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FREEMASONRY DURING THE GRAND MASTER-SHIP OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Wednesday, when in accordance with ancient custom, United Grand Lodge held high Festival, was the 21st anniversary of the Prince of WALES'S installation as M.W. Grand Master of England, and as his Royal Highness has been pleased to mark this auspicious event by conferring brevet rank as Past Grand Officers on many deserving brethren, it seems not inappropriate that we should signalise the occasion by, in the first place, tendering him our most respectful congratulations on his successful presidency over our Grand Lodge during a period which has only been exceeded in the case of three of his distinguished predecessors; and in the next, by describing as fully and circumstantially as the limited time and space at our disposal will permit, the chief events which have occurred during his administration and the beneficial consequences to the whole Craft of Masonry throughout the British Empire which have resulted from his acceptance and retention of the exalted position to which one and twenty years ago he was elected by the unanimous vote of the brethren. There are many among us who can well remember the deep regret and, for the moment, the feeling almost of dismay, with which, in the late summer of 1874, the wholly unlooked for announcement was received by the general body of English Masons of the resignation of all his Masonic offices by the Marquis of RIPON, who for the previous 13 years had served either as Deputy G. Master or Grand Master of United Grand Lodge, as well as Grand Master of one of our largest and most influential Provinces. But though the regret remained, the feeling of dismay soon passed. The wise and experienced counsellors whom he and his predecessor, the late Earl of ZETLAND had gathered around them, soonto use a familiar but expressive phrase—pulled themselves together and addressing themselves to the Prince of WALES, who was then Past Grand Master, respectfully invited his Royal Highness to accept the vacant office and preside over the destinies of the Craft in England, as several members of the Royal Family before him had done with so much honour to themselves and so signally to the advantage of the Fraternity. The Prince at once and most graciously promised to undertake the duties of Grand Master, if it were the pleasure of the Craft to elect him, and on the 28th April, 1875, his Royal llighness was formally inducted into the chair and proclaimed as M.W.G. Master amid such demonstrations of enthusiastic lcyalty and in the presence of such a gathering of the Society in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, as had never previously and has never since been witnessed in this or any other country, in which Freemasonry is recognised and by law permitted to

fulfil the many and important duties it owes to God, its neighbour, and itself. Be it our present task to show what has happened in Masonry since the day it became known that, as the Prince had been nominated to serve as Grand Master at the Grand Lodge Communication in December, 1874, his Royal Highness was virtually Grand Master elect, and would in the ordinary course of things be installed in office at the Grand Festival next ensuing or on such other day as might suit his convenience.

And first as to what, in Masonic parlance, is known as

CRAFT MASONRY.

From the Grand Lodge Calendar issued for the year 1875 we learn that the number of lodges on the roll of United G. Lodge at the close of 1874 was 1514. Of these, there were located in London, 212; in the Provinces, 832; and in the Colonies, &c., 374; the remaining lodges having either returned their warrants or been erased. The highest number on the roll of G. Lodge in the G. Lodge Calendar which was published early in December last, for the current year, is 2500, so that in the 21 years between December, 1874, and December, 1895, as many as 1076 were warranted. But the number remaining on the roll at the latter date was 2146, of which 425 were located in London, 1275 in the Provinces, and 446 in the Colonies, &c., the number of those which have been removed from the list being 445, inclusive, of course, of those we have before referred to as having been removed from the roll through various causes prior to December, 1874. But of these, only a very small proportion have dropped out of existence. The remainder are still in full active working, and, as far as we know, the greater number of them are in a condition of greater, rather than of less, prosperity. Among them are, firstly, the lodges which severed their connection with the G. Lodge of England about 1869 and 1870, when the Grand Lodges in British North America other than the G. Lodge of Canada were formed; secondly, those which have left us, with a hearty God-speed for their future prosperity, during the last ten years or thereabouts, and have helped to form the G. Lodges of S. Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania; and, lastly, those which have seceded from our Constitution and taken part in the formation of, or joined, the unrecognised G. Lodge of New Zealand. It is more than probable, therefore, that of the 2590 lodges, together with the G. Stewards' Lodge, which have figured on the roll of United Grand Lodge since the last re-numbering of the lodges in 1863, fully 2500 are still in existence, and of these about 1000—that is to say, two-fifths—have received their warrants of constitution from his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES during the 21 years of his M.W.G. Mastership.

But there are other matters to be considered in forming our estimate of the condition and progress of English Craft Freemasonry than the mere numerical additions that may have been made under his Royal Highness's auspices, and prominent amongst these are, firstly, the stimulus to greater energy on the part of the brethren which has been created by his presidency over our Society and the certain knowledge that, in spite of the heavy demands upon his time, there was nothing of importance which happened in or to our lodges of which his Royal Highness did not take cognisance, and into which, if good reason were shown, he did not cause inquiry to be instituted; secondly, the greater attention paid to the fulfilment of the regular lodge duties, and a more general desire among Crastsmen to make themselves more thoroughly acquainted with the ritual; and, lastly, the very exemplary character of the greater number of the lodges for which he has been pleased to grant his warrants of constitution. It is now the exception, rather than, as of old time it used to be, the rule, for one member of a lodge to confer degrees and instal the Master, or for one brother of exceptional ability as a ritualist to perform these duties for-if we may be allowed to use the expression—his particular clientèle of lodges. Now, brethren are apt to look askance at a Master who does not discharge at least a portion of this branch of the duties pertain-

ing to his office; or—as it is not in the power of every Master to command the time necessary for acquiring a full knowledge of the ritual—who does not make it clear to his lodge that he does what he can to the best of his ability, and would do more if his private avocations were less urgent in their demands upon his time. That we are not over-estimating the progress which has been made in this respect during the last 21 years may be judged firstly from a consultation of the two G. Lodge Calendars we have already referred to-for 1875 and the present year respectively. Whereas the number of lodges of instruction entered in the former is only about 70, those which are to be found on pp. 182-186 of the 1896 Calendar are not far short of 200. There is also another and, if possible, more precise indication of the increased desire on the part of brethren to become acquainted with our ritual, and that will be found in the ever-increasing importance which is assigned to the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and the pomp and circumstance with which its celebration is surrounded. Again, as to the exemplary character of so many of the lodges which, during this period, have been placed on the roll of G. Lodge. Where shall we find better, more serviceable, or more influential lodges than the City of Westminster, No. 1563, which matches well with the City of London, No. 901; the Studholme, No. 1591; the Alliance, No. 1827, founded for officers of the Corporation of London? Or for the special purposes for which they were established, than the Mozart, the Sterndale Bennett, the Guildhall School of Music, the Orpheus, the Trinity College, and other lodges connected with the musical profession; the various quasi-military lodges such as those attached to the London Rifle Brigade, the London Scottish and the London Irish Rifles, the Train Bands, the Bloomsbury Rifles, the Second Middlesex Artillery; or than those intended for members of the different professions and callings, such as the Galen for Chemists; the Æsculapius for the Medical Profession; the Evening Star for Gas Engineers; the Hiram for Architects and Surveyors; the Kaisar-i-Hind for Anglo-Indians, and others almost too numerous to mention? Then there are the two great legal lodges-the Northern Bar, No. 1610, and the Chancery Bar, No. 2456—the latter of which had the honour of being constituted by the Prince of WALES himself; the several lodges founded for the benefit of Provincial brethren having business transactions in the Metropolis, such as the Lancastrian, the United Northern Counties, the Cornish, the Scots, as well as the Lodge La France, which works in the French language, as the Pilgrim, No. 238, formerly a Red Apron Lodge, does in the German; the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, which was founded in 1885 to serve as a Masonic home for Colonial brethren visiting London; the Anglo-American, No. 2191, intended to serve a like purpose for visiting brethren from the United States, and the Columbia, No. 2397, which was organised a few years later for much the same purpose; the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, which meets in Old Drury, and is open to members of the dramatic profession and those interested in dramatic pursuits; the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, for members of the club that bears that name; the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, which devotes itself chiefly to the development of good fellowship among Masons and the support of our Masonic Institutions? There is, too, yet another Lodge, which claims more than a passing notice, both from the exceptional objects for which it was established and the marvellous success which has attended its labours. We allude, of course, to the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, for which the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to grant a Charter in 1884, but which, owing to the absence from England on military duty of Bro. Sir CHARLES WARREN, R.E., the Master Designate, was not consecrated till some two years later. This lodge was founded for the purpose of encouraging the promotion of Masonic literary studies among the brethren. The members of what is known as the Inner Circle are limited to 40, and only those are eligible to be admitted into the lodge who are known to have distinguished themselves in, or are heart and soul given up to, literary, scientific, and artistic pursuits. But the peculiarity of this lodge is that, in addition to its membership, it has an Outer or Correspondence Circle, which all brethren in good standing and Grand and private lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies are eligible to join on the payment annually of one-half the present annual subscription exacted from those who are full members. At the meetings of the lodge, which are held at Freemasons Hall, it is the custom for some member, either of the Inner or Outer Circle, to read a paper on some question of special interest These papers and notes on the discussions which follow them are fully reported in the minutes of the Proceedings, and are published and issued free of cost to all subscribing members of both Circles. In addition, there are published from time to time Reprints of old and rare Masonic MSS. or other works, but the cost of publishing these is defrayed, not out of the members' subscriptions, as are the Lodge Transactions, but by the proceeds of their sale. Here, then, we have a lodge, such as exists in no other Masonic jurisdiction throughout the world,

which was established wholly and solely for the cultivation and promotion of Masonic literature; whose membership amounts t_{0} some 2000 lodges and brethren belonging to all or nearly all the Masonic jurisdictions in the universe; and which in the 10 years of its active existence has placed within the reach of members of the Craft at large reprints of many of the most valuable of our old MS. Constitutions and of sundry of our most cherished works; and we say, without fear of contradiction, that if the Masonic reign of his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, had been signalised by no other event than the establishment of this lodge, which is composed in great part either of our most eminent writers on Masonry or of brethren who are skilled in understanding its mysteries, that reign would still be a memorable one in the annals of our English Craft. But we must not dwell upon a matter which is sufficiently well known to our readers, and by them most fully appreciated. English Craft Freemasonry, which is the basis of our whole Masonic system, has progressed during these last 21 years in the character as in the number of its lodges, and, as we shall take occasion to note later in this article, that progress has not been unattended by a corresponding measure of improvement in the other jurisdictions which exist within the limits of the British Empire. the meantime, however, we shall give our attention to that other branch of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry, which, as the Book of Constitutions tells us, is connected with the Craft, that is to say to

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

And here, again, the progress which has been made under the auspices of the Prince of WALES is such, that not a few people might be inclined to think we were colouring our picture too highly, were it not for the authentic data which are to be found in our Grand Lodge Calendars for the years 1875 and 1896. From the former we learn that at the close of the year 1874 there were on the roll of Supreme Grand Chapter 459 private chapters, of which 68 were located in London, 305 in the Provinces, and 86 in the Colonies; the chapters of instruction in the London District, which are reckoned apart, being eight. According to the Calendar for the present year, there were on the roll at the close of last year, 170 chapters in the London District, 509 in the Provinces, and 131 in the Colonies, &c., the total number thus distributed being 810. But this is far from representing the whole of the increase that has taken place during these 21 years. As our readers are aware our Royal Arch chapters are attached to Craft lodges, and when these latter are removed from the roll it almost invariably follows that the chapters are likewise removed. Thus, in the Colonies of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, of the various chapters which existed prior to the establishment of their respective Grand Lodge, there is only one remaining on the roll of Grand Chapter and that is attached to the only lodge which declined to take part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The same thing has happened in the case of the chapters attached to the New Zealand lodges which have seceded from our Grand Lodge. Hence some allowance must be made for the chapters that would have been on the roll had not these separations been made from the parent stem of English Freemasonry, and therefore we feel that we are not exaggerating if we place the increase in the number of chapters at about 380. This is a far higher percentage even than in the case of Crast Masonry, and must be ascribed in the first place to the relaxation of the old rule which required that a lodge should have been three years in existence before it could have a Royal Arch chapter attached to it, and in the next, to the change in the law by which the qualifying period for the exaltation of a Master Mason has been reduced from one year to one month. Nor is the progress in Royal Arch Masonry confined to a mere increase in the number of chapters. There is now far greater activity displayed by the members, while the companions generally exhibit a far greater desire to become familiar with the ritual, a fact which is demonstrated in the Metropolitan district by the increase in the number of chapters of instruction from eight to 18, and there is no doubt that the Provinces have exhibited the same studious proclivities.

As regards

MARK MASONRY,

the progress that has been made during this period is even more pronounced than in Constitutional Masonry, doubtless because there has been greater room for advancement. The "Cosmopolitan" Calendar for 1875 tells us that, including the so-called "Time-immemorial" lodges, there were at the beginning of that year 184 lodges on the roll. The "Cosmo" for 1896 records that, inclusive of the said "T.I." lodges, there were 502 at the opening of the present year, and of these there are about 100 that have Royal Ark Mariner lodges moored to them, the latter being apparently too few in number in 1875 to be considered worthy of notice. That the progress in Craft and Arch Masonry should

be followed by an extension of the Mark, and, indeed, of all our other Masonic organisations, is only what any one with even a slight knowledge of the subject would expect. But there is no doubt the Degree has made marvellous strides in popularity, especially since the late Duke of ALBANY—who was the first of the Royal Family to countenance the Mark, in our time at least—was advanced as a Mark Master Mason, and had the rank of Past Grand Master conferred upon him. This was some time during the year 1882—if our memory serves us—and since then 200 lodges have been warranted. There is, too, a G. Mark Master's Lodge of Instruction, at which instruction in the methods of working the ceremonies of the Degree can be obtained, while generally there is a greater appearance of energy and activity, and the Mark has made for itself many new spheres of usefulness. But the improvement has by no means been restricted to an augmentation in numbers, and the greater energy we have spoken of, or to the more extensive area over which the Degree has spread. Its organisation has been greatly strengthened. It has now an imposing Hall of its own, situated alongside the time-honoured Freemasons' Hall, of Craft and Arch Masonry, and whereas early in 1875, there were only 18 Provincial G. Mark Masters-of whom only four were in charge of Provinces outside England-there are at the present time 33 Provinces in England alone, in charge of as many Prov. G. Mark Masters; and 18 Districts Abroad, presided over by as many Dist. G. Mark Masters. Among these latter are included the four which were Provinces in 1875, namely, Bengal, Bombay, Madras and Burmah, to which has since been added the Punjab; three Districts in New Zealand, three in Africa, two in the West Indies—Jamaica and the West India Islands generally; Victoria (Australia), and Tasmania; Gibraltar and the Mediterranean; and Quebec in British North America, the establishment of which was the cause of a somewhat violent dispute between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and our Mark Grand Lodge. Add to this, that for the last 10 years the Prince of WALES—who lost but little time in following the example of his late brother of Albany, in being advanced to the degree—has been the presiding Grand Master of the Mark, with a Pro Grand Master in imitation of Craft Masonry, and we need not go beyond the influence which his Royal Highness has exercised upon Freemasonry generally as Grand Master of United Grand Lodge, and upon the Mark Degree particularly, as its chief since 1886, for an explanation of the progress which this particular Masonic system has made since the beginning of 1875. As for

CHIVALRIC AND HIGH GRADE MASONRY,

the story we have to tell is pretty nearly the same we have told already respecting the Craft, Arch, and Mark. In the "Cosmo" for 1875, the highest number on the roll of Preceptories of the Order of the Temple was No. 129, in the present year's "Cosmo," it is No. 164. The Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine has on its roll now 153 conclaves, as compared with 115 in 1875, but in neither case do the figures represent the number actually working, for though the Degree is well organised, and has claims upon our respect, it does not enjoy quite the same degree of favour as the other Masonic systems. The Royal and Select Masters which, 21 years ago, had only four councils on its roll—its Grand Council was only established in 1873—now musters in all 22 councils, and the Allied Masonic Degrees, which had no organised existence then, has now its Grand Council and ²³ private councils. The fortunes of Rosicrucianism, too, have been looking up, and there are colleges in York and Newcastleon-Tyne, as well as in London, while, as for the Ancient and Accepted Rite, with its Supreme Council, 33°, to preside over its fortunes, and H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, as Grand Patron, a glance into its golden book will show that of its 109 Rose Croix chapters in working at the present time, as many as 60 have come into existence since the commencement of 1875, while of the 26 chapters which have become extinct, or surrendered their warrants, or are in abeyance, 15 were warranted before 1875, and ll since. Moreover, the Rite is well organised in districts, has found favour in the Colonies as well as at home, and what is of very great importance, it has a large amount of invested capital, and always a handsome balance at its bankers

But marvellous as are the evidences we have been able to furnish from authentic data, of the progress which our whole system of Masonry has made since these eventful years, there is still one other branch of Masonic duty in which even those who are most bitter in their oppositions to our so-called "Secret" Society, must allow that we have done something of which any society, whether religious, moral, or merely social, would have insteads to be proud. When his Royal Highness, the M.W. G. Master, had been placed on the throne of United Grand Lodge at that memorable gathering of the brethren which was held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the

28th April, 1875, and at which it was estimated at the time there must have been fully 9000 Masons present, and rose to address his thanks to the Craft for the honour it had conferred upon him by electing him its chief, he was pleased to say—and the statement was received with enthusiastic applause—that the watchwords of Freemasonry were "Loyalty" and "Charity." Of the former, we need say nothing more than that it is of the very essence of Freemasonry that its members should be loyal to constituted authority. It is, indeed, impossible for a true Freemason, one, that is to say, who is genuinely imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry, to be otherwise than loyal to the State in which he lives, or in which for the time being he has taken up his residence. But doubtless our readers will be disappointed if, in an article of this character, we do not say, at least, a few words about the Charitable Institutions which it is our pride to have established under the wing of our Grand Lodge, and in the case of the youngest of the three by its act and deed. Of these three Charities,

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

which was founded in 1788 by the Chevalier RUSPINI, is the oldest, and at the accession of the Prince of WALES to the Grand Mastership the number of children on its establishment was 148. In the 21 years that have since elapsed it has greatly enlarged its premises, and at the present time has under its charge close on 270 girls. In 1888, it celebrated the centenary of its foundation, the Festival being held in the Royal Albert Hall, under the presidency of his Royal Highness, who, as Grand Master, is ex-officio President of the Institution, while among those who were present as Stewards were his Majesty the King of SWEDEN AND NORWAY, who had assisted at the Prince's initiation in Stockholm, some 20 years previously; the late Earl of CARNARVON, Pro Grand Master of England; Sir Archibald CAMPBELL, M.W. Grand Master of Scotland; the Earl of LATHOM, then Deputy Grand Master of England; the late Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE, then Prince ALBERT VICTOR, Past S.G.W.; the late Marquess of HEADFORT, S.G. Warden of Ireland; and a host of Masonic notabilities, including a large proportion of our Prov. Grand Masters. Stewards alone dined, but the galleries were filled with ladies and brethren as spectators of the brilliant scene. At this memorable Festival the number of Stewards was 1475, and the sum raised by their efforts ultimately realised the magnificent total of £51,500 and upwards. With part of this money the School was still further enlarged and improved, and a new hall, known as the Alexandra Hall, erected, the ceremony of inauguration being performed by the Prince of WALES, who was accompanied by the Princess of WALES, from whom it takes its Since then, the Institution has well maintained its reputation for the excellence of its training, nor is there to be found throughout the length and breadth of England a middleclass scholastic institution of a similar, or, indeed, of any other character, which is more successful in discharging its duties towards the girls entrusted to its care. The mental, moral, and physical training they receive is of the highest character, while the success which has attended them in after life, as far as it has been possible to trace their careers, is such as to justify the pride which all English Masons take in the administration of their But it is a serious responsibility which rests senior Charity. upon the Craft to maintain the School at its present state of efficiency, and we can only hope that the rulers of the Charity will continue to exhibit the same tact and wisdom as they have shown during its past career, and that the general body of the Craft will extend towards it the same generous support. Its permanent income has grown considerably since the Prince of WALES became its President, but its annual expenditure has also grown, and it is hard work year after year raising the needful ways and means to make both sides of the account balance. Nevertheless, it is done, and we trust the day will never come when for lack of funds the Governing body may find it necessary to diminish the number of its "Charges," or lower the standard of the education they now receive.

