J. H. Osborne, P.J.G.W.; J. Northey, W.M. 1027; Hansler, 1951; E. C. Pearce, D.S.G.W.; E. M. Gratton, P.S.G.W.; W. S. Emens, P.S.G.W.; J. W. Gande, W.M. 570; and Rosenbaum, W.M. 1433.

Arrived at the grave, the Rev. H. C. Hodges concluded the Burial Service of the Church of England, and was followed by Bro. C. Thorne, who read the beautiful address and prayer of the Masonic ritual, and when this was finished, as Bro. Miller's predecessor in the chair, delivered a short but feeling address.

Grand honours were then given as a last tribute of respect, after which the brethren passed in single line round the open grave, each dropping as he passed a sprig of acacia on the late Grand Master's coffin. The brethren having completed their ceremony at the grave, retired in full procession and adjourned back to the Masonic Hall, where the ceremony was completed.

The office of District Grand Master, thus rendered vacant by the death of Bro. J. I. Miller, devolves, pending the appointment by the Grand Master of a successor, upon his Deputy, Bro. Lewis Moore, who continues as his representative to exercise all the functions of the post.

GEORGE JOHN RYAN, M.D., D.G.M. of the Argentine Republic—At Buenos Ayres, on the 28th ult.; aged 57 years.

Craft Masonry.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60.

This lodge met for the dispatch of business at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 27th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. H. Kempster, jun., B.M., P.G.S., W.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C., G. Stwd., S.W.; Debenham, P.P.G.D., S.D., as J.W.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G.S., Sec.; O. Polenz, J.D.; White, acting I.G.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M., P.G.S.; Joslin, P.M., P.G.S.; H. Slade, P.M., P.G.S.; and W. Thomas, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Slade, P.M., on behalf of Mrs. E. Masters, presented to the lodge a very handsome banner, worked by that lady, in memory of her late husband, Bro. W. Masters, P.G.S., W.M. of No. 60, at the time of his death in May last. The lodge accepted the banner with gratitude, and the Secretary was directed to convey to Mrs. Masters their appreciation and thanks for her handsome and kindly gift. It was arranged that the summer dinner should be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the fourth Friday in June next. The sum of one guinea was voted to "Our Brother's Bed," an excellent institution, and one that merits every support. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Cotton, J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treasurer; and others. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet was subsequently partaken of. The W.M. presided with tact and geniality.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, G.S., Sec. of the Board, responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bros. W. H. Kempster, Joslin, and H. Slade for "The Past Masters."

The proceedings, which were very successful and agreeable, then terminated.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. George's Rooms, Doncaster, on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. J. Henry Pawson, W.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, I.P.M.; R. Bridge, S.W.; F. H. Buckland, J.W.; F. Rand, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; G. Smith, S.D.; W. W. Peacock, J.D. and Almoner; J. F. Turner, acting I.G.; F. Duff, Org.; H. Foster, Steward; J. Mason, Tyler; C. Richardson, Asst. Tyler; C. Goldthorpe, Charity Steward; F. J. Forth, P.M.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; T. Bletcher, C. Porrett, J. W. Chapman, J. F. Hanson, G. Smith, S. Smith, and E. S. Shires. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable and T. Tomlinson, of 2259, and J. W. Handsworth, 1648.

The lodge having been opened, the balance-sheet, showing a balance in hand of £40, was produced by the Treasurer, Bro. F. Rand, and duly passed. The following were unanimously elected as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Bridge, as W.M.; Rand, as Treasurer; and W. Mason and C. Richardson, as Tylers. The installation will take place on May 1st. Bro. J. W. Chapman was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Bridge, Fretwell, and Buckland, and the Committee having announced that full and proper arrangements were made for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge on the 22nd inst., the lodge was closed.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 10th ultimo. Among those present were Bros. J. W. Clarke, P.M., as W.M., in the absence of Bro. G. J. Tagg; W. Hopkins, S.W.; H. H. Room, G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. (Hon. Member), as J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. Wheatley, S.D.; H. Gale, J.D.; C. Davis, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., D.C.; W. Hill, A.D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., D.P.A.G.D.C., and H. Bright, Stewards; and C. H. Trotter, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. D. A. Gilbert was passed to the Second Degree by the acting W.M. in an admirable manner. Bro. J. C. Jessett, P.M., was then presented with a silver tea and coffee service, in recognition of his long and valuable services as Treasurer. The Secretary, who, in the name of the lodge, made the presentation, called the attention of the members and visitors to the fact that Bro. Jessett was one of the founders of the lodge in 1887; had filled all the minor offices, and served the office of Master in 1880. He had been the

Treasurer of the lodge since 1885, and, by his geniality, energy, and application, had endeared himself to every member of No. 1512. After some other observations, he concluded by trusting that for many years Bro. Jessett would live to discharge the duties of his office, and that both he and his good wife would continue to enjoy every domestic happiness, and that when in due time they should be called away, that their descendants would prize as heir-looms the presents that had been that evening bestowed upon a worthy man and Mason. One of the pieces bore the following: "Presented to Bro. J. C. Jessett, P.P.G.S.B., by the members of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512." The recipient, who was evidently overcome by the warmth of his reception when he rose to return thanks, said a few words in acknowledgment. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Krumm, 1733, and it proved to be unanimous. The sum of half a guinea was voted to "Our Brother's Bed" fund. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. J. Tagg, W.M.; P. Cronia, J.W.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts received full justice.