The second senior Charity is

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

which was founded in 1798, by the "Ancient" Society of English Masons, as the Girls' School had been founded 10 years previously by its "Modern" rivals. When the Prince of WALES became its ex-officio President, the number of children on the establishment at Wood Green was 153, so that the difference in the extent of the benefits conferred by the two Charities was not very material. Nor is there any material difference at the present time, there being some 273 boys maintained, clothed and educated. Thus the period covered by the Prince of WALES'S G. Mastership has been one of almost

unbroken prosperity in the case of our Boys' School. True, about the latter part of 1888, there spread abroad among the Governors and Subscribers a feeling of doubt as to whether the Institution was as well administered as it ought to be. A Committee of Investigation was therefore appointed to inquire into the management and expenditure of the Charity and the education it bestowed on its charges, the result being that a new executive officer and a new educational staff were appointed, the administration of the School was vested in a new body known as the Board of Management, and generally steps were taken to place the Institution on a firmer and better footing. These measures have been attended with great success, and whether we have regard to the training and education the boys now receive, the tone and character of the children generally, or the care with which the work of administration is carried out, there can be no doubt whatever that the School has made great strides during the six years the new régime has been It had done great things before in the way of progress and had conferred great benefits on its scholars prior to 1890, but since then its progress has been by leaps and bounds, and the question which is now to the front is to discover a better locality to which the School may be removed and how to dispose of the present land and buildings to the best advantage. In the meantime it is gratifying to know that while between the years 1875 and 1890 the old capital which had been expended in the erection of the main portion of the present premises had been made good, and even increased to £17,500; and while in 1883 and following years the sum necessary for the erection of a Preparatory School and new Hall was raised without trenching upon the ordinary expenditure or the newly-replaced capital, there has been since 1890 a further increase of the latter to £60,000, and at the same time the evidence is forthcoming year by year that the education and training have been vastly

The youngest of our Charities is

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION,

which is in fact, two-or, if we include the Asylum at Croydon, three, Institutions under one Committee of Management—that is to say, the Male Annuity Fund, founded by Grand Lodge in 1842, the Widows' Annuity Fund, founded by Grand Lodge in 1840, and the aforesaid Asylum, the funds for the crection of which had been in great part raised by the late Bro. CRUCEFIX and his friends, and which, in 1850, was amalgamated with the two Grand Lodge Annuity Funds, the whole being formed into the Charity as now designated above. As regards this Institution, the progress it has made under the auspices of the Prince of WALES as President is even more amazing than that of our In 1875, the number of annuitants on the Male Fund was 120, and on the Widows' Fund 88, the amount which each male and widow annuitant received yearly being £36 in the former case and £28 in the latter. At the present time there are 200 male annuitants receiving £40 a year each, and 240 widow annuitants receiving £32 a year each. In addition, there are some 25 widows—but the number is always fluctuating—who are entitled to receive each the half of her late husband's annuity for five years, instead of three, as was the case 20 years ago. Thus in this comparatively brief period, and omitting the halfannunity widows from the calculation in both cases, the outlay in annuities on the two Funds, which amounted to £6784 in 1875, is at this moment £15,680, or £2000 more than twice as much as it was at the former date. It is difficult to realise that such an increase has been made during these 21 years, but there is no question as to the reality of the increase, or that while it was being steadily made the invested capital of the Institution has been very largely augmented, thanks in the first place to the steady support which the Institution has received year by year and the exceeding care with which its affairs have been administered by the governing body; and in the next to the brilliant success which attended the celebration of the Jubilee Festival, which was held in February, 1892, in Covent Garden Theatre, under the presidency of the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, Dep. Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, when the sum raised by a 1523 Stewards amounted ultimately to £69,000. must also be mentioned that in 1882 Grand Lodge increased its annual grants to the two Funds to £800 in each case, the additional £300 voted to the Male Fund and the £500 to the Widows' Fund being, however, payable from the Fund for General Purposes, whereas the £500 previously payable to the Male and the £300 to the Widows' Fund were taken from the Fund of Benevolence. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that in 1860, when it was found that in spite of the successive augmentations in the number of annuitants on the two Funds which had been made from time to time, the lists of candidates for admission were steadily becoming more formidable, the laws defining

the qualifications of candidates were very carefully revised, the general tenour of the changes then adopted being in the direction of greater stringency. There is no doubt these amendments have had the effect of diminishing the number of applicants, but there has not as yet been time for their full effect to be felt, and in all probability it will be some years before the lists show a really appreciable reduction.

Having described the chief circumstances in the career of our great central Charitable Institutions, there is still another class of Charities respecting which it seems desirable that we should say a few words. These are

THE PROVINCIAL INSTITUTIONS,

which have been established from time to time, and which have proved eminently serviceable in the localities in which they are severally situated. There are three such in the Province of West Lancashire, namely, an Educational Institution, and the Hamer and Alpass Benevolent Institutions. Then there is the Cheshire Educational Institution, which has been growing in strength during the last 21 years, so that it is now in a position to deal with most, if not all, of the cases which are brought to its notice. The Cheshire Benevolent Institution, which was founded two or three years since, with a capital of about £3000, is modelled on the lines of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The East Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institution, which, as its name betokens, looks after the children as well as the wornout brethren and their widows, held its first Festival on the 1st July, 1895, when its Stewards had the satisfaction of raising upwards of £4000; and there are the Educational or Annuity Funds which have been established in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, North and East Yorkshire, the City of Leeds, the Provinces of Durham, Dorsetshire, Cornwall, Devonshire, Lincolnshire, and elsewhere, which are all doing excellent work. As regards the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence which spends some £9000 in temporarily relieving poor brethren and their widows, the Provincial and Lodge Funds, which render the same service, their very existence tends to show that the spirit of Charity moves freely abroad among the members of our Society and that the dictum of the Prince of WALES in the Royal Albert Hall on the day of his installation as Grand Master as to Charity being one of the "watchwords" of Masonry, is true, or at all events, is being day by day more clearly exemplified than when it was uttered. It is with no desire to speak in terms of exaggerated praise when we draw attention to the constantly increasing work that is being done by Masons in the field of Charity, and affirm that there is no other Society in the world which is more successful in the discharge of its duty towards those who need the assistance of their fellowmen.

We cannot bring this article to a conclusion without devoting at least a few passing words to the chief events which have occurred since the Prince of WALES became our Grand Master. His installation we have already referred to, and we need say nothing further than that such a meeting will rarely, if ever, be held under the banner of the Craft. Many gatherings have, however, since been held, and many things have been done, which show how great has been the influence which Freemasonry has exercised under his auspices. Thus, in 1876, his Royal Highness was pleased to lay the foundation-stones of the new Docks at Bombay, the new Market at Gibraltar, and the new Post Office at Glasgow, while the year following Grand Lodge voted £4000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in commemoration of his Royal Highness's safe return from his visit to India. In 1880, the Prince laid the foundation-stone of the new Cathedral at Truro, while two years later a Special Grand Lodge was held, at which his Royal Highness presided, and the Dukes of CONNAUGHT and ALBANY, Past G. Wardens, were present, when an address of congratulation was passed unanimously to her Majesty the QUEEN on her providential escape from the hands of an assassin. During the same year, too, her Majesty was pleased to emphasise the interest she has always taken in Freemasonry and its Institutions by accepting the position of Chief Patroness of the Girls' School. there occurred what may be spoken of as about the only missor tune which has befallen the Craft for many years. The Great Hall in Freemasons' Hall, which was erected in 1775, was partly destroyed by first the state of the s destroyed by fire, the only article of value at the time in the Hall which escaped destruction being the marble bust of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, by the late Bro. E. H. BAILEY, the Acade mician. However, the building itself and its contents were insured, and only about 12 months elapsed ere the brethren were once again enabled to meet in Quarterly Communication in the restored and more commodious building, which was the scene of a portion of the proceedings on Wednesday. In 1885, the Grand Master had the pleasure of initiating his eldest son, the late Prince Albert Victor, the ceremony being performed in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, by his Royal Highness. In the

course of the two following years the Duke of CONNA. GHT was installed, firstly, Prov. G.M. of Sussex by the Prince in person, and, in 1887, as Dist. G.M of Bombay; while in the latter year there was for the second time a brilliant gathering of the brethren in the Royal Albert Hall, the purpose being to vote an address of congratulation to the QUEEN on the completion of the Jubilee year of her reign. The Prince presided, and there were present over 6000 brethren, each of whom paid a guinea for his ticket of admission, while the proceeds of the sale of tickets, amounting in all to £6321, was divided equally among the three Institutions. About the same time, and in honour of the same event, Grand Lodge itself voted grants of £2000 each to the same Charities; and, as in 1887, the Grand Master laid the foundationstone of the New Hospital, Great Yarmouth, and his son that of the Jubilee Wing of the Northampton Infirmary, we may regard that year as being only less memorable in our annals than that of his installation. In 1888, Grand Lodge voted a sum of £500 for the purpose of presenting some gift to the Princess of WALES on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Grand Master and her Royal Highness, and, as soon as the present had been sclected, a deputation from Grand Lodge waited upon the Prince and Princess at Marlborough House, and presented them with the address of congratulation, which Grand Lodge had voted by acclamation, on the auspicious anniversary, and the Princess with a diamond butterfly. In 1890, the late Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE was installed as Prov. G.M. of Berkshire by his father, while since then the latter has done two newly-warranted lodges—the Chancery Bar and the Rahere—the very great honour of attending their consecration, and personally constituting them as lodges. But the events of his 21 years' reign are so familiar, so fresh in the recollection of our readers, that we need not dwell upon them more particularly. We shall, therefore, content ourselves with adding a few words, with a view to showing that, though, as was to be expected, it is English Masonry which has most largely benefited by having the Heir to the Throne for its Grand Master, the Craft in the other parts of the United Kingdom, with which, it must be remembered, he is connected as Patron, as well as throughout the British Empire generally, owes no insignificant portion of its progress during later years to his connection with the Society. the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which the Prince is Patron, the number of lodges has been increased from 542 to 827, and, though, as in the jurisdiction of England, there are many of these newly-created lodges, as well as many of earlier date, which have severed their connection with their parent Grand Lodge, the majority of them still exist, but under other Constitutions. As for Grand Lodge itself, its position is vastly stronger now than it was in the later "seventies," when Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, the great historian of Scottish Freemasonry had not yet been appointed its G. Secretary, and its affairs, which had been terribly mismanaged, were in a state of confusion. Now the Grand Lodge is in a condition of marvellous prosperity, both as regards its finances, and the manner in which the duties of its lodges are carried out, while its Fund of Benevolence is on a stable basis, and is admirably administered. In Ireland, the Grand Lodge, of which also the Prince is Patron, has likewise prospered during the G. Masterships of the past and present Dukes of Abercorn, but from the manner in which its lodges are numbered, it is difficult to estimate with any approach to accuracy, the extent of its progress. We know it has increased, and very materially, as is shown by the well-maintained popularity of its Masonic Orphan School Fêtes in Dublin, and the brilliant success which attended the celebration of its Girls' School Centenary in 1892. Under the Canadian Constitution there have been warranted during this period fully 100 lodges, while the independent Australasian Grand Lodges, which have recently been established, and of which the Prince is Patron, are likewise firmly set, and becoming slowly but surely stronger both numerically and in other respects. May the same prosperity attend Freemasonry throughout the British Empire which has been its lot during the presidency of his Royal Highness over the Grand Lodge of England!

CONCERNING FESTIVALS.

It harmonises well with the eternal fitness of things that refreshment should follow labour, nor see we any valid reason why men, who happen to be Masons and meet as such periodically, should not dine or sup together when they have performed their appointed duties. True these Masonic dinners and banquets entail a considerable amount of after-dinner oratory, consisting partly of mild platitudes, in part of venerable witticisms, but chiefly of grave exchanges of mutual laudation with each and every of our fellow-guests. But after-dinner speech-making constitutes no great sin against religion or morality; on the contrary it helps to promote good-fellowship. You cannot think

unkindly of a Mason who reciprocates the compliments you pay him, nor will he regard you with an evil eye for paying him those compliments. Moreover, good-fellowship helps us a long way on the road towards being kind and charitable to those we meet, and as it is one of the chief objects to promote charity, we are glad the ancient custom remains in force, by which the members of our lodges partake of refreshment together when the business portion of their proceedings is ended. We dare say the custom prevailed in the 'time immemorial' days about which we occasionally read, and it is more than probable that had there been a local press in existence in the middle of the 17th century, some diligent Masonic student would long since have unearthed a report of the memorable meeting in Warrington, at which ELIAS ASHMOLE and Col. MAINWARING were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry. In all probability we should have learned that in the course of the after-lodge proceedings, the Master proposed the health of "The Initiates," and that firstly Bro. ASHMOLE and then Bro. MAINWARING, in responding for the toast, expressed their thanks for the honour the lodge had done them in accepting them as members, and the hope that their future conduct would justify the confidence which the brethren had reposed in them. At all events, if we cannot speak with certainty of what happened in Masonry at this epoch, we have it on record that in the very earliest days of Speculative Masonry refreshment was almost a part of the regular business of our lodge meetings, and that on grand occasions it assumed the character of a Festival. Especially was this the case at the installation of a new Grand Master, when not only was there a Grand Feast, but likewise a grand procession of the brethren through the streets to one of the City Companies' Halls or a noted hostelry, where, after an elegant repast had been partaken of, the toasts proper to the occasion were duly honoured. But about the year 1745, in consequence of sundry irreverent people having made fun of these processions, and having in more than one case started mock processions of their own as a burlesque on the true Masons, the outdoor display was dropped altogether, though when the "Ancients" began to find themselves more firmly established they revived the old custom of marching in procession in their full regalia, and after attending Divine service in some church which had been selected, returning to their quarters and spending the rest of the day in quiet conviviality. But the "Ancient" Feast and procession was held on or about St. John the Baptist's Day (24th June), while the installation of the Grand Master for the ensuing year and the investiture of his Grand Officers took place on or about St. John the Evangelist's Day (the 27th December). Thus as regards the summer fêtes we read in the minutes of the 24th June, 1766, that "No Grand Lodge open'd on this day, but the Fraternity by permission of the Grand Officers met at the Angel in White Chapell, and from thence walked in procession to Stepney Church where an Excellent Sermon founded on the General Regulations of the Craft and upon a suitable Text was preach'd by the Rev. Mr. Parker Rowlands our most worthy Brother. Sermon the Fraternity amounting to a vast number with three bands of Musick &c. walked in like manner to the Angel aforesaid where they separated & each Lodge went to dine at the Houses where held." The following year the Feast on St. John the Baptist's Day was organised on a more elaborate scale. An emergent meeting of Grand Lodge was summoned on the 12th June, 1767, at which the Grand Master, Bro. the Hon Thos. MATHEW, presided in person, when it was resolved that a sermon should be preached "in the nearest (or most convenient) Church to the five Bells Tavern in the Strand, and that a suitable dinner shall be provided in such Tavern According to Ancient Custom." Moreover, "the following Brethren were proposed and appointed Stewards for the said feast, viz., William Dickey, Junr., Bror. Llewelyn, Bror. Davy, and Bror. James Mann, with liberty to choose two more on St. John's Day next." Accordingly on the said St. John's Day, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and a great number of the officers and Members of private Lodges went to St. Clement's Church, where they heard an excellent sermon preached by the Rev. PARKER ROWLANDS, the prayers being read by the Rev. Bro. WYCHE, after which the brethren returned to the Grand Lodge room and dined "in form." In the course of the proceedings a letter was read from the Grand Master to the effect that he was laid up with the gout, and prevented, to his deep regret, from being present, but he requested that he might be charged for four absentees. Bro. DERMOTT, who was laid up with a similar attack, and was absent, Bro. W. DICKEY, jun., acted as Secretary, while the toasts that were honoured included "The King and the Craft;" "The Grand Master," "the Rev. Bros. ROWLAND and WYCHE;" and "The Stewards of the Day;" and it was "Order'd that the Ringers of St. Clement's shall be paid One Guinea, & the poor of the said parish Five Guineas, & the Beadles Ten shills. & 6 pence." In 1768 the venue was laid at Deptford for Divine service, and the Assembly Rooms, on Blackheath, for the dinner,

while in 1769, service was held in Putney Church, and the dinner at the Assembly Rooms, on Putney Common. On this occasion Stewards were nominated for conducting what is spoken of as "the Grand Master's Feast," on the 24th June, 1770. In 1771 the Duke of ATHOL was installed G. Master, and the ceremony of installation, and the Grand Feast (at the G.M.'s cost) were held at the Half Moon, Cheapside, on the 2nd March. The annual Feast was also held on St. John's Day, but Deputy DERMOTT having objected to its being called the G. Master's Feast, it was not so designated. In 1772, we read for the first time of a Grand Sword Bearer being appointed to carry the Sword in Public Processions, the Master of No. 2 being elected to carry it on St. John's Day, whilst it was further ordered that brethren under the censure of G. Lodge, or who did not belong to a Warranted Lodge, or could not produce a Certificate from the one they had last belonged to, should not be allowed to take part in the festivities and processions on St. John's Day. As years went on, the Feast became a more elaborate affair, and in the Minutes of 6th June, 1792, we find it was resolved to have a Feast after the usual service in Church, at Bro. Fox's, the Long Rooms, Hampstead. It was also determined that the tickets should be 10s. 6d. each, and that each lodge in and about London should take four tickets. In 1799, however, at a Grand Lodge held under the presidency of the Duke of Atholl, on the 6th May, it was "Resolved Unanimously That it be recommended to His Grace the Duke of Atholl, R.W. G.M. of Free Masons of England, according to the old constitutions, to inhibit and totally prevent all Public Masonic Processions." It will be remembered that it was in this year that the Law was enacted against Secret Societies, from which, however, the Freemasons were exempted, and though an attempt was made to have Processions revived, the Grand Master seems to have set his face against it. At all events, in the minutes of St. John the Baptist's Day, 1807, the Duke of ATHOLL himself being in the chair, it is recorded that, in reply to a memorial which had been presented to him for the revival of Processions, "His Grace was thereupon pleased to explain and state his reasons to the Grand Lodge in not complying therewith, and the same being disposed of, the Grand Lodge was closed and adjourned to Dinner, Our Noble Grand Master being in the Chair. In the course of the day the Noble Duke congratulated the Fraternity on the increasing prosperity of the Institution arising from their strict and unostentatious adherence to the Ancient principles of the Ancient Craft, which most assuredly preserves its ascendency over all Innovation. His Grace signified in the most cordial manner his intention of attending this meeting as frequent as his residence in town would permit him, and the day was spent in that conviviality, good order, and brotherly love, so highly characteristic of every real Mason." In 1809, it was agreed at the Quarterly Communication on 7th June that there should be a service at Camberwell Church and dinner at the Grove House, but henceforth until the Union, more important business occupied the minds of the "Ancient" brethren, and when the Union was effected there was no longer a question of public Masonic Processions. Nor do they occur very frequently now-a-days, and then only on such important occasions as the laying of founda-tion stones, the annual meetings of Prov. G. Lodges, &c. Indeed, at the meeting in the Royal Albert Hall for the installation of the Prince of Wales, it was very generally remarked that outside the Hall there was an entire absence of any appearance of Masonic insignia.

Among the Grand Feasts held under the auspices of the "Modern" Masons, perhaps that which was holden in Freemasons' Hall on the 2nd May, 1792, when his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, great-uncle of our present illustrious G. Master, was installed in office as G. Master, will comes nearest home to us just at this moment when we are commemorating this particular 21st anniversary. His Royal Highness had been elected G. Master on the 2 st November, 1790, in succession to his deceased uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, and according to the account in Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," he was "installed in the presence of his royal brother the Duke of York, the Right Hon. Lord RAWDON, Marquis of HASTINGS, and about 500 other respectable Brethren. The repeated applauses bestowed by the company upon the Royal brothers were highly grateful to their leclings, while the allability and heartfelt satisfaction of the Grand Master at the head of the Brethren were particularly noticed. His Royal Highness performed the duties of his office in a style superior to most of his predecessors. His observations were clear, acute, and pertinent; his expression was fluent, manly, and distinct; and his eulogium on his deceased uncle, the last Grand Master, pathetic, graceful, eloquent. The compliment that he conferred on Lord RAWDON as acting Grand Master was truly Masonic; and to all his officers on their appointments, he paid the proper tribute to their respective merits. In short, during the whole ceremony, his demeanour was courteous, pleasing, and dignified."

UNITED GRAND LODGE FESTIVAL OF GRAND

The Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, and was atttended by more than 800 brethren from all parts of the country. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. Bro. W. W. B Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Master for Kent, as Past G. Master; Bro. Sir John B. Monckton. as S.G.W.; Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, as J.G.W. Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, W. L. Jackson, M.P., and Dr. Balfour Cockburn, were among the Provincial Grand Masters present, and among other Grand Officers there were Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, E. Letchworth (Grand Sec.), S. Cochrane, W. M. Stiles, George Everett, Richard Eve. Sir Albert W. Woods, Thomas Fenn, R. Loveland Loveland, Lennox Browne, Wm. Lake (A.G. Sec.), C. W. C. Hutton, W. B. Coltman, Major-Gen. F. Gadsden. Peter de Lande Long, C. F. Matier, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. A. Farnfield, W. F. Smithson, Henry Smith, J. S. Cumberland, R. Clay Sudlow, E. Monteuuis, Robert Grey, C. F. Hogard, James Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, J. M. McLeod, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. H. A. Pickard, T. Lean Wilkinson, C. E. Keyser, and Wm. Bywater.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. E. LETCH-WORTH, G. Sec., read the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication so far as they related to the election of the M.W.G.M. and the Grand Treasurer.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was then declared installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and was proclaimed as Grand Master by Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM announced that his Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M., had been pleased to re-appoint him as Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Loud and general applause).

Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods thereupon proclaimed the Earl of Lathom as Pro Grand Master, and afterwards led the salute.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM next said that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master had been pleased to appoint the Earl of Amherst, Provincial Grand Master for Kent as Deputy Grand

Master. (Applause).
Bro. Earl Amherst was, therefore, conducted to the pedestal, where he took the solemn obligation of Deputy Grand Master. Bro. the Earl of Lathom invested him with the insignia of his office, and he was proclaimed and saluted.

Bro. Earl AMHERST: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren,-I beg to thank you very much for your cordial

reception of my appointment.

(Garter)

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM: Brethren, I have to read to you a letter the Grand Secretary has received from Bro. Lord Mount Edgeumbe, the late Deputy Grand Master. It is as follows:

Mount Edgcumbe, Plymouth.

April 27th, 1896.

Dear Brother Letchworth,

I find myself prevented from coming to London this week, and therefore regret that I shall be unable to attend Grand Festival, for which the Board of Grand Stewards have kindly sent me a ticket. I have to thank you for your kind words on my retirement from office, and shall always look back with pleasure to the four years during which I have held it, on account of the friend-ships I have made and the Masonic work in which I have hid the honour of taking part. But, as you know, I always looked forward to surrendering it as soon as it should please H.R.H. the Grand Master to appoint my successor, and I heartily congratulate Grand Ledge and the Craft upon the selection of so excellent a Mason as my friend, Lord Amherst.—Yours fraternally,

MOUNT EDGCUMBE. The following brethren were then invested as Grand Officers

for the year. They were all present: Bro. Major-General the Right Hon. Lord Hon. Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce...} G. Wardens. Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Lllandaff & G. Chaplains. Venerable Archdeacon Stevens ... 5 Wm. Heap Bailey (elected) ... G. Treasurer. His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C. G. Registrar. R. Horton Smith, Q.C. G. Dep. Registrar. Edward Letchworth ... G. Secretary. Lt.-Col. A. R. M. Lockwood, M.P.) W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P. ... S.G. Deacons. W. Smithelt J.G. Deacons.
...
G. Supt. of Works. J. C. Malcolm E. D. Anderton George E. Lake Rowland Plumbe Sir A. W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B., G.D. of C.

had been done.

Bro.	J. D. Langton	•••		Dep. G.D. of C.
,,	F. Gordon Brown))
	W. E. Chapman		}	A.G.D. of Cs.
,,	Ernest St. Clair		·)	
,,	Henry Lovegrove			G.S.B.
"	Richard Newhouse			Dep. G.S.B.
,,	Major F. R. Newma	n)	G. Std. Brs.
11	William A. Scurrah	• • •	j	G. Std. Dis.
"	Henry R. Rose	•••		G. Organist.
1)	William Lake	•••		A.G. Šec.
"	C. Kupferschmidt			A.G. Sec. for G.C
,,	James Boulton	• • •		G. Purst.
22	James Kew	• • •		A.G. Purst.
"	Henry Sadler			G. Tyler.
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The customary salutes having been given, Bro. the Earl of LATHOM said: It has pleased the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to make 21 appointments to Past Grand Rank, in commemoration of this occasion being the 21st anniversary of his installation as Grand Master.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said he had been desired by the Speaker of the House of Commons, to express his extreme regret at not being present on this occasion. The Right Hon. Brother had to be in the House of Commons until six o'clock. He had also to express the regret of the Lord Mayor at his absence, owing to his having to attend the Festival of the Sons of the Clergy.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH read the following list of GRAND STEWARDS for the year, approved of by the Grand Master:

Bros. Edgar Morris Brandon, 23, President; Alexander Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S., 4, Treas.; John Thomas Cotton, 60, Sec.; Thomas Dinwiddy, 1; Rev. Chas. J. Ridgway, 2; Edwin T. Hall, 5; Fredk. Willes Crookshank, 6; Morris Bilbie Evans, 8; William Sidney Penley, 14; William Sutton, M.A., 21; Chas. Montague Handfield Jones, 26; John H. Stark, 29; George Pitt-Lewis, Q.C., 46; Edwin Fox, 58; Horaco Arthur Lomer, 91; Joseph Harrison, 99; Montague Horatio Mostyn, 197; Turtle Pigott, M.A., B.C.L.; and Gerald Stanhope Hanson, 259.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where the Grand Stewards had provided a sumptuous banquet. The Earl of LATHOM presided. The usual toasts followed. After the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" had been duly honoured,

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM said he now rose to propose the second toast on the list—"The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family." It was a toast he knew they would all drink most cordially, and he was quite sure they would endorse what he said—that he hoped from the bottom of his heart that the sadness and gloom which overshadowed the Royal Family at the beginning of the year might not continue, but that there might be a bright gleam of sunshine in the marriage of the daughter of the Grand Master and her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, to whom they wished all happiness, health, and long life.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM next said he hoped the brethren would forgive him if he rather hurried on the toasts. His excuse was that there was an admirable musical entertainment going on in the Temple, and he thought it was a pity they should lose it for the sake of hearing each other's voices. In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," he remarked that, if he might be allowed to say so, that was rather a momentous occasion on which they were met together—the twenty-first anniversary of his Royal Highness occupying the chair of Grand Master by the unanimous vote year by year of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of England. They would all rejoice that they had such a Grand Master as the Prince of Wales. It was quite true they did not see him among them as often as they would like, but he thought that, considering the enormous amount of work he had to go through in the year, it was wonderful that he had been able to give so much time and attention to Masons as he had done, for they must remember that although he did not appear in public in a Masonic character so much, everything passed through his hands, and the brethren might be quite certain there was no man in England better versed in everything that was going on in the Craft than his Royal Highness. They would all wish him many years to continue to rule over that great Fraternity.

Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON proposed "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, and the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master." He had great pleasure in receiving that permission from the chair, for he had known both the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master for more than 40 years, and he had watched their Masonic career with the greatest interest. He was sure the brethren would agree with him that there were no brethren more qualified to fill those two important posts than the present occupiers of the office. The Pro Grand Master's was a distinguished Masonic career. For twenty-one years he had been either Deputy or Pro Grand Masters, and during that time Masonry had flourished under the guidance of the Grand Master, his Pro Grand Master, and his Deputy Grand Master. Not only in the capacity of Deputy and Pro Grand Master had

Lord Lathom acted, but he had for a great number of years had to preside over one of the largest Provinces in England, and so had Earl Amherst, and they had shown in their own localities an admirable example to Masons in England in all the work that belonged particularly to Masons, the work of Masonic charity. Nothing more was necessary to say to enlist the cordial support of that toast.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, in his reply, said it was a very pleasant thing to think that after twenty-one years' service, one still had the esteem of one's brotherhood. It was a painful thing to think that years rolled by so quickly; at the same time he had great consolation in thinking it had been said of a Mason who was an old man that he lived a good life, he lived a hardy life, he lived the life of his brethren, and he lived to a good old age. He was much rejoiced that once more he had been welcomed in that room by his father in Masonry. Bro. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard initiated him in Freemasonry in the year 1856. No doubt that sounded a great many years, and a long time ago-a lifetime; it was a lifetime probably, but it had been a happy, a joyful lifetime, and he must say from the bottom of his heart that he had never for a single moment since he was initiated in Masonry regretted it, and the more so that during those old days Masonry was nothing like it was now, for since his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales first became Grand Master, the stride made in Masonry, to his mind, was marvellous-he did not mean merely in number, but in the thorough good class of the body of men who came into it-men who were ready to act up to the principles of Masonry, and support the Charities. They had only to look back to the record of the Charities to see how year by year they had gone on, and what good Masonic work

Bro. Earl AMHERST replied as Deputy Grand Master, and thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received him. He was afraid Lord Lathom had carried him back a long way when he mentioned the old Mason, because when he looked back to his Provincial Grand Mastership, he found it was 36 years, and he was afraid he was not looking quite so young as he did then, but still, he felt healthy and hearty, and he hoped that now that he was Deputy Grand Master, he would have power to give counsel to the Grand Master in the office he now held, and he trusted that that counsel would be such as to promote the true interests of the Craft, and such as not to make the Grand Master regret his appointment. He saw many familiar faces from the County of Kent present. He could not help thinking that the vitality of that province was enormous; the work it had done had been great, great in Masonic Charity. The work it had done on behalf of the Masonic Charities in the past it would do in the future; its works had been numerous, frequent, and marvellous, and he could not but think that when the Grand Master appointed the Provincial Grand Master of Kent as Deputy Grand Master, the compliment was to the province and not to himself. He thanked the brethren very much for their cordial reception, and he hoped to thank them in that hall for many years to come.

Bro. Earl AMHERST proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges." Bro. CHARLES PEPPER, Prov. G. Master of Meath, responded for the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Bro. W. McCullough, of North Island, N.Z. (S.C.), said the Grand Lodge of Scotland had paid great attention to its duties in New Zealand, and there was the most brotherly love between the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland over there. It gave him extreme pleasure to be there that night; he had been treated so kindly by the Grand Officers, and when he returned to New Zealand he should be only too delighted to tell them of his reception, and he was sure that they would be much interested to know something of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England. They in the Colonies had great veneration for the Grand Lodges of the old country, and the Grand Lodge of England held the premier position in the Colony of New Zealand as far as the age of some of the lodges went. He had the extreme pleasure of being W.M. of an English lodge at the present time, therefore, he was among the brethren in a double capacity.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., proposed "The R.W. Provincial and District Grand Masters." He had himself been 20 years a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he knew something of the work of Provincial Grand Masters. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton. Lord Egerton and he had known the Pro Grand Master 40 years. He (Bro. Martyn) was initiated just two months before Lord Lathom his father in Masonry being Bro. Beach. As Lord Lathom had met his father in Masonry in Grand Lodge that night, so he (Bro. Martyn) had met his father in Masonry on the same

Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, Prov. G.M. for Cheshire, responded. It had given him great pleasure to support his two

old friends, Lord Lathom and Lord Amherst. He had an example in the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, the adjoining province to his, and also in the Provincial Grand Master for Kent. He had followed their example as far as he could. His experience of all Provincial Grand Masters was that they did their best to promote the interests of Masonry in their respective provinces, and they were cordially supported by the brethren, especially in the charity work. They also endeavoured to carry out the wishes of the Grand Master in endeavouring to

promote the true interests of Masonry.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM proposed "The R.W. the Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." Great care was always taken in the selection of distinguished brethren to occupy the post of Grand Wardens. This year the choice of the Grand Master had fallen most fortunately. They were happy to possess as their S.G.W. a most distinguished soldier, a very rising man, a man they ought to feel proud of belonging to their body. In the J.G.W. they had a distinguished judge. He was glad to think that the Law had taken up Masonry so warmly, especially of late, especially since the Chancery Bar Lodge was consecrated in the presence of the Prince of Wales. In the Grand Chaplains they had a high dignitary of the Church, and he thought it a great step in advance for a reverend prelate to come forward and occupy that position. He had to thank the Past Grand Officers for assisting him in carrying out his duties, and he felt sure that the present and future Grand Officers would do the same. As Lord Methuen and Justice Bruce had not been able to stop, he would call upon a Past Officer to respond — his own son. He was happy to think that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale had taken up the cause of Masonry very warmly indeed; he did not begin until rather late in life, not as early as he (Lord Lathom) did-perhaps there was no harm in that, but he was quite sure if he continued to work as hard as he did then he would be a shining light to Masons.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., replied. It was a very proud moment for any of them when they received the honour of Grand Office. Some might think that Grand Officers after they received their collars considered that their Masonic duties ceased, and they were at the end of their tether. It was not so. Having been given an office was an incentive to go on and work

still harder for Masonry than before.

Bro. Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, P.G.T., propsed "The Masonic Charities," and calling on Bro. McLeod to respond congratulated him on receiving the purple that evening, an honour which he had earned by his great services. They all hoped and trusted Bro. McLeod would be spared many years to carry out his work

of usefulness and benevolence.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, in responding, thanked Sir Joseph Dimsdale for his more than kind reference to himself and the brethren generally for the exceedingly cordial reception they had given him in the lodge on his appointment to Grand Office. He felt much touched with this great mark of their approval of his conduct and work. He felt there was no necessity in such a gathering of staunch supporters of the Masonic Charities for him to detain them long in acknowledgment of the toast. were glad to know that the first Festival of the year had proved so successful as to bring to the youngest—by no means the least meritorious—of the three Institutions the magnificent sum of £,20,000. The work of the Benevolent Institution in providing annuities for some 500 distressed Masons or the Widows of deceased brethren needed no commendation from him, for if it stood alone it would be a grand monument of our Masonic Charity. The Girls' School Festival would shortly be held, and the President, though young as a Provincial Grand Master, bore an honoured name and was well beloved in his Province of Lincolnshire, which would nobly support him on the occasion. The Girls had again shown to the Craft how well they were trained and educated, and he knew that he was expressing the thoughts of all in saying that on her pending retirement Miss Davis would carry with her the gratitude and thanks of the whole Craft for the brilliant successes gained under her direction of this most excellent School. For the Boys, he could claim that so progressive an Institution as it had proved—especially of late years deserved and would continue to receive their support. The results at recent public examinations, which it had been his pride to circulate, showed the excellence of the work, for it was seen that Our Boys of very young age could compete and be successful with their seniors. The increased demands upon the Institution had forced the question of the removal of the School to the front, and that which was advocated in 1801 by the noble Chairman was at last to be realised. Much care and thought in this matter had been taken by the Board of Management, consisting as it did of liberal-minded and practical business men, and he felt assured that the Craft would support them in their efforts to enlarge the scope of operations, and give the

great benefits they were now bestowing to a much larger number in the immediate future.

Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn proposed "The Grand Stewards," and Bro. HUNTER, President of the Board, acknow. ledged the compliment.

Bro. the Rev. H. R. COOPER SMITH, D.D., P.G.C., proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. Col. KEYSER replied, and the brethren

adjourned to the concert in the Temple.

The performers were Miss Beatrice Frost, Miss Sarah Christie, Bros. William Alfred Frost, Vivian Bennetts, James Gawthrop, and Daniel Price. Herr Jakoff Hambourg was the violin-soloist; the pianoforte duettists were Miss Mary Newman and Bro. Henry F. Frost, P.G.O.; and the accompanists, Bros. J. H. Maunder and W. A. Frost.

Bro. R. J. MORLEY, J.D., No. 2589, was toast-master at the banquet.

NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Lord METHUEN, C.B., C.M.G., whom the M.W.G. Master has been pleased to appoint his S.G. Warden for the ensuing year, is a Mason of long standing, while for a still longer period his name has been familiar to the members of the Craft by reason of his father, the second lord, having filled the dignified position of Prov. G. Master of Wiltshire, from 1853 till sometime during the year 1890. His lordship, who was born in 1845, entered the army at an early age, receiving a commission in the Scots Guards, and no doubt the exigencies of military service have prevented him devoting much attention to Masonry. Thus, though he was initiated in the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, on the 12th April, 1870, he could barely have had time enough to become acquainted with the simpler duties of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, on the 12th April, 1870, he could barely have had time enough to become acquainted with the simpler duties of the lodge, when he was ordered to join the first Ashantee Expedition under Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, in 1873 4, and for his services during that campaign he received the medal. From 1877 to 1880, he was Military Attaché to the British Embassy at Berlin, while from 1881 to 1884, he was Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General for the Home District. During the latter period he served as Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882, and received for his services the medal and clasp, the Khedive's bronze star, and the third class of the Order of the Osmanieh, his conduct being further recognised by his appointment to be Companion of the Bath. He has since been awarded the Companionship of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and at the present time is the Major-General Commanding the Home District. In 1877, he was elected a joining member of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604. he was elected a joining member of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Sir Gainsford Bruce, one of the judges of her Majesty's High Court of Judicature, formerly M.P. for one of the Divisions of Holborn, was initiated in the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, on the 5th June, 1876, and during the present year has been installed its W.M. In 1891 he was one of the founders and first S. Warden of the Holborn Lodge, No 2398, and the following year was installed as W. Master. He was exalted in the Gosforth Chapter, No. 1664, meeting at Gosforth, in the Province of Northumberland, in May, 1887.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

The Right Rev. RICHARD P. LEWIS, D.D., LORD BISHOP OF LLANDAFF, was born in 1821, and during his academic career at Oxford was initiated, in 1843, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. The following year he was ordained Deacon, and in 1846, Priest. He was rector of Lampeter, Velfry, in Pembrokeshire, for the long period of 32 years—from 1851 to 1883—and besides being organising Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, was Archdeacon of St. Davids, and Chaplain to the B shop of that diocese from 1875 to 1883. In the latter year he was consecrated Bishop of Llandaff.

Bro. the Rev. T. STEVENS, M.A., Archdeacon of Essex and Vicir of St. Mary's, Stratford, was initiated in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, on the 19th March, 1861. He joined the Wolden Lodge, No. 1280, Saffron Walden, in 1882, and the West II im Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, in 1895, and was lest year installed as W.M. of the former. In 1885 and 1886, he was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of Essex.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. W. H. Balley, who had the honour of being elected Grand Treasurer for the year 1896-7 by the unanimous vote of Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication on the 4th March, first saw the light of Masonry in the Royal Sessex Lodge, No. 353, Winshill, in the Province of Derbyshite, on the 26th November, 1873. In the year following, however, he joined the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, and has over since retained his connection with it and the province of which it is a ever since retained his connection with it and the province of which it is a constituent part. In 1880, he was elected to the chair of that lodge, and during the years that have since clapsed has been twice honoured with the Registrar, Staffordshire, and in 1894, when he was advanced to the chair of Prov. School Grand Warden. But Bro. Bailey is also a prominent London Mason, being a joining member of the Old Concord Ledge, No. 172, and the Anchor, No. 1704, but, above and beyond all, the principal founder and first W. M. of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which is the property of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which is the property of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which is the property of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which is the property of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which is the property of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which is the property of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which is the property of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which is the property of the Lodge of Followship No. 277, which he was advanced to the chair of Prov. Grand Warden. first W.M. of the Lodge of Fellowship, No. 2535, which, though it was only consecrated some 15 months ago, has justly tarned for itself the reputation of being one of the most enterprising, generous, and prosperous lodges on the roll of United Grand Lodge. That this prosperity is in great measure due to the tact and ability, as well as the genial ty and kindness, of Bro. Bailey we have the evidence of Bro. James Stephons, its respected Secretary, who at the consecration, a few weeks since, of the Chapter of Fellowship, mentioned that on quitting the chair, as he will do shortly, Bro. Bailey would leave the lodge in possession of a balance on the right side of the

account of no less than £500, and that, too, after it had voted £100 to the Institutions—the Stewards' lists realising some £700—and, after making provision for the clothing and jewel of his office in Grand Lcdge, with which it is the intention of the lodge to present to their first Master. As for Royal Arch Masonry, Bro. Bailey's connection with it dates no further back than to the 1st November, 1895, when he was exalted in the St. Pancras Chapter, Nc. 2271. But his experience, if brief, has undoubtedly been brilliant, seeing that on the 30th March he had the honour of being installed the first M.E.Z. of the Chapter of Fellowship, No. 2535. Bro. Bailey is a Vice-Patron of all our Institutions, and has served 17 Stewardships—six for the Old People, five for the Girls' School, and six for the Boys' School. He is also a member of the Board of Management of the last-named Charity, and in his new character of a Grand Officer of England—to which, as we have before said, he has been unanimously chosen by the suffrages of the electors—will be able, as we have no suspicion of a doubt that he is most ready, to do whatever may be in his power for the promotion of Freemasonry and of those Institutions established under its wing, of which all the members of the Society are so justly and so very naturally proud.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. R. Horton Smith, Q.C., and a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, who succeeds Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., as Deputy G. Registrar, has been a member of the Craft for close on 40 years, having been initiated during his career at the University of Cambridge, in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88—then No. 105—on the 11th November, 1856. Not long afterwards he joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and then its offshoot, the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, at Hampton Court, being elected to fill the chair of the latter. In 1861, he took part in founding the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, while the late Bro. Thomas R. Hall, who, at the time, was Prov. G. Master of Cambridgeshire, bestowed on him the collar of Prov. G. Registrar. About this time he took a more than usually active part in the duties of Grand Lodge. Early in 1862 he seconded the address of condolence which was passed by it with Her Majesty the Queen on the death of the Prince Consort. Moreover, he was elected two years consecutively a member of the Colonial Board, and for a third year on the Board of General Purposes. In 1883, the late Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M., appointed him Prov. G. Registrar of Middlesex, and then after an interval of 10 years, we find him taking part as a founder in establishing a lodge in London for the convenience of members of the Chancery Bar—to wit, the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456, which was consecrated in the library of Lincoln's Inn, by the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master, in the presence of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., who personally constituted the lodge, and a numerous gathering of present and past Grand Officers. Of this lodge, Bro. Horton Smith was installed as the second Master. As regards Royal Arch Masonry his career is nearly as brilliant as n the Craft, his exaltation having taken place in the Pythagoras Chapter, attached to the Scientific Lodge, Cambridge, on the 5th June, 1859. In 1862, he was elected a joining member of the Watford Chapter, No. 404, and having successively occupied the chairs of Third