Bro. H. H. Room, in responding on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," congratulated the lodge upon the support it had given to Bro. Lord George Hamilton, upon the occasion of his taking the chair at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He also wished to mention that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Harrow in June. Their Provincial Grand Master was very painstaking, and evinced the most lively interest in everything connected with the province. He (the speaker) was very pleased to be present that evening, and to witness the presentation to their worthy Treasurer. He quite endorsed all that had been said about him that day. Bro. Jessett's services could not be too highly extolled.

Other toasts followed in due course, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when a large number of members and visitors attended to honour Bro. Henry Baldy Buckeridge, the W.M. elect. The visitors included Bros. James Bailey (M.P. for Watworth), E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 170, 2202, 224, 2353, P.P.G.D.C. Herts, P.G.Z. Surrey; F. Neale, W.M. 1981; J. Andrews, P.M. 1986; Hastings, P.M. 20; Weller, P.M. 1967; E. M. Gibson, W.M. 1297; G. L. Moore, P.M. 169; E. Francis, P.M. 917; M. J. Emanuel, P.M. 205; R. Greenwood, P.M.; J. L. Apsey, P.M. 534; T. Pargeter, P.M. 1598; J. Mackay, W.M. 2310; W. E. Wilby, P.M. 538; G. White, P.M. 975; J. Hills, S.W. 1441; O. Lamar, S.W. 1922; F. Upton, S.W. 619; H. Conyers, S.W. 1475; E. A. Rice, S.W. 1320; L. Side, S.W. 1559; H. Comford, J.D. 1922; J. Smith, S.D. 1598; C. Randall, I.G. 72; F. Nash, Stwd. 1539; C. Anning, 1402; F. Krise, 619; A. Mitchell, 700; L. Bendy, 1559; F. C. Everill, 2448; T. H. Wilkes, 1475; J. Hay, 1662; E. Randall, 1558; E. Bruce, 1158; E. Robbins, 2469; J. Stanton, 2266; and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Rowlands, I.P.M. (who acted as Installing Master and did the work in a most admirable manner), installed the W.M., who invested the following as his officers: Bros. S. F. Mackway, P.M., S.W.; E. D. Side, J.W.; J. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Boys, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Croxson, S.D.; R. Gable, J.D.; M. Syers, I.G.; A. Emary, D.C.; T. J. Rawlings, A.D.C.; J. Farmer and S. E. Rice, Stwds.; F. Swinford Smith, Org.; and Hy. Thomas, Tyler. The fact that the lodge had made a good choice in the election of W.M. was shown by the splendid way in which he performed the ceremony of initiation, there being three candidates, viz., Messrs. R. S. Buckeridge, John Gibbs, and R. H. Rees.

At the banquet which followed the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in earnest and happy terms.

In proposing "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. read a letter from Bro. the Earl of Lathom, regretting his inability to be present.

Bro. Rowlands, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," referred to the splendid way in which the ceremony of initiation had been performed, and said it was a good augury for what was in store for the members.

The Worshipful Master then presented the I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel. He said Bro. Rowlands was beloved by every member of the lodge and he hoped he would long live to wear the jewel as a memento of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

Bro. Mulvey, in responding for "The Visitors," said he had admired the beautiful way in which the Installing Master had done his work and the splendid manner in which the officers supported the W.M. He was a P.M. of five lodges, and having had great experience in the Craft he could conscientiously say that the working of the W.M. was perfect.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

An excellent musical entertainment was carried out under the direction of Bro. Frank Swinford Smith, the artistes being Miss Annie Swinfen, Mr. E. Crofton, Bros. F. C. Everill, Frank Lloyd, H. Cohen, P.M.; Mackway, S.W.; J. Hay, R. Rowlands, I.P.M., and Mrs. Walter Hengler.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, when there were present Bros. S. H. C. Ashlin, acting W.M.; Constable, acting I.P.M.; T. Barber, S.W.; H. A. Fenton, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; G. Eland, S.D.; E. Hirst, J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; E. Simpson, I.G.; T. J. Smith and W. T. Chambers, Stewards; F. Pine, Tyler; J. Dugdale, T. R. R. Marsdin, T. Tomlinson, E. Shillito, and W. Pickering. Visitors: Bros. W. Chamberlain, P.M. 1482; W. E. Cranidge, 1482; J. Minds, 1720; T. W. Spowart, 1239; and W. Middleton, W.M. 139.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. G. E. Hardcastle was initiated, the work being admirably performed by the acting W.M. It was decided to support the Girls' School, and to grant the sum of 10 guineas for Bro. Constable's list. A sketch of a curious old fireplace—cast at Thorne about the year 1810—was exhibited by Bro. Constable, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Club Room, where a capital repast was provided, and some excellent music dispensed by Bros. Hardcastle, Middleton, Tomlinson, Maskill, Simpson, and Dugdale.