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Colonel Lockwood, who was elected M.P. for West Essex at the General Election last, has greatly distinguished himself during his brief, but active, career in Masonry. Though he was initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, only as recently as the 20th July, 1888, he has already, or rather in avery short time he will have, borne a leading part in the foundation of as many as three lodges. Thus in 1894 he was the principal founder and first Worshipful Master of the Earl of Warwick Lodge, No. 2504, Buckhurst Hill, while last year he helped to establish the West Essex Lodge, No. 2561, which meets in the same locality. Of this he was the S.W. designate, and will be installed as second W.M. in October of the present year. For these services to the Province of Essex, the Earl of Warwick, its Provincial Grand Master, conferred upon him the collar of Prov. S.G.W. at the annual meeting of the Essex brethren in the summer of 1895. He is also assisting in the foundation of the Brigade of Guards' Lodge, for which the M.W.G. Master has signified his intention of granting his warrant of constitution, and over which his Royal Highness intends presiding as its permanent W.M. In Royal Arch Masonry, Bro. Col. Lockwood was only a few days since installed as Third Principal of the Studholme Chapter, No. 1591, in which he was advanced on the 27th June, 1890, he is S.O. in the Euston Lodge, No. 399, and S. in the Royal Ark Mariners lodge attached to it. In addition, he is a Knight Templar and Knight of the Order of Malta, having been installed K.T. in the Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory, No. 128, and being at the present time its Chicf Constable; is Captain of the Guard in the Easton Council Royal and Select Masters; and has been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, who has sat in Parliament for the borough of Preston since November, 1882, was educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford, and, after taking his B.A. in 1860 and M.A. in 1862, was called to the Bar in 1865. In Masonry his career has been a most active one. He was initiated in the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, on the 3rd December, 1877, and in the summer of the following year joined the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, of which, 14 years later, he was installed Master. In November, 1884 he joined the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, and has twice filled the chair of W.M., having been installed in the first instance in December, 1885, and for the second time in December, 1886. In the interval between these two Masterships he joined, in 1886, the Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335. Wigan; in 1887 the Old Westminsters Lodge, No. 2233, of which, indeed, he was a founder and first W.M.; and in January, 1888, the Lathern Lodge, No. 2229, Southport, over which, some three years ago, he was elected to preside as Master. In April, 1889, he was founder and first W.M. of the Wigan Lodge, No. 2320. More recently he has joined the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456, and the Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2520, both London Lodges, and associated, the former with the profession to which he belongs, and the latter with the county in which he resides. Considering the many and varied services he has rendered to the Province

of West Lancashire, it is not surprising to find that he was appointed to the office of Prov. G. Warden in November, 1887. As a Royal Arch Mason, he was exalted in the Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503. Twick nham, on the 26th April, 1883, and last year he became a founder and first M.E.Z. of the Corinthian Cnapter, No. 2350, Hindley, Lancashire. He is also a Past M.W.S. of the Crawford Rose Croix Chapter, No. 114. Wigan, and has also taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, having served twice as Steward for the Boys' School and once in each case for the Girls' School and Old People.

Bro. WILLIAM SMITHETT, one of the new Senior Grand Deacons, was initiated over 30 years ago in the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, on the 12th December, 1865, and was installed W.M. on the 14th January, 1873. In October, 1870, he joined the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, and some five years later served the office of G. Steward at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. in April, 1875. In 1877 he was installed in its chair as Master, and the same year joined the Grand Stewards' Lodge, to which he continued a subscribing member until 1888. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in St. James's Union Chapter, No. 180, on the 28 h May, 1867, and was elected to the chair of Z. in 1877. It was on his proposition that, in 1876, it was decided by the members of the Lodge of Felicity to petition for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to it, and in the warrant, which was granted in response to such petition, Comp. Smithett was designated, and at the consecration, in 1877, was installed, in the Third Principal's chair of the Chapter of Felicity, No. 58. In 1879 he was elected to the chair of Z., and last year the office was again conferred upon him. In addition, Bro. Smithett has served Lodge No. 58 as its Treasurer, having held that position from 1883 to 1893, when he resigned it in favour of the less onerous post of Treasurer of the lodge Charity Fund. Above all, he is the author of "The History of the Lodge of Felicity from the year 1737, with comments on contemporary events," which was compiled as a memorial of the lodge at the celebration of its se-qui-centenary Festival, and which we had the pleasure of reviewing at the time in our columns, while among the brethren to whom the thanks of G. Lodge were returned, at its last Quarterly Communication, for the gifts they had presented to the library at Freemasons' Hall, will be found the name of Bro. Smithett for his present of the paper read by him before the Chapter of Felicity, on "The Royal Arch in the Past." It remains for us to add that our respected bro

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. JOHN COOPER MALCOLM, who only a few days since was obligated as Dep. Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, in succession to Bro. Henry Smith, and has now had conferred upon him the office of Junior G. Deacon, Smith, and has now had conferred upon him the office of Junior G. Deacon, was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, Leeds, on the 28th February, 1873, and two years later, as its Junior Warden, had the satisfaction of being present in the Royal Albert Hall on the memorable occasion when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed as M.W. Grand Master of England. On the 3rd December, 1875, he was installed W. Master, while in December, 1890, the members did him the honour to elect him to fill the chair for a second time. Last year, when his lodge celebrated the centenary of its constitution, Bro. Malcolm served the office of Senior Warden. He was also for a couple of years a joining member of the Poilanthronic Lodge, No. also for a couple of years a joining member of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 309, but, with this exception, his services in lodge have been restricted to No. 306, and to the Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire, of which he was appointed and invested as Prov. G. Registrar on the 24th April, 1878, and so greatly was the work he did in that capacity appreciated that at the close of his term of office he was presented in open Prov. G. Lodge with a gold Past Prov. G. Registrar's jewel, bearing the inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Cooper Malcolm, P.M. 306; a slight recognition of valued services as Registrar in Prov. G. Lodge. April 2nd, 1879." He was exalted in the Philanthropic Chapter, No. 304. Leeds, on the 6th March, 1874, and having gradually risen to the chair of Principal Z., in February, 1880, was appointed Prov. G. Registrar in Prov. G. Chapter on the 4th May, 1881. He is also a Mark, Templar, and Rose Croix Masm, having heen advanced to the first-named degree in the Cooley Lodge, No. 111. so greatly was the work he did in that capacity appreciated that at the close been advanced to the first-named degree in the Copley Lodge, No. 111, Leeds, on the 11th June, 1874; installed K.T. and Knight of St. John in the Fidelity Encampment in 1879, and perfected Rose Croix in the Leodiensis Chapter Rose Croix in 1878. As regards the Masonic Charitable Institutions, both central and local, Bro. Malcolm may justly claim to have done his part in promoting their welfare. He is a Vice-President of both Schools and a Life Governor of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and has Schools and a Life Governor of the R.M. Denevotent Institution, and has served on 12 different occasions as Festival Steward, namely: at three Festivals in aid of "Our Girls," five times for the Boys' School, and twice for the Benevolent Institution. He is also a Life Member of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, and a Past President and Trustee of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Moreover, in 1888, when grave doubts arose as to the management of the Boys' School, Bro. Malcolm was one of three Provincial brethren selected to represent the Provinces on the Committee of Investigation into the discipline, expenditure, and administration of that Charity. That the services we have respect, of his brother Masons, but more especially of the fellow-members of his mother lodge, is a matter as to which no doubt whatever can arise, and our readers, therefore, will rejoice to hear-in the case of very many of them we ought, perhaps, to say, will call to mind with pleasure—that on the 3rd April, 1891—that is to say, during his second Mastership of the Alfred Lodge—its members presented a magnificent silver silver, sugar basin, cream jug, and hot water jug to Mrs. Malcolm, "as a mark of their esteem," and to Bro. Malcolm himself a massive and very handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, the latter being the gift of the officers at the time serving under him, whose names are recorded in the inscription on the back of the jewel. We may add that Bro. Malcolm is a solicitor and the coroner for the city of Leeds, and President of the Coroners' Society for England and Wales.

Bro. E. D. Anderton, who is one of the ablest and most experienced members of the Craft in Cornwall, and on whom the chice of Junior Grand Deacon is now conferred, was initiated nearly 40 years ago in St. Cuthbert's Lodge, No. 913—now No. 630—Howden, North and East Yorkshire. Having in 1860 joined the Phenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331, Truro, he was, after holding sundry of the junior offices, elected and installed W.M. in 1866. He has also been a joining member of Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75, Falmouth. From 1881 to 1886 he served as Prov.

G. Secretary, as Prov. S.G.W. in 1887, and on the death of Bro. T. Chirgwin, who had succeeded him as Secretary, reverted to his old position and still retains it in Provincial Grand Lodge. In Royal Arch Masonry he is a P.Z. of the Royal Cornubian Chapter, No. 331, having occupied the chair of First Principal twice, viz., in 1873 and 1878, and having served as Prov. G.J. in the latter year, was, in 1881, appointed and still remains Prov. G.S.E. He also assisted in resuscitating Volubian Chapter, No. 75, Falmouth, and likewise had the Fonour of exalting Comp. the Earl of Mount Edgeumbe Grand Superintendent of Cornwall, and installing him in the Principals' chairs of their common mother chapter, No. 331. He is a Past E.C. in the Order of the Temple and held office as G.S.B. before the change in the ritual, while since that event he has served as Provincial Chancellor. He is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having been perfected Rote Cro'x and served as M.W.S. in the Cornwall Chapter, No. 61, Truro, of that Degree and taken the 30°. As regards our Charitable Institutions he is a Vice-President, past Steward of both Schools and the Benevolent Institution, and on the occasions when the Earl of Mount Edgeumbe presided as Charman at the Jub lee Festival of the Old People in 1892, and at the Girls' School Festival last year, Bro. Anderton did splendid strvice; wille in additition he is Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. Thus the henour he has just received is fully deserved.

Bro. GEORGE E. LAKE, who has received the collar of a Junior G. Deacon, has played a distinguished part in all the various branches of Freemasonry with which he has been connected during the greater part of the last quarter of a century. He was initiated on the 3rd October, 1873, in the Watford Lodge, No. 404, and after holding sundry offices, among which were those of J.W. in 1876 and 1877, and S.W. in 1878, he was installed as W.M. in April, 1879, and had the honour of presiding over his mother Treasurer in succession to the late Bro. Wilson Isles, and has since been annually re-elected to that post. In 1887 he joined the Centurion Lodge, No. 1718, served as W.M. in 1890, and was elected its Treasurer last year; and he is likewise the senior P.M. of the Rickmansworth Lodge, No. 2218, of which he was in 1887 a founder and first S.W., and over which he was elected to preside as Master during the second year of its existence. His Provincial honours have been commensurate with his many services. He was appointed to the Prov. G. Registrarship of Hertfordshire, in 1878, before he had attained the rank of an Installed Master, while since 1884 he has been continuously in office, having been appointed firstly, Prov. G. Secretary on the transference of the late Bro. J. E. Dawson to the position of Deputy P.G.M., and secondly, in 1889, to the office he still holds, that of Deputy P.G.M., when it was vacated by that brother, after five years' service, in 1889. In Royal Arch Masonry he has obtained equal distinction. He was exalted in May, 1875, in the Watford Chapter, No. 404, and after serving as Scribe E. in 1880 – in which capacity he rendered valuable assistance in arranging for the celebration of the chapter's jubilee—he successively occupied in 1881, 1882, and 1883, the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z. In 1884 he was elected Treasurer, and has held that office ever since, except during the was elected Treasurer, and has held that clinic ever since, except during the year 1888, when, for the second time, he was called upon to fill the office of Principal Z. In Prov. G. Chapter he has been successively Prov G. Registrar during the years 1879 and 1880; Prov. G. Scribe E., from 1884 to 1890, and since the latter year, Prov. G. Second Principal. He is also, or shall we say, was?—a joining member of St. Mary's Chapter, No. 63. London. He was admitted in the Watford Mark Lodge, No. 241, on the 26th March, 1879, the very day on which that lodge, which is the senior on the roll of the standard birst was consecuted by the thon G. Mark Secretary. Pre-End Hertfordshire, was consecrated by the then G. Mark Secretary, Bro. Fred. Binckes, was installed in the chair of A. on the 25th June, 1885, and the year following was elected—and still remains—its Treasurer. In June, 1886, he was appointed Prov. S.G.W., and after serving as Prov. G. Treasurer from 1888 to 1893, was in the latter year appointed Deputy P.G.M. in succession to the late Bro. Dawson. His services received further recognition on the 31st May, 1887, when he had the honour of being appointed J.G. Deacon of Mark G. Ledge. In the Order of the Temple he was installed K.T. in the Stuart Encampment, No. 28, Watford, on the 1st May, 1876, and after filling sundry offices, was installed E.C. in July, 1880, and for the second time in 1894. He has also held the office of Treasurer since 1884 and is likewise a Prior of the Order of Malta. As regards our Charitable Institutions, Bro. Lake is a Vice-President of the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Life Governor of the Boys' School, and has served in all 11 Stewardships, of which four have been in respect of the Girls' School, two for the Boys' School, and the remainder for the Old People.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

Bro. Rowland Plumbe, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, is a Mason of 30 years' standing, having been initiated in the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, on the 2nd February, 1886. But for some years, owing, no doubt, to the demand made upon his time by his professional engagements, he does not seem to have taken a very active part in its affairs. On the 11th November, 1880, he joined the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, and having held various offices, and represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1886-7, he was elected and installed as W. Master in 1887. He also, about the same time, assisted in forming the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Old Union Chapter, on the 20th March, 1887, and having served the minor offices, passed the three chairs of J., H., and Z., being installed as First Principal in 1889. He is also Treasurer of the Brooke Chap er, No. 2005, Chingford, and in 1891 was appointed Prov. G.H. Essex. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, in 1883, he is a P.M. of that lodge, as well as of the Davison Lodge, No. 331, having been installed W.M. of the latter in 1887, and was appointed Prov. G. Inspector of Works in the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey, and Grand Inspector of Works in Grand Lodge in 1888. He was perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in Adoniram Chapter, of which he is still a subscribing member, and lastly, he is a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and has served one Stewardship for each of them. and is a Life Subscriber of the Girls' School, and has given his services as Steward in its behalf at the Festival which will be held on Wednesday, the 13 h inst., under the auspices of Bro. the Earl of Yarborough. Bro. Plumbe, who, at the present time, is Master of the Paper Stainers' Company, has been in practice as an architect since 1862. He is a late member of the Council, as well as a Fellow of the R.I.B.A., a Past President of the Architectural Association, and a District Surv

Middlesex County Council. For many years past he has been known as an hospital architect, and is just now superintending the completion of the hospital which is being erected at Tilbury at the cost of Bro. Passmore Edwards. He has also been largely consulted in reference to the erection of Polytechnic Institutes, from the time when the Polytechnic movement was commenced.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. John D. Langton entered upon his Masonic career much earlier than the majority of brethren. As the son of a Mason he was entitled to certain privileges, among them being that of being initiated while still a minor. Accordingly he was initiated in the Welcome Lodge, No. 1673, by special dispensation, on the 30th May, 1877, when he had not at the time attained the full age of 21 years. After filling sundry offices he was installed in the Master's chair in 1882, and since 1889 has acted as Secretary. He joined the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, in December, 1879, and in 1885, became founder and first Master of the George Price Lodge, No. 2006, Croydon, and in 1893, was founder and first W.M. of the Molesey Lodge, No. 2473. East Molesey, having in the interval between the two events been appointed, in 1886, by the late Bro. General Browning, at the time Prov. G. Master, to be Prov. J.G. Warden of Surrey. He was exalted in the Chapter of Prudent Brethren on the 19th January, 1880, and having subsequently joined the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319, was installed M.E.Z. on the 24th June, 1889. He was founder and first Z. of the George Price Chapter, No. 2096, in 1888, and was appointed in 1889 and again in 1890, as Prov. G. Registrar of Surrey. At the present time he is a member and holds. G. Registrar of Surrey. At the present time he is a member and holds office in Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1. He is also a Mark Master Mason, and Knight of the Order of the Temple, being a member of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 454, in the former degree, and of the Lullingstone Preceptory, No. 155, Wilmington, Kent, in the latter. During the reorganisation of the Boys' School administration, Bro. Langton acted as Honorary Secretary of the Provisional Management Committee, and for some time past has been a member of the Board of Management of that Institution. To him also the Province of Surrey is indebted for its Charity Committee and Charity Fund, the establishment of which was proposed by him, and the post of Secretary for which he has filled ever since its formation. He is likewise a Life-Governor of our three Institutions, and has served as Festival Steward for each of them, and he has now received the well merited reward for his services by being appointed Deputy G. Director of Ceremonies.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Frederick Gordon Brown, Surgeon of the City of London Police, and Surgeon in charge of the 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, was initiated into Freemasonry in the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, in November, 1868, and six years later had the honour of being installed in its chair as Worshipful Master. On the 18.h February, 1878, he was elected a joining member of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and having represented it on the Board of G. Stewards—for which he acted as Secretary—during the year 1887-8; he filled the chair as Master in 1890-1. In 1879, he was elected the first joining member of the Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820, and has twice served it as W.M., namely, in 1889-90, and again in 1895-96. In 1894, he became a founder and was elected Treasurer of the Train Bands Lodge, No. 2524. He has been exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, and was last year installed in the chair of First Principal. Lastly, he is a Life-Governor of all three Masonic Institutions, and has served twice as Steward for the Girls' School, and once in each case for the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution.

Bro. W. E. CHAPMAN, upon whom H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master has been pleased to confer the brevet rank of Past G. Asst. Director of Cerebeen pleased to confer the brevet rank of Past G. Asst. Director of Ceremonies, was initiated into Masonry in June, 1871, but it was not until the year 1886 that he began to exhibit that interest in our Society which was recognised on Wednesday by his appointment to the purple of G. Lodge. In that year he joined the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, at the first meeting after its consecration, and has now the honour of filling the Senior Warden's chair. The year following he assisted in founding the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190; in 1890, and again in 1891, was installed its W.M.; and is its present Secretary. In 1892 he was founder and first W.M. of the Runnymede Lodge, No. 2480, Wraybury; in 1893 he was founder of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, and has held the office of Secretary from the day of its consecration; while last year he took part in the establishment the day of its consecration; while last year he took part in the establishment of the Justicia Lodge, No. 2563, of which he was appointed the first D.C., and the Empress Lodge, No. 2581, of which he is the Secretary. Thus in the brief period of 10 years he has joined one lodge, taken a leading part in the foundation of five, and has held office in all of them, while in 1894 he was made an honorary member of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem. In recognition of his services to the Province of Buckingham in connection with the Runnymede Lodge, No. 2430, Bro. Chapman has had conferred upon him the collar of P.G. Supt. of Works. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Mount Vernon Chapter, Boston, U.S.A., in to the Royal Arch Degree in Mount Vernon Chapter, Boston, U.S.A., in June, 1873. In March, 1889, he joined the Bayard Chapter, No. 1615, and has been twice installed in the chair of Z., namely, in 1893 and again during the present year. He is also a founder, P.Z., and Scribe E. of the Savage Club Chapter, No. 2193, a founder and I.P.Z. of the Herschel Chapter, No. 1894, Slough, consecrated in 1894, and founder and M.E.Z. of the Eccentric Chapter, No. 2488, which was consecrated only a few weeks since. For his services in connection with the Herschel Chapter he was appointed Prov. G. Registrar Bucks. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the Mount Vernon R.A. Chapter, Boston, Mass., in 1873, was advanced in the Mount Vernon R.A. Chapter, Boston, Mass., in 1873, he is a founder, and was first W.M., of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 469, and since vacating the chair of A. has been its Secretary. Last year lic was founder and first Treasurer of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 487, and received the collar of G. Std. Br., since when he has been a member of the Grand Master's Mark Lodge. As regards the Order of the Temple, he was installed K.T. in April, 1888, in the Bard of Avon Preceptory, and E.P. in 1892, and having completed his term of office in the latter capacity. he was appointed, and has since remained, Registrar. He is a Past G. Capt. of the Guard in G. Priory and a Past G. Swd. Br. in the Order of Malta. He was perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1; was a founder, in 1893, and is now 1st Gen. of the Tuscan Chapter, No. 129, and has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Lastly, Bro. Chapman is a Life Governor of the Girls' School and a Vice-President of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and has acted for each of those Charities in the capacity of Festival Steward.