It was announced, with applause, that Bro. C. L. Mason, P.S.G.W., would give a short Masonic lecture at the next meeting.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

A very successful meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, the 5th ult., when Bro. Saml. Robinson, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. J. T. Last, Sec., as I.P.M.; John Niven, P.M., as S.W.; R. S. Hird, J.W.; Jno. Morton, as S.D.; J. S. Hedley, as J.D.; W. S. Smith, as I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; A. Stephenson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D., D.C.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Jno. Harland, C. J. Paul, F. Betteridge, B.A., F. H. Bedford, Wm. Walker, J. R. Peat, A. E. Harris, F. P. Sykes, and J. S. Marsland. Visitors: Bros. John Hill, 302; Chas. Blagbro, 302; A. Booth, W.M. 387; W. Oddy, P.M. 387; H. Telford, P.M., Sec. 387; J. Truelove, 387; A. Wilkinson, 387; W. H. Marlow, 387; Jonas Pearson, P.M. 408; Robt. Horsfall, P.M. 408; Wm. Spencer, P.M. 408; Geo. Whitaker, S.D. 408; W. Leach, 408; E. Foulds, 408; R. Barrett, 408; W. G. Stansfield, P.M. 600; F. Galpine, Sec. 600; J. T. Mugglestone, J.W.; R. A. Pullan, Tyler 600; J. Taylor, 600; G. C. Porritt, 600; J. Tilley, 600; A. Graham, 600; Wm. Dawson, 600; W. Foster, 600; H. Henry, 600; R. Fisher, 600; T. M. Harris, J.D. 1019; W. H. Banks, W.M. 2330; W. H. T. Schutte, S.W.; Rev. J. W. Clough, Org. 2330; A. Swaine, 2330; and J. H. Turton, Sec. 2330.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and Bro. Peat was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Niven, P.M. Bro. Hird, J.W., explained the working tools, and Bro. Niven delivered the charge. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and after "Hearty good wishes" from 33 visitors, the lodge was closed.

After refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Robinson, W.M., submitted the toast of "The Visitors," and gave a very hearty welcome to the large number that had honoured the lodge that evening with their presence. Visitors were always very welcome at Lodge Acacia, and he felt it exceedingly gratifying to have had the pleasure of entertaining so many that evening. He hoped they had all enjoyed themselves.

Bros. A. Booth, W.M. 387; J. Pearson, W.M. 408; and W. G. Stansfield, P.M. 600, responded.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. A. Booth, W.M. 387, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Robinson, W.M.

"The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Last, P.M. and Sec., and "The Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. Hird, J.W.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bro. Sykes, Harris, Blagbro, and Whitaker, and a recitation by Bro. Pullan.

Royal Arch.

Domestic Chapter, No. 177.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ultimo, when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The members present were Comps. N. Salmon, M.E.Z.; R. R. Moody, H.; T. H. Hobbs, J.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; A. Piper, S.N.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; A. Bull, P.S.; R. Tucker, 2nd A.S.; J. T. Briggs, P.Z.; Treas.; F. C. Austin, P.Z.; H. N. Price, P.Z.; H. Sadler, P.Z., G. Janitor; J. Hattersley, P.Z.; C. G. Hill, P.Z.; W. Beuley, P.Z.; W. Thomas, P.Z.; A. Hubbard, P.Z.; and many others. Visitors: Comps. H. L. Diprose, H. elect 1616; S. Morley, J. 1613; J. Hill, 1592; J. H. Evans, T. Burne, P.Z. 162; and W. W. Lee, M.E.Z. 1524.

The chapter was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Bro. H. J. Olliver, S.W. 1420, was then exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in an impressive manner. Comp. H. N. Price, P.Z., installed Comps. R. G. Moody and T. H. Hobbs as M.E.Z. and H. respectively, and Comp. Hobbs installed Comp. A. Piper as J. The following officers were invested: Comps. C. A. Cottebrune, P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; A. Bull, S.N.; J. T. Briggs, P.Z., Treas.; W. Wigmore, P.S.; R. Tucker, 1st A.S.; W. Andrews, 2nd A.S.; and Laughton Field, Org. A sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Comp. Hobbs, H. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. N. Salmon, in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. during the past year.

The chapter was closed, and, after a well-served banquet, the customary toasts received hearty recognition, the usual loyal toasts being first cordially given.

Comp. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said it was customary on these occasions for him to make a long speech, but circumstances had arisen which prevented him from doing so. The M.E.Z. had spoken kindly of the Grand Officers, and that chapter possessed two representatives of that body in Comp. Cottebrune—whom they had only to know in order to esteem, and Comp. H. Sadler, whom they must all feel regard for.

Comp. N. Salmon, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and said Comp. Moody had done good suit and service in various offices of the chapter, and they all wished him a successful year of office with plenty of work and pleasant evenings afterwards.

Comp. R. R. Moody, M.E.Z., thanked them, and said he hoped that on the next occasion there would be some work for him to do, when he would try to do as well as the I.P.Z. had done that evening. He was very pleased to see Comp. W. Thomas, P.Z., present, for that companion was the means of introducing him to that chapter. When he was first offered office he accepted the opportunity, and had occupied several posts in the chapter. He had tried to do his best in the offices he had filled, and in the future he should continue to do so. He recognised the fact that to aspire to the position of M.E.Z. it was necessary to be up to the work, and perform it in a creditable manner. With regard to the next toast, "The Second and Third Principals," they were worthy Royal Arch Masons, Comp. Hobbs being a regular attendant at the chapter of improvement, and Comp. Piper, who lived in the country, would no doubt perform his duties to the satisfaction of all.

Comp. T. H. Hobbs, H., returned thanks and hoped there would be plenty of work to do, and Comp. A. Piper, J., in replying, said he would endeavour to do his work to the satisfaction of the chapter.

"The Exalte" was duly honoured and was followed by "The Visitors," which was heartily given and received.

In proposing "The Installing Principal" the M.E.Z. referred to the excellent manner in which the work was done by Comp. H. N. Price, P.Z. It was not the first time that he had done the work in that chapter and the excellence of his working had made a lasting impression upon his mind.

Comp. H. N. Price, P.Z., said it afforded him great pleasure to render any small duty that evening. The I.P.Z. asked him to perform the ceremonies, although he felt sure that had Comp. Salmon done them they would have been performed equally as well. That was not the first time, as the M.E.Z. had remarked, that he had performed similar duties and he hoped to be of some service for years to come. The Domestic Chapter was flourishing and was in a prosperous condition, and as in the lodge they progressed in harmony. Each officer came forward in turn and was able to do his work. The Domestic Chapter was one of four chapters that claimed the honour of a centenary warrant. He should be failing in his duty if he did not thank the M.E.Z. and the companions for the eloquent terms in which the toast had been proposed and the cordial reception given it.

Comp. W. Thomas, P.Z., replied for "The P.Z.s.," and said it was a matter of pleasure and satisfaction to find the companion whom he proposed was now at the head of the chapter.

Comp. N. Salmon, I.P.Z., thanked the companions for the handsome jewel presented to him, which he should esteem very highly as a memento of one of the happiest years he had spent in Freemasonry.

"The Officers" and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Comp. Laughton Field presided at the pianoforte with his customary ability, and was assisted by several companions, and Comp. H. Sadler contributed an excellent recitation by Mark Twain.

Rose Chapter, No. 1622.

The installation meeting of this well-known South London chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Present: Comps. J. H. Pullen, M.E.Z.; J. Loader, H., M.E.Z. elect; F. Williams, P.Z., J.; J. Hooper, Treas.; Wm. Dawson, S.E.; S. J. Derham, S.N., J. elect; T. R. Cass, P.S.; G. H. Lewis, 1st A.S.; Geo. Thompson, 2nd A.S.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; J. Whiteman, Janitor; T. H. Salmon, W. E. Jeffery, Frank W. Sanders, Walter G. Kirby, and W. J. Frampton. The visitors were Comps. Thos. Grummant, P.Z. and S.E. 1275; Wm. Mason Stiles, G. Treas.; W. W. Snelling, H. 1269; R. Milliken, 253, (P.Z. I.C.); W. McKay, 219 (I.C.); Frank Wint, 101; Charles L. Plant, P.S. and J. elect 11, 101; A. Wilson, 145; and C. H. Stone, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z. 1901.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Thos. Grummant, P.Z. and S.E. 1275, assumed the First Principal's chair, and installed Comp. J. Loader, H., M.E.Z. elect, in a perfect and masterly manner, and also he assumed the Third Principal's chair, and installed Comp. S. J. Derham into that chair in a manner which met with the hearty approval of all present. Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z. 1275, acted as D. of C. The M.E.Z., Comp. J. Loader, invested his officers as follows: Comps. J. Hooper, Treas.; Wm. Dawson, S.E.; T. R. Cass, S.N.; G. H. Lewis, P.S.; Geo. Thompson, 1st A.S.; T. H. Salmon, 2nd A.S.; Frank W. Williams, P.Z., D.C.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; and J. Whiteman, Janitor. A ballot was next taken for Bros. Kirby Sanders and Frampton, and proving unanimous they were exalted in a perfect manner, the lectures being given by Comps. Derham, J.; T. Grummant, H.; and the M.E.Z., J. Loader, who acquitted himself in an admirable manner. The balance-sheet was presented and adopted, and proved the chapter to be in a flourishing condition.

The business of the chapter ended, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied and personally superintended by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, which gave universal satisfaction.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. presented the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and that of "The G.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," in becoming terms, which were most loyally received.

The toast of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been given, the M.E.Z. said he was delighted, and indeed

all felt highly honoured in having Comp. Wm. Stiles present, whom he had known for many years, and the longer one knew that worthy companion the more they loved him. Personally Comp. J. Loader, M.E.Z., felt it a great honour at having such a Grand Officer present at his installation. The toast was drunk most cordially.

In reply, Comp. Stiles said how much he appreciated their kind remarks, and also in having his name coupled with such noblemen. It was a great honour, for they were well worthy of their esteem and did excellent work for the good of Royal Arch Masonry. He was gratified himself in being present to witness the installation of his old friend and companion and prototype, Comp. J. Loader, into the First Principal's chair. He had done such excellent work in the Rose Lodge, and that night he had performed a giant work in exalting three worthy brethren. Likewise he said how much he appreciated the excellent manner Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., had installed the First and Third Principals. When the chapter was consecrated he was present, since which time he had watched its steady progress, and could testify to the good hearty friendship and fraternal greetings which existed among its members. He tendered his most heartfelt thanks for such a cordial greeting.

Comp. J. H. Pullen, I.P.Z., next presented the toast of "The M.E.Z.," remarking it was his first privilege which deserved any amount of applause. The M.E.Z. was the brother who initiated him (Comp. Pullen) into Freemasonry, yet he never thought he should have the honour of presenting that toast. The M.E.Z. was a most thorough Mason, ever ready to give advice and assistance when required. Every one was proud of him in the chapter, and so long as it had such an example the prestige of the Rose Chapter would never wane.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

The M.E.Z., who received quite an ovation, said he was indeed thankful for such flattering remarks coming from the son to his father, and for which he returned his warmest thanks. His maxim from the commencement had been, "What was worth doing at all was worth doing well," and the ceremony he had performed that evening if it had met with the approval of the companions he was deeply gratified. So long as he received their hearty support he pledged himself to perform the duties even better, so that at the end of his term of office he hoped to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." He felt he had the esteem of all present, and his earnest endeavour would be to thoroughly merit it.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The H. and J.," and stated that in his co-Principals he had two most exemplary companions, as was exhibited in their various services rendered that evening.