Bro. Ernest St. Clair was the first initiate of Lodge La France, No. 2060, which was consecrated in 1884, and which is the only lodge under the English Constitution that works in the French language. Having obtained the necessary qualification as Warden, he was elected and installed W.M. in 1887, and was re-elected and served a second term of office the year following. In 1885 be joined one of our Red Ap on Lodges—the Tuscan, No. 14—was its W. Master in 1894, and President of the Board of G. Steward's that served during 1893 4. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the British Chapter, No. 8, and is, at the present time, in the chair of M.E.Z. In 1890 he became a founder and first J. of La France Chapter, and two years later was installed in the chair of First Principal. In Mark Masonry. after having been advanced in the Ruspini Lodge, No. 363, he became founder and first S.W. of the La France Mark Lodge, No. 459, in 1893 and the following year was elected and installed as W.M. Last year he was President of the Board of Grand Stewards at the Mark Grand Festival, and has rendered a further service to this degree by translating its ritual, in conjunction with B o. E. Monteuuis, into the French language. He was perfected in the Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1, in 1887, took the 30° in 1890, and was one of the founders of the Tuscan Chapter, No. 120. He is also a Royal Ark Mariner, a member of the Alied Masonic Degrees, and a Knight of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine. Finally, he has constituted himself a Vice-Patron of both Schools and the Benevolent Institution, and has served as Festival Steward for one or other of them on 12 different occasions.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. HENRY LOVEGROVE, who has received the collar of G. Sword Bearer, has taken a very active part in Freemasonry during the 20 years he has been a member of the Craft. He was initiated in the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, which had only been constituted about a year previously, in November, 1875, but it was not till 1885 that he was elected and installed as its W. Master. In the meantime, however, he had been doing good service to the State of Masonry in other directions. In 1877, he helped to found the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, which was consecrated at Hounslow, in October, 1878, and of which he served as the first S.W. The year following he had the honour of presiding as its second W.M., and under his auspices the lodge removed to Twickenham, where it still under his auspices the lodge removed to Twickenham, where it still maintains the position of prosperity which has marked its career from the very outset. Four years later he took part in founding the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, and in 1886, was elected to the chair; while in 1884, he was the principal founder and first W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, which was established in that year at Harrow, as a memorial of that late distinguished member of the Craft in Middlesex, who had served as J.G. Deacon of England, in 1881. On vacating the chair of this lodge, Bro. Lovegrove was elected to the responsible office of Treasurer. In 1888, he took part in founding the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241, and in 1893, rendered a like service for the Hiram Lodge, No. 2416, which was intended for architects and surveyors, and presided as W.M. during the first and for architects and surveyors, and presided as W.M. during the first and most critical year of its existence. For his services to the Province of Middlesex he was, in 1880, appointed by the late Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., its G. Master, to the post of Prov. G. Supt. of Works. His labours in Royal Arch Masonry have been most considerable. He was exalted in the Royal Jubilee Chapter, No. 72, in December, 1877, and served as M.E.Z. in 1883 having in the interim joined and been installed in the chair of M.E.Z. of the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, in 1882, while last year he was First Principal of the Hiram Chapter, No. 2416, which had been warranted the year previous, and of which during its inaugural year he was Second Principal H. In 1881, he was appointed P.G. Std. Br. of Middx. To the foregoing record it should be added that last year Bro. Lovegrove was elected a member both of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board, as well as of the General Committee of G. Chapter, so that he has borne his part in the administration of Constitutional Masonry as well as in the government and promotion of our lodges and chapters. Of his career in other branches of Masonry it may be mentioned, briefly, that he has served as W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4, and the Brixton Lodge, No. 234; that I e has served successively as Prov. G. Insp. of Wes, and Prov. S.G. Warden in the late Province of Middx, and Surrey, and that in 1881, he was appointed G. Insp. of Wks. in the Mark G. Lodge. He is also a P.W.C.N. in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner; and P.E.P. and Past G. Captain of the Guards of Great Priory in the Order of the Temple; a Past M.W.S. of Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, No. Order of the Temple; a Past M.W.S. of Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, No. 10, and 31° in the A. and A. Rite; and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland—in which he has been twice appointed a Prov. G. Officer; of the Cryptic Degrees; the Rosicrucian Order; and the Order of the Secret Monitor. Lastly, he has served several Stewardships in behalf of our Charitable Institutions, and has qualified as a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Life-Governor of both our Schools. He was also Editor for some years of the "Masonic Calendar for Middlesex." In his profession of Architect, Bro. Lovegrove has won high distinction. He is a Fellow of the Surveyors' Institution, a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Past Vice-President of the Architectural Association, and member of the Council of the Society of Architects. tectural Association, and member of the Council of the Society of Architects. In 1892, he was appointed, under the Building Act, District Surveyor for one of the largest London Districts, including a part of Islington, Hoxton, Haggerston, Shoreditch and Norton Folegate, and is author of an elaborate work entitled "Practical Architecture," which has appeared in serial form in the "Building News."

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. RICHARD NEWHOUSE, upon whom the collar of Dep. G.S.B. has been so worthily conferred, has been one of the most prominent members of our Society in Cheshire for many years. He began his career as a Mason, both in the Craft and Royal Arch Degrees, in the adjoining Province of East Larcashire, having been initiated in the Lodge of Charity, No. 350, Farnworth, near Bolton—then No.439, and meeting at Stoneclough—in April, 1853. Having filled sundry of the minor offices, he was elected and installed as Worshipful Master, in 1860, and again in 1861. Two years later he moved into the Province of Cheshire, with which, as we have said, his name has been so long associated, and in a very short time became one of the founders of the Stamford Lodge, No. 1045, Altrincham, at the consecration of which, early in 1865, he was appointed to the office of Sccretary, and this office he has held ever since by annual re-appointment. In 1874, the late Lord de Tabley, then Prov. G. Master, in recognition of his services appointed him Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, while in 1887,

Lord Egerton of Tatton, the present Prov. G. Master, selected him to fill the more laborious post—which he still continues to hold—of Prov. G. Secretary. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in Meribah Chapter, No. 350—then No. 430—on the roll of East Lancashire, and some five veirs later was installed as M.E.Z. In 1891, the late Comp. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, G. Superintendent of Cheshire, appointed him Prov. G.J., and the year following he became Prov. G. Scribe E. He was advanced to the Mark in St. John's Lodge (T.I.), Bolton. in 1863. In 1872, he helped to found the Stamford Lodge, No. 148. Altrincham, and was installed in the Chair of A. in due course. He also had a hand in establishing the Prov. G. Lodge of North Wales and Cheshire. and in 1873, was appointed Prov. G. Secretary, by Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P.—now Lord Egerton of Tatton—and has held the appointment, so far as Cheshire is concerned, ever since North Wales and Cheshire were organised as separate Provinces. He is likewise a P.M. of the County Palatine Lodge of M.M.M. for Prov. Officers, and was appointed S.G. Deacon of England, in 1887. He is also a Templar Mason, and has taken the Rose Croix, 18°, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having been installed K.T. in the former, in 1878, and E.P. of the De Tabley Preceptory, in 1881; elected Knight of Malta, in 1880, and appointed Prov. G. Marshal, in 1885; while in the latter he was perfected Rose Croix in the Stanhope Chapter, No. 75, in 1878, and installed M.W.S., in 1892 and 1893. This is a record of service of which any brother might well be proud, but it by no means represents all that Bro. Newhouse has done for Freemasonry during his long and active career. He is a Life-Governor by virtue of his personal donations of all three Institutions, and has served in all five Festival Stewardships, of which three have been in behalf of the Boys' School, one at the Centenary of the Girls' School, and one for the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions. At the three recen

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. Major Newman, C.E., who has been appointed to the rank of G. Std. Br., has been a member of our Society for close on 40 years, and is one of the most prominent brethren in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He was initiated in the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, on the 5th January, 1856, and appears to have been appointed Prov. Grand Secretary of the Isle of Wight, then a separate and distinct province, in the course of the same year. In 1860, he was installed W.M. of his mother lodge, while, in 1871, he presided over the Ryde Lodge, No. 698, which he had joined some 14 years previously. In 1880, he was a founder of the Sandown Lodge, No. 1869; in 1881, he joined the Chine Lodge, No. 1884. Shanklin, and was elected W.M. for the years 1882 and 1883; while, in 1883, he was a founder, and, in 1888, W.M. of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, Portsmouth; and, as for a time he was a joining member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 551. Ventnor, he is, or has been at some time or other, a member of five, and W.M. of three, out of the eight lodges located in the Isle of Wight, and his appointment as Prov. Senior Grand Warden, in 1879, was as well-deserved as it must have been gratifying to him and the lodzes he belonged to. He was exalted in the East Medina Chapter, No. 175. Rvde, on the 8th April, 1857, was installed M.E.Z. in 1879 and in July, 1885, in the same capacity in the Albany Chapter, No. 151, Newport, which he had joined in the interim; and was appointed, firstly, in 1880, Prov. Grand Scribe N., and, in 1885, Prov. Grand J., in the Prov. Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree he is a P.M. of the William Hickman Lodge, No. 320, Sandown, and a Past Prov. S.G.O. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, as well as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Lodge, and a P.C.N. of the Sandown Bay Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. In the Order of the Temple he is a Past E.P., and Past Prior of the Royal Naval Preceptory, No. 2, Portsmouth, and Past Prov. Chancellor in Provincial Priory, and the

Bro. WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAII, Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, was initiated in the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, on the 23rd January, 1883, and was installed W.M. on the 28th June, 1890. He has also served as its Secretary for three years, and is, and has been, its Director of Ceremonies since 1893. He was one of the founders and first S.W. of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, Harrow Station, in July, 1884, and a year later was installed in the chair. After a year's experience as Secretary, Bro. Scurrah was elected Treasurer in April, 1888, and has retained the position by annual re-election ever since. He is a P.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 167, which he joined in 1885; a founder in 1887 and first W.M. of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, and Secretary ever since his vacation of the chair; and founder, and from the date of its consecration in August, 1888, until October of last year, very successfully filled the office of Secretary. He is now S.W., and before the year is ended will doubtless find himself yet once again in the chair of K.S. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted on the 27th June, 1884, in the Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, and, having served as Principal Soj., J., and H., was installed M.E.Z. in June, 1888. Since February, 1890, he has served as Scrib: E. In June, 1886, ne became founder and first H. of the Levander Chapter, No. 2048, was installed as first Principal Z. in July, 1887, and, on retiring from that office, was elected, and still remains, Treasurer. He was also, in March, 1893, founder and first M.E.Z. of the St. Pancras Chapter, No. 2271, and is its present Scribe E., and a few weeks ago was founder and first H. of the Fellowship Chapter, No. 2535. In the Mark Degree, to which he was raised in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4, on the 27th October, 1884, he has been equally active. He was installed as W.M. of his mother

Mark lodge in 1889, having, in the meantime, however, been founder and first J.W. of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 355, in 1885, and W.M. in 1886. He was perfected Rose Croix in 1885, and is Past M.W.S. of the Rose and Lily Chapter, is a founder and P.M.W.S. of the Shadwell Clerke Chapter, and in 1889 took the 30°. He is, in addition, a Royal Ark Mariner, Royal and Select Master, Knight Templar, and a member of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, as well as of the Outer, or Correspondence, Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. From the very outset of his career, he has exhibited a deep interest in our Masonic Institutions, and, while he has done them splendid service as a Steward on 16 different occasions, has personally qualified as Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and as Vice-President of the Girls' School. Moreover, for the past five years he has served on the Board of Management of the Boys' School, and in that capacity, as well as from his knowledge of surveying, has been able to render the Institution much valuable aid. Nor must we omit to mention that he is at the present time Vice-President and for nine years has been a member of the Board of General Purposes, is a member of the Colonial Board, and for some years has served on the General Committee of Grand Chapter. Bro. Scurrah's record is, indeed, one of which a brother of twice, or even thrice, his seniority in the Craft might with very good reason be proud.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. H. R. Rose. Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music, and one of its Professors and Examiners, as well as Organist of St. Pancras, was initiated in the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, on the 2nd January, 1884. In 1890 he joined the Sir William Harpur Lodge, No. 2343, Bedford, and in January of the present year G. Master's Lodge, No. 1, as its honorary Organist. He has twice filled the chair of K.S., namely, in his mother lodge (No. 2000) in 1891, and in No. 2343 in 1894, while in 1892 he was appointed Prov. G. Organist of Bedfordshire. He was exalted in the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, and was installed in its chair of H. on the 16th November, 1895, while in July, 1894, he figured as founder and first M.E.Z. of the Earl of Mornington Chapter, No. 2000. He is also a Past G. Organist in the Mark Degree, Prov. G. Organist both in Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland for London and the Metropolitan Counties, and has been perfected Rose Croix in Adoniram Chapter, No. 101, under the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite. He is also a Life Governor, and has served as Festival Steward in behalf of both the Masonic Schools.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. JAMES BOULTON, the new Grand Pursuivant of Grand Lodge, was initiated in the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, on the 26th March, 1873, and was installed its W.M. on the 27th April, 1882. In October of the same year he was elected a joining member of Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, and on the 3rd May, 1886, was, for the second time, inducted into the chair of K.S., his services during both his Masterships being gratefully recognised by the members of the two lodges. Some three years later we meet with him as the founder and first W.M. of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, which was consecrated at the Town Hall, Stratford, on the 10th January, 1880, and which under his auspices and those of his successors has proved itself one of the most successful among our newest lodges and an especially generous supporter of our Institutions. Three years later still, we again light upon him in the twofold capacity of principal founder and first W.M. of the St. Clement's Lodge, No. 2442, which was consecrated at Leigh, Essex, on [the 10th December. For this service to the Province of Essex he received the collar of Prov. S.G. Deacon at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on the 18th July, 1893. A few months later he became a joining member of the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, No. 2003, Clacton-on-Sea, and he is, further, a member of the Outer or Corresclacton-on-Sea, and he is, further, a member of the Outer or Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Digree in the Doric Chapter, No. 933, on the 19th September, 1876, was installed as M.E.Z. in September, 1889, and at the present time holds the office of Treasurer. In the meantime, however, he had helped to found the Temperance-in-the-East Chapter, No. 898, in which he occupied the chair of Z. in 1888, and there are three other chapters to which he belongs and in which he holds some more or less prominent office, namely, the Francis White Chapter, No. 1437, Romford, of which he office, namely, the Francis White Chapter, No. 1437, Romford, of which he is an Assistant Sojourner; the Mozart Chapter, No.1929, Croydon, in which he occupies the chair of H. and is looking forward to his election as M.E. Z. during the present month; and the St. Leonard's Chapter, No. 1766, of which he was a founder and in which he has served as Treasurer since its consecration. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the Temple Lodge, No. 173, on the 13th December, 1875, he is a Past Master of his mother lodge and Past Prov. J.G. Overseer of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey. On the 1st July, 1886, he had the honour of being invested as a Grand Steward of Mark Grand Lodge by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Mark Master Mason of England, and the year following wates, M. W. G. Mark Master Overseer of the Mark Grand Stewards' Ledge and I.P.M. of the West Ham Abbey Ledge, No. 467, of which he was a founder in 1893. He is also a Past C.N. of the Temple Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners attached to his mother Mark Lodge. Lastly, as regards our Institutions, he has throughout his whole career been one of their most active supporters, to say nothing of the personal donations he has made from time to time to the funds of of one cr other of them. He is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-President of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, having served six Stewardships for the former and four for the latter, and he is standing for a 19th Stewardship in behalf of the Girls' School Festival, which will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. James Kew was initiated in the Manchester Ledge, No. 179, on the 19th January, 1865, and has twice occupied the chair of W. Master, namely, in 1871, and for a second time in 1878. He was subsequently one of the founders of the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2201. He was exalted in the Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, and in June, 1890, had the honour of being it stalled in the chair of M.E.Z., having in the meantine done good service to R.A. Masonry by assisting, in the year 1888, in the establishment of the Manchester Chapter, No. 179. He is a Life Governor of all three

Institutions, and served Stewardships for the R.M. Benevolent Institution in 1871 and 1878, the year of his Mastership of his mother lodge; in 1872 for the Boys' School, and in 1875 for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

PAST GRAND WARDENS.

Bro. the Right Hon. W. COURT GULLY, Q.C., M.P. in the last and present Parliaments for the City of Carlisle, and Speaker of the House of Commons, was initiated in the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, in the month of June, 1880, and after serving sundry of the junior offices, was installed in the chair in March, 1888. He is also a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Gully, it will be in the recollection of our readers, was elected to the office of Speaker on the resignation of the Right Hon. Arthur W. Peel, last year. The election was a closely contested one, his opponent, Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., Prov. G. Master for Durham, being only defeated by the narrow majority of 11 votes, in an unusually full House. On the assembling of the new Parliament, after the General Election in the summer of 1895, Bro. Gully, who, during his brief occupancy of the chair, had Ishown himself possessed of all those attributes which are looked for in one holding so exalted, and at the same time, so trying a position, was unanimously re-elected, and there can be no doubt that although he has only been Speaker for about a year—taking the two Parliaments together—he is almost daily winning golden opinions from all the various parties, or sections of parties, into which the House is divided. But in the case of one thus circumstanced at the present time, and on whose time his professional engagements had previously made such heavy demands, it is not to be wondered at that he should have been able to take so slight a part in the affairs of Masonry.

Bro. Alderman Sir Walter H. Wilkin, Right Hon. Lord Mayor of the City of London, was initiated in Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, in 1868, and having filled sundry of the minor offices was in due course elected and installed as W. Master in 1873, having in the interim been elected to represent the lodge on the Board of G. Stewards. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted to that degree in St. James's Chapter, No. 2. He has likewise qualified as Life Governor of all three Institutions, and has served one Stewardship for the Boys' School and one for the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. C. SWINFEN EADY, LL.D., Q.C., was initiated in the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, in November, 1875, was installed W. Master in January, 1893, and served the office of G. Steward in 1893-4. During the year of his Mastership of No. 21, he joined the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony, No. 1616, Weybridge, and was one of the founders of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter, No. 1118. He is a Life-Governor of the three Institutions, and served as Steward for the two Schools last year, and for the Benevolent Institution in the month of February.

PAST GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Sir W. Neville Abdy, Bart., who has shown himself a munificent supporter of Freemasonry in Essex, was initiated in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 255, Richmond (Surrey), on the 18th October, 1866, but it was not till many years later that he entered upon that career of activity which has proved so serviceable to the Craft. In 1892 he joined the Globe Lodge, No. 23, and the year following the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6. Subsequently he became connected with the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, Kelvedon, and in March, 1894, was installed as its W.M., the collar of Prov. S.G.W. of Essex being bestowed upon him in the month of July following, at the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge. Never were Provincial honours better bestowed, for Bro. Sir W. Abdy first of all presented a plot of ground on which to erect suitable premises for his lodge, and then took upon himself the whole and sole responsibility of erecting the said premises at a cost to himself of several thousands of pounds. As regards R.A. Masonry, Sir William was exalted in the Plume Chapter, No. 1024, Maldon. Essex, on the 20th July, 1892, and is at the present time its Third Principal J. Lastly, in 1893 he did duty as Steward in behalf of the R.M. Institution for Girls.