Comp. F. W. Williams, P.Z., H., in reply, thanked the companions for their hearty greeting, and apologised for the unavoidable absence of Comp. J. Dunn, who should have been installed as H., on account of being on the Continent, but he had sent his good wishes to the chapter. One thing which delighted him (Comp. Williams), who had always shown the deepest interest in the chapter, was the introducing his old and esteemed friend, Bro. Sanders, to the chapter, who with the other two exaltees would prove most worthy companions.

Comp. Derham, J., thanked the companions most cordially for such a response to the toast. He felt very proud to occupy the honourable position. He paid high testimony to the merits of the M.E.Z., who also was his father in Freemasonry, since which time the M.E.Z. had watched over him all along the line. He had done his best in the past, and should continue to do so in the future, and not swerve one iota from doing his duty to the utmost. He hoped the companions would bring into the chapter good brethren and true, so that the M.E.Z. and the other officers might still further exhibit their abilities.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Exaltees" in high eulogiums, which were most deserving.

These were much appreciated, and duly responded to by Comps. Kirby, Sanders, and Frampton.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next honoured by the M.E.Z., giving them all (among whom were some distinguished and esteemed companions) a most cordial welcome.

Comp. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z. 1901, stated, in reply, he was highly grateful for the flattering remarks of the M.E.Z., and he was striving to emulate his father in Royal Arch Masonry—Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z. The beautiful ceremonies had been worked admirably, and he felt that he must repeat the words of Comp. Stiles, G. Treas., that the M.E.Z. had performed a giant work. He congratulated the chapter upon having such excellent companions as Principals, and such a staff of efficient officers.

Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, tendered his thanks for such complimentary terms being expressed towards him. The Rose Lodge had attained an honourable position, and when some four years ago it was decided to found a Rose Chapter, he was confident it would prove a success. This had been achieved, and he looked forward hopefully that for many years it might continue its good work. There seemed only one desire which actuated all the officers, that of rendering the beautiful ceremonies as perfectly as possible. He heartily wished prosperity to the chapter.

Comp. C. Plant, P.S., and J. elect 101, also most suitably replied, with the earnest desire that the M.E.Z. would have a happy and successful year of office.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of the Past Principals," the backbone of the chapter, it would be a great loss without them. Comp. Frank Williams was a host in himself, and had done much for the chapter, being forward in every good project, and supporting the chapter to his utmost. Comp. J. H. Pullen, I.P.Z., had endeared himself to every member, and had upheld the prestige of the chapter entirely. In fact, he had been a most dutiful son, and the M.E.Z. stated he had the greatest possible pleasure in rewarding him with the P.Z.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted him and he so richly deserved. He trusted he would live many years to wear the same, and still further endear himself to the companions, who all wished him every blessing.

The I.P.Z., in reply, most heartily thanked the M.E.Z. and the companions for such a testimony of their appreciation, and hoped he should long remain a Past Principal in the Rose Chapter, and wear the jewel ever to remind him of their kindnesses always shown him.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E." in most becoming terms, both being such efficient officers, which was most appropriately responded to by both those worthy companions.

"The Officers of the Chapter" followed, of whom the M.E.Z. said the chapter was proud. Comps. Cass, S.N., and Lewis, P.S., most suitably replied.

The Janitor's toast closed a most successful and happy convocation.

A capital programme of music was provided, under the able conductorship of Comp. F. E. Choveaux, Organist, ably assisted by Mr. J. A. Josey and Bro. T. W. Turner, while Comp. S. J. Derham was the able flautist. Comp. Choveaux ably accompanied upon the piano.

Mark Masonry.

Egerton of Tatton Lodge, No. 400.

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Henry Wright, W.M.; A. W. Peckham, S.W.; C. M. Jessop, J.W.; Raymond Tucker, M.O.; H. W. Kiallmark, Treas.; Geo. Danford Thomas, Sec.; J. H. Bradshaw, S.D.; Geo. P. Parker, J.D.; Belgrave Ninnis, P.M.; Lennox Browne, P.M.; W. Westcott, and W. Evans-Jackson. Visitors: Bros. Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham, D.G.M. Mediterranean, and Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Harry Lewis, 2265, and Jacob Pickett, P.M. 2410, and Bro. Pickett being in attendance, was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., Bro. H. Wright. The W.M. then presented Bro. A. W. Peckham to the Installing Officer, Bro. Kiallmark, P.M., for the ceremony of installation. The newly-installed Master invested the Treasurer, and appointed the rest of his officers as follows: Bros. Wright, I.P.M.; C. M. Jessop, S.W.; Raymond Tucker, J.W.; Geo. Danford Thomas, Sec.; H. S. Foster, M.P., M.O.; Baron de Busch, S.O.; J. H. Bradshaw, J.O.; G. P. Parker, S.D.; E. Hornidge, J.D.; W. Evans-Jackson, I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. The Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee, which was of a most satisfactory character, there being a considerable balance in hand after all dues were paid. The report was directed to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. Letters of apology and regret were read from Bros. Hornidge and Harry Lewis at their inability to be present.

The brethren of the lodge and guests dined together afterwards at Freemasons' Tavern.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, April 18, 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, APRIL 13.**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 20, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
28, *Pelican, Ship and Turtle Tavern.*
37, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
135, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
107, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
204, Elthorne and Middlessex, Cafe Royal.
230, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
101, Anglo-American, Holborn Restaurant.
236, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- 44, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.

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, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Napton, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridder's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
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, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
Zetland, "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, APRIL 14.**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
108, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing Cross.
281, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.
334, Ranelagh, Criterion.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
935, Doric, Anderson's Hotel.
1109, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1209, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1503, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.
2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.
2437, Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.
2003, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGES.

- 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
430, La France, Cafe Royal.

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.
Dalhousie, 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, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgecumbe, 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, Valham 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, APRIL 15.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.

Consecration of the London County Council Lodge, No. 2603, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.30 p.m.

CRAFT LODGES.

- Grand Stewards' Lodge,
7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
106, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
999, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.

- 1044, Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel.
1159, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
1673, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1681, Lonsborough, Cafe Royal.
2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 102, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
1085, Guelph, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
2109, Savage Club, 33, Golden-square.

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.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, 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 Rites, 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.
Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 6, Friendship, Criterion.
23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street, Hotel.
93, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel.
657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.
735, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1508, Ley Spring, Anderson's Hotel.
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
1710, All Saints, Office of Board of Works, Poplar.
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.
2551, Clissold, Highbury Station Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGE.

- 357, Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

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.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Veleham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
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, APRIL 17.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 975, Rose of Denmark, Horns Tavern.
1092, London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
2349, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.
1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal.

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., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coburn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-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.
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, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 715, Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1185, Lewis, King Arms Hotel.
1304, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1041, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2041, West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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At 8.15, JEDBURY JNR.

PRINCESS'S THEATRE.

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GRAND THEATRE.

At 7.30, AN ARTIST'S MODEL.

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At 7.45, TOMMY ATKINS.

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THE QUEEN has forwarded a donation of £10 to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

THE MARQUIS OF HUNTLEY has very kindly promised to preside as Chairman at the anniversary festival of the Artists' Benevolent Fund, which will take place on Thursday, the 30th inst.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS the Princess Christian of Schleswig Holstein will open a bazaar at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Wednesday, the 20th May, in aid of St. Simon's Church (West Kensington Park) Completion Fund.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will, by command of the Queen, hold a Levee at St. James's Palace, on Monday, the 27th instant. It is her Majesty's pleasure that presentations to his Royal Highness shall be considered as equivalent to presentations to the Queen.

BRO. VISCOUNT MILTON, M.P., grandson of Earl Fitzwilliam, is engaged to be married to the Lady Maud Dundas, youngest daughter of Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland. Lady Maud Dundas was born in 1877, while Bro. Viscount Milton is in his 25th year.

THE NEWLY-FORMED Thames Re-stocking Association, the President of which is Lord Inverurie, has just placed its first consignment of fish in the Thames between Teddington and Molesey. It consisted of 1000 roach from Caistor, Lincs., many of the fish being up to 1 lb. each.

THE EASTER BANQUET, which till recent years took place at the Mansion House on Easter Monday, will be held on Wednesday next, the 15th instant, the day having been chosen instead of the Monday following Easter Monday, to meet the convenience of the Duke of Cambridge, who is President of Christ's Hospital, and will be the principal guest of the evening.

BY THE KIND permission of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland a concert will be given at Stafford House on Tuesday, the 19th May, in aid of Mrs. Kitto's Free Convalescent Home and Orphanage at Reigate. The concert will take place under the patronage of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the Princess Christian, the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, the Duchess of York, and the Duchess of Teck.

A MASONIC Church Service will be held on Sunday evening, 26th instant, at St. Lawrence Church, Catford, at 7 p.m., when the offertory will be divided equally between the Vicarage Fund and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A dispensation has been granted for brethren to wear Craft or Royal Arch clothing and jewels. Brethren wishing to attend may obtain tickets from Bro. Edward Hall, Secretary, 17, Mount Pleasant-road, Lewisham.

LORD METHUEN has consented to present the prizes at the close of the competition to select representatives of the Home District Yeomanry and Volunteers to take part in the Royal Military Tournament. The competitions will commence on Wednesday next at the headquarters of the Victoria and St. George's Rifles, and be continued at those of the Civil Service Rifles in Somerset House on Thursday, and the prizes will be distributed at the Queen's Westminsters' headquarters on Friday, the 17th inst.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON arrived at Llanrwst on Tuesday to take up his residence at Gwydyr Castle, which he has recently purchased from the Earl of Ancaster. His lordship was enthusiastically received and presented with an address of welcome, which he very kindly acknowledged, at the same time taking the opportunity of expressing his regret at the inability of the Countess Carrington, in consequence of the illness of her sister, to accompany him.

THE RE-CONSTRUCTION of Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, is nearly completed, and it will be re-opened early in May as a restaurant of the highest class for the *élite* of society, under the title of the Prince's Restaurant. The music and dancing licenses are retained, and a special and novel feature will be the serving of banquets, regimental dinners, and ball suppers in the Royal Institute Picture Galleries. Mr. Gustave Fourault, from Benoit's, is the Managing Director, and Mr. T. Arthur Highton retains the post of Secretary, a position he has held for the past 11 years.

SWANS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF FISH SPAWN.—Considerable dissatisfaction is felt among London and up-river anglers at the refusal of the authorities this year to remove the barren swans from the Thames during the fish spawning season. It is feared that much ova will as a result be again destroyed, and, as efforts are just now being made to improve Thames angling by restocking at considerable cost, it is hoped the Lord Chamberlain and the Dyers' and Vintners' Companies, to whom the swans belong, will see fit to alter their decision.

LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON was the first occasion on which effect was given to the resolution recently passed by the House of Commons in favour of the opening of museums and art galleries for a limited number of hours on Sunday afternoon. The experiment was tried with the South Kensington Museum and Bethnal Green Branch, and proved a complete success. They were open from 2 p.m. to dusk, and there was a vast throng of visitors to the museum and its galleries, while over 3000 persons availed themselves of the privilege in the case of the Bethnal Green Branch. Among the principal attractions at the latter were the valuable collection of paintings bequeathed by the late Mr. Joseph Dixon and the silver plate and curios lent by Bro. the Hon. Massey-Mainwaring, M.P.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE CARRIAGE SHOW.—In connection with the Crystal Palace International Horses-drawn and Horseless Carriage and Roads Locomotion Exhibition, to be opened on the 2nd of May by the Lord Mayor, there will be a chronological collection of cycles from the earliest times, marking the birth, rise, and development of the cycle (1818-1893). Those in possession of, and willing to lend, specimens, should communicate at once with Mr. H. Hewitt Griffin, Putney, giving full particulars of type, maker, and exact date manufactured. Only distinct types, not fads, are required. The carriage of specimens to and from the Crystal Palace will be paid by the Crystal Palace Company, and each exhibitor will receive a ticket available for admission during the exhibition.

THERE WAS on Saturday, says our Paris Correspondent, a Masonic demonstration at the tomb of the late Maria Deraismes in the cemetery of Montmartre. The lodge that took the leading part was "La Grande Loge Mixte," of the Scotch Rite, of which that good and gifted woman was a Venerable. It is also known as the "Loge du Droit Humain," or the Lodge of Human Rights. The occasion of the manifestation was the inauguration of a medallion of Maria Deraismes on a tombstone. As she was above everything else the advocate of equal rights, to which she devoted her great eloquence and strong pen, the chief speeches were by Lady Venerables. Among the orators were Madame George Martin, Mme. Marie Bequet of Vienne, Venerable of the Rouen section, Madame Aline Valette, of the "Petite République," and several deputies and town councillors. The medallion emerged from a pile of spring flowers that had been heaped round the marble slab on which it is carved. Madame Feresse Deraismes, the sister and fellow-worker of the deceased, was too ill to attend.—*Daily News*.

THOUGH THE WEATHER was not all that could be desired during the Easter holidays it improved so much on Bank Holiday that every place of public resort within easy reach of the Metropolis and in the Metropolis itself, was largely patronised, while the different railway companies carried thousands of excursionists into the country or to the seaside. The Zoological Gardens were visited by upwards of 37,000 people and Madame Tussaud's by some 32,000, while the Crystal Palace drew no less than 77,000, or 9000 more than on Easter Monday, 1895. There were close on 18,000 visitors to the Science and Art Collection at South Kensington and 10,600 to the National History Museum, those who selected the British Museum as their resort being 6000 in number. All the railway lines were turned to account. The number that booked from the Metropolitan Stations of the London, Brighton, and South Coast up to 2 p.m., was 34,625. The South-Eastern carried over 49,000 to Gravesend and the sea-side, while the London, Chatham, and Dover had a greatly increased traffic to the Continent. The London and South-Western had to run their ordinary trains in duplicate and to many places in triplicate, while the Midland conveyed hosts of visitors to Birmingham, Bradford, &c. The number that travelled by the Great Eastern line was not far short of 42,000. The Great Western, the Great Northern, and the London and North-Western also had a full share of the holiday traffic, while some 50,000 patronised the boats of the Victoria Steamboat Association. Olympia, too, was crowded, and there was a full attendance at the theatres and halls and concert rooms during the evening.

THE LAW COURTS will be re-opened for the Easter sittings on Tuesday next, and these sittings will continue up to Friday, May 22nd, inclusive.

THE KING OF SWEDEN arrived at Nice on Tuesday morning, and has taken up his residence at the hotel at which his Majesty the King of the Belgians is staying.

THE VOLUNTEER MEDAL.—It is announced from the War Office that a further issue of the Volunteer Medal is about to be made to officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who have given 20 years' efficient service.

A NEW MEDAL, styled the India Medal for 1895, with separate clasps for the relief and defence of Chitral, has been sanctioned by the authorities. The medal will take the place of the 1854 frontier medal, and will be awarded for future operations on the frontier.

AMONG THE NUMEROUS ATTRACTIONS for excursionists on Bank Holiday not the least successful in drawing visitors was Windsor Castle, the State Apartments of which were thrown open at 11 a.m., and were visited during the day by no less than 5971 persons.

A GAME OF LIVING WHIST will be played in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday, the 15th instant, in aid of the funds of the Voluntary Schools of St. Peter's, London Docks. The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland and Viscount and Viscountess Halifax will, it is expected, be among the spectators.

THE RETURNS from Covent Garden show that during Thursday of last week six and a half tons of cut flowers arrived at the market, while before 11 a.m. on Saturday last there were delivered over four tons from the Scilly Isles and Cornwall, Nice, and the South of France. In addition, there were large consignments of cut tulips and hyacinths from Holland.

AT THE EARLY CELEBRATION on Easter Eve in the Chapel of St. Sepulchre at St. Mary Magdalene's, Paddington, the offertory was found to include a donation of £2000 from an anonymous contributor, for the purpose of extinguishing a debt of that amount on the church. The fact of this munificent offering having been made was mentioned by the vicar at the morning service on Sunday last.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES were revived at Athens on Monday, and were witnessed by immense crowds of spectators, the members of the Royal Family being present. A number of contests were brought off on Tuesday, a series of athletic events being contested, the winners in nearly every contest being English or Americans. Only one Greek competitor was placed—in putting the weight, for which he took second prize.

THE QUEEN will bring her visit to the Continent to a conclusion at the end of the present month, returning to Windsor Castle on the evening of Thursday, the 30th inst. Early in May her Majesty will spend a few days at Buckingham Palace and it is not improbable that she may give a garden party in the grounds of the Palace early in July, a few days before the Royal wedding. In the event of her Majesty deciding not to do so, there will be such a function at Marlborough House.