Bro. Col. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, of the Royal Marine Artillery, Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, who has received the medal for the Ashantee War of 1873-4, and the medal with Alexandria clasp, and the Khedive's bronze Star for his services in the Egyptian war of 1882, in which he served both afloat and on shore, and was thanked by the General in command, as well as mentioned in despatches, was initiated in the Phonix Lodge, Nc. 257, Portsmouth, on the 24th March, r880, was installed W.M. in 1887, and two years later was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In 1881 he joined the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349, Malta, and in 1893, the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, while he is S.W. designate of the Navy Lodge, which is shortly about to be consecrated. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, which dates from the year 1769, and has been granted a centenary warrant, on the 12th September, 1884, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1890. Two years later he was honoured with the appointment of Prov. G.J. He is a Life Governor, and has served once as Steward for each of our Masonic Institutions.

Bro. John Ormerod Schrlett Thursby, J.P., Barrister-at-law, of Lincoln's Inn, the eldest son of Col. Sir John Hardy Thursby, Bart., of Ormerod House, Burnley, and Christchurch, Hampshire, was born in 1862, and initiated into Masonry in the Borough Lodge, No. 1064. Burnley, on the 14th April, 1889. In 1889 he was installed in the chair of Master, and the same year, and again in 1890, was appointed by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G. Master, as Prov. S.G. Warden of East Lancashire. He is also a joining member of Social Lodge, No. 62, Manchester, and was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Chapter of the Nativity, No. 126, Burnley. He is a Patron of the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Col. Fred R. Sewell, J.P., lately commanding the 3rd Battalion Border Regiment, belongs to a family which, for a long time, has been connected with our Society, his great uncle, Bro. George Sewell, of Carlisle, having been Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland in 1817. He was initiated in the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, in 183, and has served the office both in that and in the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth. In 1894, on the installation of Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Ben-

tinck, M.P., to be Prov. G. Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, in succession to the late Earl of Bective, his lordship was pleased to appoint Col. Sewell to be his Deputy Prov. G.M. In Royal Arch Masonry he rinks as a P.Z.. and in 1895 was appointed and installed G. Supt. of his province. In the Mark Degree he has been Deputy Prov. G. Master of Cumberland and Westmorland since 1881; in the Order of the Temple he is Prov. G. Constable of Lancashire, and at the meeting of G. Priory on Friday next, will be installed as its 2nd G. Constable. He is a Past S.G. Warden of England in the Allied Degrees, and Chief Intendant General for Cumberland and Westmorland in the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he has taken the 31°.

Bro. Col. Hunter, of Plas Coch, Anglesea, who is a J.P., D.L., and County Alderman, has served the office of High Sheriff for his county, is a Fellow of the Royal Society and Society of Antiquaries (Scotland), and a Knight of St. John of Jerusalem in England, was initiated into Freemasonry in the St. Tudno Lodge, No. 756, Llandudno, in 1867, and rose to be its W.M. in 1870. He was a founder and is the scnior P.M. of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, London, and has from time to time been connected with several other lodges in North Wales, in the Provincial Grand Lodge of which he ranks as Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden. He is also a Past Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeenshire East, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Representative from the Grand Lodge of Greece—of which he is a Past Grand Warden—at the Grand Lodge of England and Scotland. He was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the year 1869, in the Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721, Chester. He was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Eryri Chapter, No. 1509, Portmadoc, and is P.P.G.H. North Wales, and in Scotland a P.Z., Past Grand Third Principal, and Representative from the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, U.S.A., to that of Scotland. In the Mark Degree he is Prov. Grand Master of North Wales; in the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine for Scotland, Past Viceroy and Grand Cross; besides being a P.E.C. in the Order of the Temple, a member of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland, IN° in Soc. Rosic. in Scotia, and Representative from England to Scotland, and Past Grand Master Royal and Select Masters and the Allied Degrees. He is a Life Governor of our Masonic Charitable Institutions, and has served Stewardships in behalf of them all.

Bro. George Cowell, F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon of the Westminster and Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospitals, and Treasurer of the latter Institution, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Adair Lodge, No. 936, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, on 1st December, 1865. In December, 1871, he assisted in founding the United Service Lodge, No. 1361, while in 1875 he joined the Percy Lodge, No. 198, was installed its W.M. on the 10th January, 1882, and six years later was appointed to the post of Treasurer, which he still continues to hold. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, Chingford, on the 4th May, 1867, and successively occupied the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z., in 1882, 1883, and 1884. In 1884 he was appointed Prov. Grand Scribe N. Essex, and on the lamented death of Comp. George Cooper in 1893, the companions of No. 214 elected him to his present office of Scribe E. He was installed M.E.Z. of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, which he had joined four years previously, in 1889, and on vacating the office was elected, and still remains, its Scribe E. Bro. Cowell was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Brentwood Lodge, No. 377, in 1887; and was perfected Rose Croix in the Studholme Chapter, No. 67, in 1884, was installed M.W.S. in 1890, and received the 30° in 1897 and the 31° in 1890. Bro. Cowell is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has served as Steward for each of them, namely, twice for the Girls' School and once for the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Henry Sutherland, M.D., is one of a limited number of men who have studied at both our great Universities, being B.A. of Cambridge and M.A. of Oxford; and also of a necessarily still more limited number of Masons who can boast of having been connected with our two senior University lodges. He was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 359, Oxford, in 1861, and subscquently joined the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, which was founded the year of his initiation. In both these bodies he held offices of minor importance, but in the Oxford and Cambridge University Lodge, No. 1118, which was established in London in 1866 for the convenience of University men and of which he was elected a joining member, he had the honour of being installed in the chair of K.S. in 1873. He is also a P.M. of the White Horse of Kent Lodge, No. 1506, which was warranted in 1874, and of the Shakespear Lodge, No. 1506, which was warranted in 1874, and of the Shakespear Lodge, No. 99, which he had the honour to represent on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1885-6, and is at the present time an officer of both the Grand Stewards' and Old Westminsters' Lodges. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, in 1862, and was installed M.E.Z. of the University Chapter, No. 1118, in 1877. He was also formerly a member of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Knights Templar in Oxford, and of the Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory of the same Order in London, and is the author of a very useful little work entitled "Notes on the History of Freemasonry," which has gone through three editions and is still a popular book of reference. He is a Life Governor and has served one Stewardship for each of our Schools, and generally has done much to promote the well being of the Craft. For many years he lectured on psychological medicine at the Westminster Hospital, and is the present senior physician to the Dispensary in the Parish of St. George's, Hanover-square, among the poor of which he has work

Bro. Robert E. Baynes was initiated while an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, on the 28th October, 1879, and the following year was appointed a Prov. G. Steward of Oxfordshire. On the 7th March, 1881, he joined the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, receiving the collar of Prov. G.D.C. the same year. In 1884 he was installed W.M., and two years later was elected to the chair of his mother lodge and had conferred upon him the collar of Prov. S.G. Warden. He was also for some years a member of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. He was exalted in the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, on the 23rd February, 1881, and occupied the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z. successively in 1885, 1886 and 1887, and last year, at the installation of Comp. Viscount Valentia as G. Supt., he was appointed Prov. G.H., having held the minor office of Prov. G. 1st Asst. Sojourner in 1887. In Mark Masonry he can point to similar distinctions, having served as the W.M. of the University Lodge of M.M.M., No. 55. in 1888, and as W.C.N. of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge attached to u, and having received in different years the collars of Prov. G. Steward (1882), Prov. G.J O. in 1883 and

Prov. S.G.W. (1889) of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Berks and Ocon while in 1887 he was appointed to the post of G.M.O. in the Mark G Lodge. He is also a Knight Templar and member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having served as E.P. of the Cour de Lion Preceptory in 1883 and as M.W.S. of the Oxford University Rose Croix in the years 1885 and 1886, under the Supreme Council of the latter, and taken the 30° in 1884. Finally, he is a Life Governor of both our Schools and the Benevolent Institution, and has served four Stewardships for the Girls' School, one for the Boys' School, and two in behalf of the Old People.

Bro. Henry Homewood Crawford, the City Solicitor, who has been honoured with the brevet rank of Past G. Deacon, was initiated in Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, on the 29th May, 1879, was elected 10 years later to represent it on the Board of Grand Stewards of which he was subsequently chosen President, and in January, 1891, was installed in the chair of Master. In the month of March following he had the honour of proposing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for re-election as M.W.G. Master. He was for some years a member of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, which was consecrated in 1870, for the convenience of officers of the Corporation of London and those having business at Guildhall. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, on the 6th April, 1886, and installed in office as M.E.Z. on the 14th of last month. Bro. Crawford is a Life Governor of all our Institutions, and has served two Stewardships, one for the Girls' School in 1880, and the other for the R.M. Benevolent Institution in 1888.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. C. D. HILL DRURY, M.D., J.P., has had the good fortune to wiv high distinction in the two widely separate Provinces of Norfolk and Durham, and the brethren in both will be delighted to know that one who has rendered them such important service and for whom they entertain the greatest respect has at length been honoured with the purple of Grand Lodge. Bro. Hill Drury was initiated in the Faithful Lodge, No. 85, Harleston, on the 28th May, 1877, and after passing through sundry of the junior offices was at length installed in the Master's chair on the 30th January, 1882. Towards the latter part of his year of office Bro. Hill Drury Left Norfolk and took up his residence at Darlington in the Bassing left Norfolk and took up his residence at Darlington, in the Province of Durham. Under these circumstances he was unable to be present at the meeting at which his successor was to be elected. It will, therefore, be easily imagined how great must have been his surprise when a few days after the time appointed for the election, he received a letter from the Secretary of his "Faithful" Lodge, to the effect that he had been unanimously re-elected to the chair and stating—"the brethren have considered the great distance you are from us and do not wish you to feel in any way bound to attend lodge, and although I need hardly say we shall at all times be glad to see you, the lodge will not expect you to attend more often than you would feel inclined to do were you not in the chair." Such a compliment thus spontaneously paid him could not be lightly treated, much less declined, and our brother accepted the Mastership for a second year, and about the same time was honoured with the appointment of Prov. G. Registrar. On becoming a resident in Durham Bro. Hill Drury joined the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379, and became W.M. in 1889. He also joined the Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039, Sunderland, but only remained a member for two or three years. However, in 1890, he was very largely instrumental in founding the Universities Lodge, No. 2352, Durham, and though there is little doubt he might have been elected to the chair had he so desired it, he has doubt he might have been elected to the chair had he so desired it, he has preferred to remain at the post of Secretary, which he has held from the day of its consecration. In 1892, however, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., showed his appreciation of his services in connection with this prosperous lodge and No. 1379, Darlington, which our brother had rendered to the Crast in Durham, by appointing him to the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden. His career in Royal Arch Masonry has been equally distinguished in both provinces. He was exalted in the Royal George Chapter, No. 52, Norwich, on the 21st March, 1879, and to years later was installed in the First Principal's chair and appointed Prov. G. Registrar. In Durham he ranks as a P.Z. of Vigilance Chapter, No. 111—which is mainly indebted to his exertions while serving the office of Scribe which is mainly indebted to his exertions while serving the office of Scribe E. for its grant of a centenary warrant, and which recognised those exertions by presenting him the night that auspicious event was celebrated with a centenary jewel—and as Past Prov. G.H. In the Mark Degree he is a P.M. of the Darlington Mark Lodge, No. 250, having been appointed to its chair in 1891, and was Prov. S.G.W. of Northumberland and Darham in 1892. He is also a Royal Ark Mariner and has served on three occasions as Festival Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund. In the Order of the Temple he was installed E.P. of St. Cuthbert Preceptory, No. 139, in 1888, was for a time a joining member of Royal Kent Preceptory, No. 20, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and, after filling sundry offices in the Provincial Priory of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed, was appointed and installed Prov. Sub Prior in 1894. Last year, too, he was appointed G. Std. Br. (Beauceant) of Great Priory. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he has taken the 30° and served as M.W.S. of the Royal Kent Rose Croix Chapter, No. 8, in 1891. He is also a member of the Cryptic and Allied Degrees, a Past Celebrant of the York College of Rosicrucians, and an Hor VIII° of the Order; and last but decidedly not least by the Life. Hon. VIII's of the Order; and last, but decidedly not least, he is a Life Governor of our three great Charities, and has acted as Festival Steward four times for the Boys' School, twice for the Girls' School, and once for the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

Bro. George Mickley (M.A., M.B., Cambridge), one of the Surgeons of St. Luke's Hospital, upon whom has been conferred the brevet rank of Past Asst. G. Director of Ceremonies, was initiated in the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin, on the 12th March, 1868, and after filling sundry offices, including that of S. Warden, was installed W.M. in 1873. In February, 1884, he joined St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, and served as W.M. during the year. In 1872, while yet a Warden of No. 449, he was appointed Prov. J.G. Deacon of Hertfordshire, by the late Bro. William Stuart, then Prov. G. Master, while, in 1885, his services received further recognition from the present Prov. G. Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., who appointed him Prov. S.G. Warden. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in St. Barnabas Chapter, No. 948, Linslade, Bucks, on the 12th March, 1870, and in November, 1880, was installed in the Chair of First Principal. In 1878, he was one of the founders of St. Mary's Chapter, No. 63, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1883, and at present fills the office of Scribe E. His services to this branch of Masoary were recognised by his appointment by the late Comp. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., G. Superinfendent of Baks and Bucks, as

Prov. G. Principal Sojourner. He has also played a distinguished part in other degrees. He was advanced to the Mark in No. 225, Dublin, in June, 1872, is a Past Master of St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 97, Linslade, was one of the founders and first Treasurer of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 367, Barnet, in 1886, and served as W.M. in 1889, and is a joining member of Grand Master's Lodge. In 1885, the collar of J.G.D. of the Mark Grand Lodge was conferred upon him, while in 1888 and 1889, and again in 1890 and 1891, Provincial honours in Hertfordshire fell to his lot, the rank of Prov. G.M.O. being assigned him during the first two years, and that of Prov. S.G.W. during the last two. He was installed K.T. in the Stuart Encampment, Watford, in 1877, was installed E.C. in 1884, is a Prior of the Order of Malta, and a Past G.A.D.C. in Great Priory. He is likewise a Past G. Jun. General in the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, a men ber of the R. & S. Masters and the Allied Degrees, as well as of the Royal Order of Scotland, and Past M.W.S. of the Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, No. 10, and took the 31° of the A. & A. Rite in 1889. Lastly, he is a Vice-President of our three Institutions, and has served as Steward at 17 different Festivals, namely, four times for the Girls' School, five times for the Boys' School, and eight times for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. GEORGE WILLIAM SPETH, whose name is so widely known as the able and obliging Secretary of our great literary lodge-Quatuor Coronati No. 2076—and the editor of its Transactions and Antigrapha, may be said to have contracted an hereditary love for Freemasonry, his father, George William Speth, having been initiated in the Lodge of Unity, No. 183—which met at the time at the George and Vulture, Cornhill. as No. 215—on the 22th of June, 1842 and after serving the offices of I.G., S.D., and S.W., was elected and installed W.M. in 1846. This honour was twice subsequently conterred upon him, in the years 1849 and 1850, while from 1855 to 1867 he was annually appointed Secretary, and in the latter year, and annually until the day of his death in 1878, he held the more responsible, if less laborious, effice of Treasurer. Bro. Speth has followed worthily in his father's footsteps, and if he has not, like him, thrice served his mother lodge as Master, and subsequently for 23 years as its Secretary or Treasurer, it is because he has been called upon to fill other and more important, and more arducus duties. He was initiated in No. 183, during the lifetime of his father, on the 22nd January, 1872, and having successively held pr cisely the same offices of 1.G., S.D., and S.W. as his father before him had held, he was at length installed as Master on the 27th March, 1876, and doubtless had the pleasure of investing his father, on more than one occasion, as the Treasurer of their common mother ludge. In 1880 he was the lodge Organist, while the year following he published the history of his Lodge of Unity, No. 183, from its constitution in 1769, though, owing to the loss of its original warrant and all the records anterior to 1782, it was impossible for him to say much about its earlier career. This history, as we have said, was compiled and published in 1881, the year in which the M.W.G. Master was pleased to grant it a Centenary Warrant, so that those who take an interest in lodge histories, and feel inclined to study the pleasantly-written and trustworthy narrative which our brother compiled as a memento of its centenary commemoration, will be able to learn all it is possible to learn respecting this particular Lodge of Unity. In 1884 Bro. Speth busied himself, in conjunction with the late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Bros. W. J. Hughan and R. F. Gould, and other leading literary brethren, in founding the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, and from the day of its consecration until now he has held uninterruptedly what in this, more than in any other lodge under the English Constitution, is the exceedingly onerous and responsible post of Secretary. In this capacity he has, as we have before mentioned, edited all the annual volumes of its Transactions, have before mentioned, edited all the annual volumes of its Transactions, and has been the presiding genius in the publication of all its "Antigrapha," or "Reprints." In addition, he has looked after the more mundane interests of his lodge, the compilation of its minutes, the collection of its annual subscriptions—and this alone is no light task in the case of a lodge which, taking its Inner and Correspondence Circles together, has a muster-roll of some 2000 members—the cataloguing of its library, and last, but not least, the organisation of its annual excursions. Yet, in spite of all these heavy claims upon his time, Bro. Speth occasionally finds leisure to visit other lodges and deliver lectures on the more important questions which arise in lodges and deliver lectures on the more important questions which arise in connection with our history and the subject of Degrees, &c., &c. We are confident we are not detracting from the very great merits pertaining to the other members of this important lodge when we affirm that much, if not most, of its success is due to his untiring energy and marvellous capacity for work, and we feel sure there is not a brother on the register of Grand for work, and we feel sure there is not a brother on the register of Grand Lodge who will grudge the Secretary of Lodge Quatuor Coronati the brevet rank of Past Asst. G. Director of Ceremonies which His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to confer upon him. As far as lodge and chapter work is concerned, it only remains for us to add that Bro. Speih was elected a joining member of United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, some two or three years ago, that he was exalted in the Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, on the 24th April, 1883, became a joining member of the Wellington Chapter, No. 784, Deal, in 1894, and is at the present moment its J. elect. He is, however, an honorary member of quite a number of lodges, prominent among them being the Humber Installed Masters, No. 2494, Hull, as well as of the Illinois and Minnesota Veteran Associa ions; nor must we lose sight of the fact that, though his Veteran Associa ions; nor must we lose sight of the fact that, though his duties do not permit him to give the time for acting as a Festival Steward for our Institutions, he has not been unmindful of their claims upon his support, and has qualified as a Life Governor both of the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Frederick Lawrance, who has been appointed P.A.G.D.C., was initiated on the 11th March, 1873, in the Harmony Lodge, No. 255, which meets at Richmond, Surrey, and had the honour of twice presiding over it as W. Master—in 1880 and 1881. In 1883, he assisted in founding the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, was installed W.M. in 1888, and is its present Treasurer, while last year he joined firstly the Dene Lodge, No. 2228, Cookham, Bucks, and secondly the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546. He was exalted in the Iris Chapter, No. 255, Richmond, in November, 1879, was installed M.E.Z. on the 20th May, 1883, and is at the present moment Z. elect, and will be installed for the second time in the chair of First Governor of all three Institutions, and has served in all six Festival Stewardships, three having been in behalf of the Girls' School, two for the Boys' School, and one for the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Thos. H. Gardiner was initiated in the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, on the 20th April, 1881, and in February, 1891, was installed in the Master's chair. In the interim, however, he joined the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, and was elected to preside over it as Master early in 1886. On the 2nd February, 1883, he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the British Chapter, No. 8, and occupied the chair of First Principal Z. concurrently with that of Master of his mother lodge, that is to say, during the year 1891. As regards our Institutions, it will be recognised that he has done his duty to them, having qualified as Vice-Patron of the Gris' School, and Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, while, including the one for which he has given his services on the 13th instant, he has served ten Stewardships for the Girls' Institution, and one for the Boys' School.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARERS.

Bro. Col. Hugh N. Gordon, J.P., was initiated in the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court, on the 25th October, 1873; rose through the various offices to that of W.M., in which he was installed in January, 1881, and was appointed Prov. G. Deacon of Middles's in the autumn of that year. In 1884, he was a founder and first S.W. of the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041, Plumstead, and was installed W.M. in 1885. Of both these lodges he is at the present time Treasurer, having been elected to that position in January, 1884. in the case of his mother lodge, and to that of Lodge No. 2041 in July, 1886, on his vacation of the Master's chair. He was exalted in the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293. on the 22nd May, 1875; installed in the chair of First Principal Z. in January, 1884, and had conferred upon him the office of Prov. G.S.B. in the Prov. G Chapter of Middlesex in September, 1886. He is a Vice-President and Member of the Finance and Petitions' Committees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and has served six times as Steward for "Our Girls," once for "Our Boys," and twice for the "Old People."