THE 27TH ANNUAL SESSION of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at the Cambridge Hall, Southport, on Monday. The report showed an aggregate of adult membership of 52,664 in 1395 lodges, and a profit of £306 on the trading department. A sum of £1082 had also been received towards the extinction of the debt on the Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage at Sunbury-on-Thames and on office buildings. In the evening a public demonstration was held, under the presidency of the Mayor of Southport.

THE ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT and distribution of prizes of the Carleton College High School for Girls, Tufnell Park, of which Mrs. W. Harris Saunders, wife of our worthy Bro. W. Harris Saunders, Travelling Secretary of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, is Principal, will be held at the Athenæum, Camden-road, N., on Friday next, the 17th instant. The chair will be taken by the Rev. W. Tyndale Hollins, M.A., at 6.30 p.m., and the prizes will be distributed by Mrs. W. H. Barlow, wife of the Rev. W. H. Barlow, D.D.

BRO. LORD MAYOR, Sir Walter Wilkin, proceeded in state to Christ's Church, Newgate-street, on Tuesday afternoon, in order to attend Divine service and hear the Spital Sermon preached by the Bishop of Salisbury. His lordship was attended by Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Treasurer of Christ's Hospital; Bro. Sheriff Cooper, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk); and the Sword Bearer, Mace Bearer, and City Marshal in their robes. The boys of Christ's Hospital filed the galleries, and had previously visited his lordship at the Mansion House and been regaled with buns, wine, and lemonade, while each Grecian received a guinea, each junior Grecian half-a-guinea, each monitor half-a-crown, and each of the rank and file one shilling.

THE COUNTESS OF RADNOR has kindly undertaken to give a concert, to which H.R.H. the Princess of Wales has granted her immediate patronage, at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, in June next, with her Ladies' String Band and Chorus (nearly 200 in number), to inaugurate the formation of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots, by whom a special appeal is now being made for £5000, to be devoted towards the opening of some of the 60 closed beds in the Asylum. Donations, large or small, may be sent to the Countess of Radnor, 36, King William-street, London, E.C. Tickets for the concert will be ready in May, and early application for them is necessary to prevent disappointment. Stall and front row of balcony, £1 ts.; reserved seats, 10s. 6d.; unreserved seats, 5s.; gallery and area, 2s.; to be obtained at Tree's Ticket Office, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, and the usual West End and City ticket offices, also at the Asylum Offices, 36, King William-street, E.C.

WE HAVE great pleasure in announcing that a special meeting will be held at the Mansion House on Monday, the 20th instant, at which the claims of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution will be brought to the notice of the public. The Institution was established in 1867 to provide a Home or Pension for aged, worn-out, and destitute British Seamen, and during the period it has been in existence it has done good service in this respect. Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Walter Wilkin has very kindly consented to preside, and will be supported by Alderman and Sheriff Pound and Bro. Sheriff Cooper. H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha has expressed regret to Bro. Admiral Sir Leopold McClintock, Chairman of the Committee, at his inability to be present in consequence of the marriage of his daughter, the Princess Alexandra, on that day, but his Royal Highness has requested that his name may be put down for £20 in addition to the £150 he has already subscribed. We trust the meeting may be attended with the success which so meritorious an Institution deserves.

THE MOSAICS AT ST. PAUL'S.—Shortly after noon on Saturday last, the last sheet was removed from the roof of the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the magnificent mosaic work accomplished under the personal direction of Mr. W. B. Richmond, R.A., was exposed to view. Some hundreds of people were present at the time, and the work as seen from the floor of the Cathedral, although in a very dull light, was universally admired. The Dean, who naturally feels proud of the work, took especial delight in pointing out to friends the different features in the various groups. The service in the afternoon was attended by the Bishop of London and the Dean, all the Canons, with the exception of the Bishop of Stepney, who is abroad, and many of the Prebendaries. A procession, headed by the men who had been employed on the work, was formed at the west end, and during its progress into the choir the hymn, "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem," was sung. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, who arrived from Brighton, attended in State, accompanied by the Sheriffs and several members of the Corporation. Prior to the commencement of evensong, Gounod's "Te Deum"—a composition seldom heard in this country—was sung, followed by an antiphon, composed especially for the occasion.

THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FOR SCOTLAND.—The Secretary for Scotland, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, on Wednesday formally opened the new observatory, which has been erected on the south-eastern slope of Blackford Hill, Edinburgh, and is to take the place of the old observatory on Calton Hill as the Royal Observatory for Scotland. A large and representative gathering of ladies and gentlemen were present. The company was received in the optical room, where the Astronomer Royal for Scotland, Professor Copeland, having made a short historical statement, Lord Balfour declared the observatory open for the teaching of astronomy on university lines. Having referred to the connection with the movement which his predecessors in the Scotch Office, the Marquis of Lothian and Sir George Trevelyan, had had, he recalled the fact that it was 110 years since the Chair of Astronomy was founded in connection with Edinburgh University. The foundation of the Astronomical Institution, which afterwards became the Royal Observatory, followed a few years later. He thought they were entitled to look forward and prophecy a brilliant future for the new observatory, and that many generations would profit by the labours of Professor Copeland and the munificence of Lord Crawford. Lord Crawford then moved a vote of thanks to Lord Balfour. Sir Robert S. Ball (Cambridge) seconded, and the motion was carried. Lord Balfour having replied, the company were conducted over the building.