Bro. Major C. W. CARRELL, who well descrues the brevet rank of Past G.S.B. in recognition of the many and varied services he has rendered to Freemasonry, was initiated in the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, in December, 1879, and has been twice installed in its chair, namely, in 1885 and 1886, while in the Old Kings Arms Lodge, No. 28, of which he became a joining member the following year, a similar honour has been conferred a joining member the following year, a similar honour has been conferred upon him, and he has but just vacated the Master's chair, after occupying it for two consecutive years. In 1888, he was one of the founders of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, and during the first year of its existence did duty as its acting Past Master, while in 1889 he was a founder and first Deputy Master of London Irish Rifles Lodge, of which the Duke of Connaught very graciously undertook to be the W.M., and on his Royal Highness's return from India, Major Carrell had the honour of installing him in the chair. In 1895, he joined Doyle's Lodge of Friendship, No. 84, Guernsey, and shortly afterwards had the honour of being appointed Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Guernsey and Alderney. He was exalted to the Guernsey, and shortly alterwards had the honour of being appointed Frov. Senior Grand Warden of Guernsey and Alderney. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22, on the 12th April, 1886, and having three years later joined the Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28, was in 1894, installed in the chair of M.E.Z. In the Mark Degree he has been an especially active member. Having been advanced in the Scots Lodge, No. 406, he was elected and installed W.M. in 1393, and is now the Treation of the later. In 1892, he was one of the foundary and is the present w.M. of the Grafton Lodge, No. 415; in 1891, a founder and first W.M. of the Hibernia Lodge, No. 431; and, in 1893, a founder and first W.M. of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 467, while last year he assisted in founding the Buenos Ayres Lodge, No. 481, which meets in the capital of the Arrentine Penublic and of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 480, He is also Argentine Republic, and of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 489. He is also a member of Grand Master's Lodge, and has been annually elected a member of the General Board since 1892. In 1890, he was appointed a Grand Steward, and served as President of the Board, and, in 1893, he had be-Steward, and served as President of the Board, and, in 1893, he had bestowed upon him the office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. He is a Vice-Patron, and has served six Stewardships in behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and has been thrice elected President of the Board of Stewards. He is also a Royal Ark Mariner, and has served in the Grand Master's Council of that Degree since 1892; and a member of the Allied Degrees, a P.M. of the Four King's Council. No. 7, in which the Degrees were conferred upon him, a member of the Rose and Lily Council, No. 15; and in the Grand Council was appointed G S.B. in 1894 and J.G. Warden last year. He is a Royal and Select Master, a member of the St. Andrew's Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine; a Knight Templar in the St. George's, St. Michael's, and Royal Naval Pre-Knight Templar in the St. George's, St. Michael's, and Royal Naval Preceptories of that Order; and in the Ancient and Accepted Rite has been perfected Rose Croix in the Rose and Lily Chapter-in which he holds office as well as a subscribing member of the Adoniram and Victory Chapters, and, in 1894, received the 30° from the Supreme Council of the Rite. His services to the three great Central Masonic Institutions have been both many and great, the number of Festivals at which he has been included in the Board of Stewards being 22, while, as regards his personal donations to these Charities, he ranks as a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and a Vice-President of both our Schools.

Bro. James Morrison McLeod, who was appointed Secretary of the Masonic Institution for Boys in 1890, and now receives the same brevet rank of Past G.S.B. which was conferred on his predecessor, Bro. Fred Binckes, and the Secretaries of the two other Masonic Institutions at the Masonic Commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee in 1887, was initiated on the 5th March, 1877, in the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, Province of West Lancashire, and has continued ever since to be a subscribing member. Shortly afterwards—about 1879—he joined the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Newark-on-Trent, and remained a member till 1893; the Derwent Lodge, No. 884, Wirksworth, over which he presided as W.M., firstly in 1883 and again in 1890; the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, Southport, W. Lancashire, and the Starkie Lodge, No. 1070, which meets in the same locality, and of which he is the present W. Master. He is also a founder, and was the first W.M. of the Barnet Lodge, No. 2509, which is in the London district, and was consecrated at the Assembly Rooms, New Barnet, in the summer of 1894. Add to this, that he has been twice a recipient of Provincial honours, namely, in 1885, when he was appointed Prov. G. Std. Bearer of Derbyshire, and again in 1890, when he received the collar of S.G. Warden of the same Province, and it will surprise only a very few brethren that he should on this occasion have secured the honours of Past G. Sword Bearer of England. In Royal Arch Masonry, he was exalted in the Chapter of

Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, on the 9th October, 1878. In 1881 he helped to found the Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Newark, and was installed M.E.Z. six years later, his services in this capacity being rewarded by his appointment in 1880 as Prov. G.S.B. Nottinghamshire. He is also a joining member of the Southport Chapter, No. 1070, in the Province of West Lanmember of the Southport Chapter, No. 1070, in the Province of West Lancashire, and P.Z. and Treasurer of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, London. In Mark Masonry, to which he was advanced in the Preston Lodge, No. 143. Lancashire, on the 30th September, 1878; he is a P.M. of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265. Newark, and P. Prov. J.G.W. Nottinghamshire, a P. Prov. J.G.O. Lincolnshire, and founder in 1893, P.M. and Treasurer of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 458. In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, to which he was elevated in the Dewar Lodge, No. 287, Kent, he is a founder, Past C.N. of the Byron Lodge attached to the Newstead (T.I.) Mark Lodge. Nottingham, as well as of the Trent Lodge. Noval Ala Maline, to which he was clevated in the Dewar Looge, No. 287, Kent, he is a founder, Past C.N. of the Byron Lodge attached to the Newstead (T.I.) Mark Lodge. Nottingham, as well as of the Trent Lodge, attached to the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, Newark. In the Order of the Temple he is P.E.C. of the Prince of Peace Preceptory, No. 97, Preston, and a Knight of Malta in the Priory of the same; a P.E.C. Lullingstone Preceptory, Wilmington, in the Province of Kent and Surrey; P. Prov. G.B. Br. in the Prov. Priory of Lancashire, and Prov. G. Marshal in that of Kent and Surrey. He is likewise a member of the Zetland Conclave, No. 11, Falkirk, of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine in Scotland, a member of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, R. and S.M., and a Past M.W.S. of the Philips Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 52, Lancaster, as well as a 30° under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Of his services as Secretary of the R.M. Institution for Boys, during the past six years, it is needless to say anything, they are too well and too widely known to need any eulogy from us; but in order to make this record as complete as possible, it is necessary we should state that he has qualified as Vice-Patron of, as well as served 8 Stewardships for the Institution, with which he is immediately connected; is a Life Governor of the Girls' School and which he is immediately connected; is a Life Governor of the Girls' School and R.M. Benevolent Institution, for each of which he has served three Stewardships; a Vice-President and twice Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund; and a Life Governor, with three Stewardships, of the West Lancashire, East Lancashire, and Cheshire Provincial Educational Charities.

Bro. Thomas Adolphus Bullock, Associate of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and inventor of the "Unigraph," who has been for close upon 20 years a member of our Society, and during his membership has done excellent service, was initiated in the Temple Lodge, No. 101, on the 7th October, 1879, and having passed through sundry of the minor offices, and occupied successively the offices of Junior and Senior Warden, was in February, 1886, installed in the chair of Worshipful Master. In 1893, he took part in founding the Telegraph Cable Lodge, No. 2470, of which Bro. the Marquis of Tweeddale was the first Master, and the late Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., Prov. G. Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, the first S.W. Bro. Bullock is still a member, and no doubt in time will make his mark in this as he has already done in his mother lodge. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in what is now the Temple Chapter, No. 101, but which at the time was the Canonbury Chapter, No. 657, on the 27th January, 1881. He is now the occupant of the Third Principal's chair, having been installed in it in May of last year. He is a Life-Governor, and served as Steward last year for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular meeting of the Council was held on Friday, the 24th ult., Bro. Richard Eve in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. W. Burgess, Attenborough, Corble, Glass, Mickley, Millward, Oldis, Smithson, Everett, Keyser, Fairchild, and McLeod, Sec.

A letter from the widow and family of the late Bro. John Symonds, Vice. Patron, was read acknowledging recent vote of condolence passed by the Council.

It was reported that the demand for a scrutiny into the votes polled at the recent election of Boys had been withdrawn, the error being admitted by the

friends of the interested case to be their own.

It was announced that the Duchess of Devonshire had kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the Institution on Tuesday, 23rd June, being the day previous to the Festival.

CONSECRATION OF THE ENGINEER LODGE, No. 2599.

The above-named lodge was consecrated at the Criterion, Piccadillycircus, W., on Thursday, the 9th ultimo. The ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., P.G.D., G. Sec., assisted by the following: Bros. Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., P.G.D., as S.W.; Major W. F. Cottrell, P.D.D.G.M. Gibraltar, as J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.. as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Samuel Varren, P.P. A.G.P. Kent, I.G.

The following brethren were present:

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Founders—Bros. Major Crichton Walker, P.M. 1174, P.P.G.S. of Works Kent; Major C. B. Mayne, P.S.W. 1174; Col. W. H. Coles, P.M. 20; Major C. F. Buttle; G. Michil, P.S.W.; R. Urquhart, J.W. 1424; J. Law, 184; H. K. Knight, S.W. 1424; H. M. Carter, 1331; C. B. Wasser, P.M. 1424; and E. S. Standing, 1331. Visitors—Bros. G. Taylor, P.M. 726 (S.C.); J. P. White, P.M. 2277; General Gordon Pritchard, 1895; W. F. Trydell, S.W. 2434; J. S. Fletcher, P.M. 2200; E. S. Wilson, 1424; Lewis Harcourt Coles, W.M. 1305; W. A. Dingle, M.D., P.M. 869, P.D.G.P. Herts; J. Kershaw, 2128; W. F. Cottrell, P.D.D.G.M. Gibraltar; J. D. W. James, W.M. 1602, P.M. 795, P.G. Std. Br. Berks; H. Bateman, P.M. 1479; C. Hammerton, P.G.S.B.; H. Whitherley, 73; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The consecration completed, Bro. Crichton Walker, P.M. 1174, P.P.G.

The consecration completed, Bro. Crichton Walker, P.M. 1174, P.P.G. S. of W. Kent, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. E. Letchworth,

G. Sec.

The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. B. Mayne, S.W.; E. S. Standing, J.W.; W. A. Coles, Treas.; R. Urquhart, Sec.; G. Michil, S.D.; H. K. Knight, J.D.; J. Law, D.C.; C.B. Wasser, Org.; and H. M. Carter, I.G. Bro. H. Warren was duly elected Tyler, and invested.

The W.M., on behalf of the founders, presented to Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., a handsome founder's jewel, to mark their appreciation of the very admirable manner in which he had conducted the ceremonies; and, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Numerous applications for joining members were read, and the founders were resolved into a Committee to frame by-laws, and report at next

The customary "Hearty good wishes" were received from the lodges as above named.

The brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a well-supplied banquet was in readiness.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Mas'er, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro.

Major-General J. C. HAY, P.G.D.
The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec.,

and heartily received by the brethren.

The W.M., after responding, proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Officers."

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., responded.
The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M.
Bros. General Pritchard and H. Whitherley responded.
Bro. C. B. Mayne replied to the toast of "The Officers."
The string band of the corps of Royal Engineers discoursed sweet music

during the banquet, to the delight of many brethren, who have not had an opportunity of hearing it for many years.

The consecration of this lodge has established a central meeting place for

the brethren of the corps, a want that has long been felt. The brethren being distributed in every part where the British flug flus have hitherto been without a home of their own, but will now have a permanent home of their own when they return to England from service ab oad. The motto of the corps, a most appropriate one for Freemasons—"Ub que"—"Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt"—serves to show that the confidence placed in them by their Grand Master has been fully justified; and we hope this lodge continue a pillar of the Grand Lodge of England until time shall be no more.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Weinesday, the 6 h

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation

Installation of Principals and investiture of officers for the ensuing year, THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.
To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th of January, 1896, to the 14th April, 1895, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter £1008 18 5 By Disbursements during the Quarter Quarter ,, Balance £370 4 1 ... 1248 1 9 ,, ... Account ... 209 5 8 Subsequent Receipts.. 610 17 5 Ünappropriated " " Account 210 15 8 £1829 1 6 £1829 1 6

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following

petitions:

1st. From Comps. Charles Edward Keyser, as Z.; Richard Ravenor, as H.; the Rev. Walter Muirhead Hope, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, to be called the Hope Chapter, and to meet at the Temperance Half, Newbury, in the county of Berkshire.

2nd. From Comps. William Russell, as Z.; Henry Forss, as H.; John Percy White, as J.; and 13 others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, Gravesend, to be called the Chapter of Sympathy, and to meet at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, in the county of Kent.

3rd. From Comps. Buckley Carr, as Z.; Robert Caldwell, as H.; Samuel J. Mills, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Truth, No. 1458, Manchester, to be called the Chapter of Truth, and to meet at the

No. 1458, Manchester, to be called the Chapter of Truth, and to meet at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester.

4th. From Comps. Joseph Bliss, as Z.; George Tubb James, as H.; the Rev. Oliver James Grace, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501, High Wycombe, to be called the Wycombe Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, High Wycombe, in the county of Buckingham.

The foregoing particulars being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectfully granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 1916, from the Masonic Hall, Sydenham, to the Masonic Hall, Christchurch, New Zealand.

The Chapter of Rectitude, No. 581, Ardwick, from the Midland Hotel, Ardwick, to the Mosley Hotel, Manchester.

The Hartington Chapter, No. 916, Eastbourne, from the Albion Hotel, to the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests,

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.
(Signed) ROBERT G ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th April, 1896. After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolu-

tion was passed:
"That the cor ial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Comp. Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the pist

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, Election of Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

MARRIAGE.

SUTHERLAND—BARWELL.—On the 30th of April, at St. John's, Hollington, St. Leonards, by the Rev. W. H. Green, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. E. N. Powell, M.A., Henry Sutherland, M.D., of Richmond Terrace, Whitchall, to Meta Prescott, second daughter of Capt. William Blunt Barwell, formerly 16th Bengal Lancers, and granddaughter of the late General William Prescott.

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Masonic Motes.

It will be seen, from the full report we publish elsewhere of the proceedings at the Grand Festival of United Grand Lodge, which was held on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, that the appointment of a number of prominent brethren to Past Grand Office, as well as of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, was viewed with interest by an exceptionally large attendance of brethren, while those whom his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint, either as actual or Past Grand Officers, were most heartily applauded on advancing to the dais for the purpose of being invested. The arrangements for the Grand Feast likewise gave great satisfaction, as was evidenced by the cordiality with which the toast of "The Grand Stewards of the Day" was received.

One point connected with the brethren who were chosen to receive the purple is especially noteworthy. A glance down the list will show that the average number of years they have been connected with the Craft is far higher than usual, amounting, we believe, to some 26 or 27 years. One of the Grand Chaplains was initiated upwards of half a century since, while two other brethren can boast of having been Masons for upwards of 40 years. Several date back their initiation to the early "sixties," and only in a very few cases have the recipients of honours been members of the Craft for the comparatively brief period of 10 years or there. services next week.

abouts. It will be noticed also that the services that the great majority of them have rendered to Freemasonry and its Institutions fully merit the recognition of which their selection for office is the outward and visible sign.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednes. day next, the 6th instant, when those of the new Craft Grand and Past Grand Officers who are qualified will receive corresponding rank in Grand Chapter. There will, however, be sundry companions on whom Royal Arch honours will be conferred, but who have not received rank in Grand Lodge.

The half-yearly meeting of the National Great Priory of the Order of the Temple will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Friday, the 8th inst., and when the business has been concluded, a Priory of the Order of Malta will be held, into which any Knight Templar, who shall have signified his desire, can be admitted, the fee payable, including certificate, being one guinea. When the latter proceedings are over, the customary banquet will be held in Freemasons' Tavern, tickets for which, at the price of one guinea each, will only be issued to those who apply for them, on or before Monday, the 4th inst.

The paper of Agenda is a more than usually heavy one. After the opening preliminaries and the reading of the minutes, the Report of the Council will be read and submitted for adoption, and from this Report we gather, firstly, that Sir Knight the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., who has held the office of Great Prior since 1877, has signified his desire not to be re-elected, and that Sir Knight the Earl of Euston, Great Sub-Prior, has consented to be nominated to the new office of Grand Master, his lordship's candidature having received the approval of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Sovereign of the Order. Under these circumstances, and so far as regards the retiring Great Prior, the Council will recommend that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to the Earl of Lathom be recorded on the minutes for the distinguished services his lordship has at all times so gracefully rendered to Great Priory.

We learn further that the proposed new Statutes of the Order have been, in accordance with the resolution passed in Great Priory in December last, submitted to the preceptories on the roll and that a number of amendments will be submitted and carefully considered. When this has been done, the new Grand Master will be elected and installed in office, and will subsequently nominate and invest his Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

We have great pleasure in announcing, firstly, that the Countess of Yarborough has most kindly undertaken to present the prizes to the successful pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on Monday, the 11th instant, that is, two days before the day appointed for the celebration of the 108th Anniversary of the Institution, under the presidency of the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire.

It is also in our power to announce that the prizes won by the successful pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be distributed by the Duchess of Devonshire on Tuesday, the 23rd June, while Bro. his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, will, as long since announced, preside at the 98th Anniversary Festival of the School on Wednesday, the 24th of the same month.

The Murray Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 490, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Wigan, on Friday, the 10th ult., the ceremony being performed by the Earl of Lathom, Past G. Mark Master and Prov. G. Master of Lancashire, in the presence of a large gathering of the members of the Degree, prominent amongst whom was Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkle (Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire in Craft Masonry), who is Deputy G. Mark Master of the Province. A very able oration on the nature and principles of the Order was delivered by Bro. tho Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Prov. G. Chaplain, and when the ceremony was over, Bro. T. Read Wilkinson, W.M. designate, was installed in the chair of A. by Bro. Maj. J. D. Murray, after whom the new lodge is named. The Murray Lodge has our best wishes for its success.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. J Lancaster Hine, who for many years was one of the most prominent brethren in the Province of East Lancashire. We shall publish an account of his

Correspondence.

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

GUY'S HOSPITAL RE-ENDOWMENT FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

Referring to Bro. Maurice Spiegel's letter in the Freemason of the 21st March last re the above fund, at the festival of which his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master will preside, I beg to inform any brother who may desire to give to so noble a cause, that I will be glad to add their subscriptions to my list. Guy's Hospital deserves the support of Masons, for it has benefited them directly and indirectly in all parts of the world, and any day one can find a number of Masons benefiting by the Charity, both in the wards and out-patient

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Reviews.

"The Berkshire Masonic Register and Calendar for 1896."—This official publication is edited by Bro. John Thornhill Morland, M.A., who is the Deputy Prov. Grand Master in charge of the Province of Berkshire, and a most energetic and distinguished Craftsman. It is larger than ever, and has been creditably printed by Bro. G. J. Cosburn, of Newbury. Over 150 pages of most interesting Masonic information for a Province of 15 Lodges and four R.A. Chapters, ought to fully satisfy the most exacting, and even the adjoining Prov. Grand Lodges come in for a share of attention. Bro. Morland's plan is to give the Roll of present members of his Prov. Grand Lodge in order of precedence, as those of past rank are bracketed according to date of investment, immediately after the present holder of each particular office, and there is also another table of the succession of Provincial Officers since Berks was separated Masonically from Bucks. The particulars relating to each lodge are much fuller than usual, and really amount to a complete Masonic Directory for the County, involving considerable labour, and, doubtless, a large amount of correspondence. All the Degrees worked in the County are duly attended to, and also the Votes for the Central Masonic Charities. The latter are most exhaustively treated, the grand total being 4342 actually received for the three elections. Truly a magnificent record. Subscribers will much appreciate the excellent portrait of the Editor, which is the Frontispiece for A.D. 1896.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Directorry for the Province of Essex, 1896."—This well-printed and ably-edited Annual is now in its 12th year, and is doubtless one of the most useful and most used Directories published in the Provinces. Brief Titles of each Part are printed on another colour paper, which is a handy guide to the portions needed to be consulted, and a feature other Editors might well follow. There are now 38 Lodges in the Province, so it is one of the largest in England, and, fortunately for all concerned, its management is of the best. The Editor of this Calendar is the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. T. J. Ralling, who has long acted in that capacity to the manifest advantage of his Province, and is well skilled in all such duties. The Summary of Votes on the great Masonic Charities exhibits the grand total of oso8, an advance on all previous years, and is of a most satisfactory character. The duties. The Summary of Votes on the great Masonic Charities exhibits the grand total of 9598, an advance on all previous years, and is of a most satisfactory character. The Calendar portion is carefully arranged, and evidently compiled with special attention to the brethren who belong to the additional or Higher Degrees. The "Events of the Year," the "In Memoriam," and other compilations like the "Masonic Notes," are most desirable additions to the usual information found in such publications, and the work, from first to last, is a credit to the Editor, Printers and Publishers. The portrait for this issue is that of Bro. John J. C. Turner, who from the appreciative biography attached, he evidently well deserves the compliment.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

RETIREMENT OF BRO. HENRY SMITH. APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW DEPUTY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place at Doncaster on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. The occasion was especially interesting, as it embraced the public retirement of Bro. Henry Smith and the appointment of his successor. The spacious rooms in the Mansion House of that ancient borough were courteously placed at the disposal of the Freemasons by the Mayor, and though strenuous effort was made by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Pawson, and the brethren of the Lodge of St. George, No. 242, to provide for the comfort of everybody, it was found to be entirely impossible. The lodge room was crammed before Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and numbers of brethren left on seeing that even standing room was not available. This was greatly regretted, and arose from the fact that a just estimate of the probable numbers desiring to attend was not formed. Sheffield and Leeds sent large contingents, facilities for reduced fares being provided on the Great Northern Railway system. Amongst those supporting the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P.,

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The lodge having been opened and certain routine business despatched, the Prov. Grand Master called upon Bro. R. I. CRITCHLEY, Treasurer of the Henry Smith Testimonial Fund, to make his report. He stated that every one of the 77 lodges constituting the province had subscribed, the contributions amounting in the aggregate to £632 IIs.; the chapters of the province had contributed £32 IIs., the Knights Templars preceptories £10 IOS., while private and individual subscriptions brought the total to £784 16s. In deference to the known wishes of Bro. Henry Smith, it was proposed to allocate 200 guineas to the Girls' Institution, 200 guineas to the Boys', and 200 guineas to the Aged Freemasons, endowing the D.P.G.M.'s chair, and thus procuring for the province 140 votes in perpetuity. With a portion of the balance there had been procured an illuminated address, a gold chronometer and guard, and a registering aneroid barometer, and the remainder—a sum of £43—it was proposed to hand to Bro. Smith, with which to do as he pleased.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER on rising was greeted with load.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, on rising, was greeted with loud cheers. He first acknowledged indebtedness to the Mayor of Doncaster (Councillor F. Brightmore) for the use of the Mansion House, remarking that though Provincial Grand Lodge had been held on six previous occasions in Doncaster, the last was in 1880, when the Centenary of the St. George's Lodge, under whose banner they had that day met, was celebrated. Touching the condition of the province, the Provincial Grand Master observed that he regarded the gathering before him as sufficient evidence of the eminently satisfactory state of things which prevailed. Since the previous meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, at Dewsbury, the membership of the province had increased by 70, though 80 brethren had been lost by death, and in this connection he thought it only fitting to allude to the lamented loss of Bro. Bateman Fox, Chairman of the Charity Committee. One lodge—Furrival, No. 2553. Sheffield—had been added to the roll, and there was a probability that a warrant would shortly be granted for a new lodge in the neighbourhood of Leeds. It was satisfactory that all the candidates brought forward by the province in connection with the Charities had been elected. Coming to the presentation to Bro. Henry Smith, the had been elected. Coming to the presentation to Bro. Henry Smith, the Prov. Grand Master spoke in fitting terms of the distinguished success which had marked the D.P.G.M.'s tenure of office. Bro. Henry Smith had, he said, filled the position with credit to himself and advantage to the brethren of the province, and he could not allow the separation to take place without putting on record his personal sense of the servic.s rendered by the retiring D.P.G.M. Bro. Smith was initiated in 1852, in the Hope Lodge, Bradford, to which he had for 44 years been a subscriber. In 1854, he joined the Airedale Lodge, then meeting at Baildon, but now at Saltaire, joined the Airedale Lodge, then meeting at Baildon, but now at Saltaire, and of this lodge he had been a subscribing member for 42 years. He was in 1859, appointed Prov. G. Deacon, by the then Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Mexborough, becoming in 1870, Prov. G. Secretary, under Earl de Grey and Ripon (now the Marquess of Ripon). He was re-appointed by Sir Henry Edwards in 1875, and was made Deputy by Bro. T. W. Tew, in 1885. In 1887, the rank of Grand Deacon of England was conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales. He was one of the founders of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee in 1879, was a Vice-President of the Boys', the Girls', and the Old People's Institutions, and had been six times elected Treasurer of the Girls' Institution—a position he still retains. It would be Treasurer of the Girls' Institution—a position he still retains. It would be idle, Bro. Jackson observed, to add to the recital of such a record of devoted service any feeble words of praise, but he desired to say that during the short time he (the Prov. G. Master) had held office, Bro. Henry Smith had been his mainstay, and his personal indebtedness to the retiring D.P.G.M. was very great. Bro. Henry Smith had desired that the testimonial should be no mere personal compliment, but should be chiefly devoted to the Charities for which he had laboured so incessantly, but while marking the splendid endowment of the D.P.G.M's. chair, he had, as Prov. G. Master, the privilege of handing Bro. Henry Smith a small personal gift, in the form of an illuminated address, a chronometer, and a barometer, which would, he trusted, remind Bro. Smith during the years vouchsafed him by the G.A.O.T.U. of the interesting occasion on which they were then met.

Bro. Jackson then read the address, which was as follows:

To Worshipful Brother Henry Smith, P.M., Past Grand Deacon of England,

Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master. We, the Antient Free and Accepted Masons of West Yorkshire, have heard with great regret that owing to advancing years you have felt it impossible any longer to support the cares and responsibilities which the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master must necessarily entail, and that you have in consequence withdrawn from the position which for 11 years you have so ably and judiciously

We gratefully recognise that we owe much to your powers of organisation and your administrative skill, both of which were admirably illustrated during the

15 years that you acted as our Provincial Grand Secretary. We also most freely acknowledge the zeal and energy with which you have undertaken the advocacy and support of our great Masonic Charitable Institutions. By the system and method you have introduced, we are not only able to gauge the voting power we possess, but also to bring it to bear in the most advantageous and effectual manner, in procuring the success of our candidates, and applying to the greatest practical advantage those funds which from time to time it is our pleasure and delight to supply.

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We also request you to accept from us this illuminated address with the

We also request you to accept from us this illuminated address, which but feebly expresses our feelings, and with it a gold chronometer, together with a self-recording aneroid barometer, which we trust will prove, by their accuracy and regularity, fitting emblems of those characteristics by which your conduct has invariably been marked.

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We further trust that the well-deserved ease to which you retire will be as happy as we know it will be useful, and that you may be long spared to see the province, for which you have done so much, increase and flourish as the years roll on, carrying out the principles you have so ably advocated, and maintaining that high standard which, largely through your example and efforts, it has so continually striven to reach.

Given at this Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Doncaster, in the County of York, on this 22nd day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Signed on behalf of the Freemasons of West Yorkshire

W. L. JACKSON, Provincial Grand Master. W. H. STACEY, Provincial Grand Registrar. HERBERT G. E GREEN, Provincial Grand Secretary.

Turning to Bro. Henry Smith, the PROV. GRAND MASTER said: In making this presentation to you on behalf of the province, I am conscious that I have failed altogether to reach the standard which I have desired to set myself in sounding your praises. But I am aware that it is your own feeling that I should limit myself strictly to facts. This I have done. And feeling that I should fifth thysen strictly to facts. Inis I have done. And now, on behalf of every brother in the province, I present you with this testimonial. This I do with the greatest possible pleasure, though it is but a slight recognition of services which it is not in our power properly to We all trust that in your retirement your health will be long preserved, and that you will be held and maintained in the safe keeping of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On rising to reply, Bro. HENRY SMITH was enthusiastically received.

llis words were

R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Brethren,-There is, perhaps, once in the lifetime of every man an exceptional occasion when it behoves him to put forth all the powers with which he may have been gifted—such is the present occasion. Conscious of this, he may, however, through causes easily imagined, fail to rise to the position which his mind can readily conceive, but which his utmost energies will not permit him to reach. That is my condition. I see all the circumstances; I realise to the full the opportunities; but I fear, brethren, I shall be unable, to my own satisfaction, at any rate, adequately to make use of the exceptional advantages which the words of our Prov. Grand Master and the terms of the address which has just been read so hamily afford me. In the address you express regret which has just been read so happily afford me. In the address you express regret at my retirement and recognition of my services. That recognition is offered in the only way in which it would be acceptable to me. In addition to this beautifully-illuminated address, you make me a further presentation of a costly watch and registering barometer, and in kindly words you pay me the graceful compli-ment of suggesting that, should the accuracy and regularity of both be at all commensurate with my own display of those characteristics, little more will be needed to complete their usefulness, and make their performance everything that a reasonable man could desire. You then refer to the organisation which I have, I admit, largely been the means of introducing into this large and important province, and to my advocacy and support of the Masonic Charities. You praise my administrative powers, and, finally, you send me to my retirement with the wish that it may be a long and happy one, that I may live to see the province flourish and the principles of Freemasonry prevail in this, our fortunate land. Couched in terms free from flattery or adulation, this is what you say to me; and it is the more gratifying as I believe it to be the earnest expression of your convictions, and that it fully recognises what it has been my delight and privilege to attempt during a long connection with this province. Brethren, I do regret that I must sever the official bond which has so long existed between us; but I am sure you would be the last to suggest that I should shrink from what I believe to be my duty. As to the organisation of the province and the creation of the machinery which has proved so important and effective in the working of the elections in our Masonic Institutions, I may say that it has largely been a gradual process of evolution. Long before I was Prov. Grand Secretary, or our Charity Committee was dreamed of, I used to take a great interest in these matters. I and one or two more gave attention a reasonable man could desire. You then refer to the organisation which I have, to take a great interest in these matters. I and one or two more gave attention to these things, and by degrees began to see what a powerful lever we should have if by any means we could organise the lodges and get them to work under the guidance of some central influence. This was the nucleus of our Charity Committee. What an advantageous agency it has since become is known to most of you. In support of the Masonic Institutions and to strengthen the voting power of this province, you have, as I understand from the statement of your Treasurer, Bro. R. I. Critchley, raised the splendid sum of 600 guineas, which in compliment to me you have placed in equal shares on the chair of the Deputy of this province, thus constituting the Deputy for the time being in perpetuity Vice-Patron of those three most valuable Masonic Institutions. For this, as well as the personal gifts, I most sincerely thank you. The time of day and the probable weather are subjects which closely concern and interest all of us, so that your gracious gifts will day by day be ever before my eyes, reminding me of your kindness, your forbearance, and, above all, of your appreciation of my humble services. It is a common saying when a man who has striven to do his duty, and with moderate success, retires, "that he is a bad man to follow," and that his successor will have a difficult task, and so on. Now I weather that the more ably on. Now, I venture to combat that statement, and to declare that the more ably the work has been previously done, the easier will be the task of him who comes after. I leave this province in a condition of organisation and efficiency for which l claim no credit, yet I feel proud; and I am sure it is needless for me to say that if by any means in the first instance I can be of use to my successor, he may claim my advice and assistance whenever he feels that my experience can be of service to him. And now, brethren, I reach the most arduous portion of what has throughout been a most difficult task. Farewells are sometimes, perhaps, best omitted, but my official good-bye to you to-day is, I rejoice to say, tempered by the fact that though no longer Deputy, I shall in all probability spend my few femaining years amongst you; and I cannot see any reason why those ties of friendship, which it is my hope and belief have been formed during my Masonic life, should be shattered or even weakened now that I settle down into the com-Parative obscurity of official inactivity. Brethren, you have a splendid position: strive to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of Free man to the strive to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to maintain it; use every effort to keep up the tone of the stripe to your utmost to your ut Freemasonry, and so emulate the example of our lamented Bro. Tew, who did so much for this province. Regulate your relations in life and your conduct towards each other by the noble maxims which the Craft enforces. Let no act or word of the conduct towards the co of yours in any way dim its splendour or tarnish its lustre and let me have the gratification in my declining years of seeing and knowing that in West Yorkshire the Institution, for the benefit and advantage of which many have lived and and more firmly founded upon their devotion, their self-sacrifice, their sympathy, and, greatest of all, their Masonic Charity. And now, brethren, let me trespass upon your patience for yet a little while longer. You

will see from the statement made by Bro. Robert Critchley that, after the payment of 600 guineas to the three Institutions, the purchase of this very handsome watch and guard and barometer, as well as this most artistic illuminated address, cost of printing, &c., there remains a balance, which has been handed to me by the Committee. This sum has gone a long way towards paying for a complete set of silver-gilt consecrating vessels, which I now desire to present to this Provincial Grand Lodge. They consist of a thurible for incense, a cornucopiæ for corn, two flagons for wine and oil, and a miniature font to contain salt. Up to now these vessels have been hired when lodges and chapters have been consecrated. We shall now be able to feel that we have within ourselves all that is needful for these important ceremonies. I trust brethren, you will receive them is needful for these important ceremonies. I trust, brethren, you will receive them as a little memento of me and my long connection with this province, and accept in the same hearty and kindly spirit my little present as I also offer it to you.

Bro. Jackson acknowledged the gift in the following terms: I should be

neglecting my duty if I did not at once rise and declare that we recognise in this graceful act of Bro. Henry Smith a still further illustration of his devotion to our Order. In no way could he have better considered the convenience of the province, and we shall thus be reminded, constantly reminded, of one who has always been foremost in promoting our welfare. I have examined these beautiful vessels with some curiosity, but I fail to see any indication of their origin, or how they come into our possession. I hope Bro. Smith will allow us to remedy that omission, and permit us, by a suitable inscription, to make known to those who come after us the circumstances under which we receive this beautiful present. On my own behalf, and in the name of the brethren of West Yorkshire, Bro. Henry Smith, I

sincerely thank you.

Bro. WILLIAM HARROP, Chairman of the Charity Committee, then presented his report. After stating the results of the last elections, and his hopes in relation to the coming one-the annuitants-Bro. Harrop said that a charitable educational scheme for West Yorkshire would be introduced at the next meeting of the Committee, and presented for general consideration at the Provincial Grand Lodge in October. at the Provincial Grand Lodge in October. He hoped the matter would be discussed in every lodge in the province, so that an intelligent judgment on this great question might be given. Readers of the Freemason knew that there was a scheme on foot for purchasing a site and removing the present Boys' School from Wood Green. That subject was under consideration at the meeting in London on the 10th inst. By a majority of 62 votes against 47—only 15—power was given to the Board of Management to sell the present Schools, purchase a site, and build new ones. The minority were of opinion that there was no immediate necessity, that time should be given for further consideration, and above all, that an attempt should be made to ascertain the opinion of the great body of subscribers on some properties an issue. He would however leave the subject for future so momentous an issue. He would, however, leave the subject for future discussion, and would now move the adoption of the Charity Committee's

Bro. W. C. LUPTON, P.M. 974, Vice-Chairman, briefly seconded, and took the opportunity of impressing upon the brethren the necessity of promptly sending in the annuitants' voting papers now in their hands. The

report was adopted.

On the motion of Bro. Maj. G. BOLTON, Prov. G. Treas., the statement of accounts, showing a balance to the good of over £900 was received.

Bro. W. F. Smithson moved a vote of 10 guineas to the Scholarship

Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: seconded by Bro. W.

HARROP, this was carried.

Other routine matters followed, after which the PROV. GRAND MASTER said the next business was to appoint, obligate, and invest the Deputy Prov. Grand Master in succession to Bro. Henry Smith. After explaining the difficulties of his own position, and defining the duties of Prov. Grand Officers, Bro. Jackson continued: No task which you could have imposed Officers, Bro. Jackson continued: No task which you could have imposed upon me could possibly have been greater than that of having to select a brother to fill so high a position. I know from the short experience I have had, the qualities which are necessary in a case of this kind. I am very conscious that by reason of my own inability to give as much time as I desire, it is essential I should have at my right hand one who has time and is willing to give it—one also who has generally—I should like to say unanimously the confidence of the brethren. You all kno v how important that latter point is in an officer of such distinction—important both to himself and to the pravince. I hope I have been right in my forecast, and I sincerely the province. I hope I have been right in my forecast, and I sincerely trust that Bro. Malcolm, whom I have selected for the position, will meet with your approval.

Bro. John Cooper Malcolm was then obligated and invested by the Prov. GRAND MASTER, who, after placing him in the Deputy's chair, thus addressed him: I need not say how much the prosperity and progress of this province will depend upon your efforts and your example. Had I the slightest doubt that in either one or the other you would be winting I ce tainly should not have taken the responsibility upon myself of appointing you to this office. It is because I have confidence that you possess qualities which are necessary to success in connection with the Order that I have thus selected you. In choosing you I have done it with the belief that I have obtained a Deputy who has the general confidence of the brethren; and you will find as you go through the province that all will assist you, and no one will try to impede you in your work.

The newly-appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, after having been duly proclaimed and saluted, said: I thank you, Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, for the honour you have conferred upon me in appointing me to the most important and honourable office of Deputy in the government of this large and populous province. I trust that by the exertions I shall make, by the ability which I possess, and by the time which I shall bestow upon the duties, to show you that the confidence you have been kind enough to express in me will not prove misplaced. There is one matter which I wish to refer to, but time will scarcely allow it; it is to express my personal regret that my predecessor has found it necessary to be relieved of the responsibilities of the office. It is, however, great encouragement to me to know that for the 20 years we have acted together, during which time I think I may say I have been on almost every Committee appointed in the province, we have worked harmoniously together. I have the further encouragement of knowing that any assistance that Bro. S nith can give me will be freely accorded; that, in fact, he has already promised. At the present stage I will not say more, but will only appeal to you, brethren, to extend to me your loyal, fraternal, and patient support. If you do this, I feel sure, under the directions of our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, I shall be able to maintain West Yorkshire in its present proud position and enhance it in the estimation of Grand Lodge and of our sister provinces.

On the motion of Bro. W. HARROP, seconded by Bro. Major BOLTON, Bro. Richard Jackson, P.M. 289, was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treas.

for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as

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After hearty welcome to distinguished visitors, and a cordial vote of thanks to the Mayor of Doncaster for the use of the rooms, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

At the dinner which followed about 120 brethren sat down, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

A list comprising the usual toasts was gone through, and some very interesting speeches were made.

ISRAEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 205.

VISIT OF THE GRAND TREASURER AND THE GRAND TYLER.

On the evening of the 12th inst., about 70 brethren assembled at the Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, under the presidency of Bro. Ben. Da Costa, Preceptor, Bro. J. Berlyn, W.M. 205, as S.W.; and Bro. L. A. Da Costa, P.M. 1349, as J.W. Amongst those who attended were many of the leading workers and Preceptors of the East-End, including Bros. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; F. Bromhead, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; Basil Stewart, P.M.; Henry Stiles, P.M.; Yetton, P.M.; J. J. Hall, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; W. H. Toye, P.M.; and several other Past Masters. The Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. M. Stiles, and the Grand Tyler, Bro. H. Sadler, attended by invitation from the lodge, the former to work the ceremony of installation, and the latter to deliver an historical lecture. The Grand Treasurer commenced the proceedings by installing Bro. Ben. Da Costa in a masterly and painstaking manner, in which he was ably assisted by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, who officiated as Director of Ceremonies. The three addresses were rendered in a most eloquent manner, eliciting the hearty applause of the brethren. The lodge having been called off for a few minutes, work was resumed, and the W.M. requested the attention of the brethren to Bro. Sadler, who would address them on the subject of "Operative and Speculative Freemasonry."

Bro. Sanger than delivered the following address. Worshipful Nature.

Bro. SADLER then delivered the following address: Worshipful Master Before commencing the address which I have undertaken to deliver, I should like, with your permission, to offer my congratulations to the members of this lodge of instruction on the slight deviation they have made from the time-honoured track which has been hitherto followed by lodges of instruction generally. I allude to their adoption of the practice of varying the ordinary weekly proceedings by occasionally inviting some brother to address them on subjects not included in the recognised category of Masonic teaching. My own presence here to night is doubtless a sufficient proof that I cordially concur in the alteration, and the number of brethren now assembled in this room may be taken as conclusive evidence of its general popularity. I consider that the Israel Lodge of Instruction is most fortunate in having as its Secretary a brother whose Masonic zeal and intelligent energy have largely contributed towards bringing it up to the prosperous and almost unique position which it now occupies, and, while giving him all possible credit for having been the means of introducing the improvement referred to in this particular lodge of instruction, I regret that I cannot award him the palm of having been the real originator, so far as the regular lodges are concerned. I have good reasons for believing, and no doubt he will be glad to hear it, that the practice of delivering lectures other than those of a strictly Masonic character in our lodges, is a very ancient one, but, like many other of our old customs, its actual beginning is lost in the obscurity of the past. In support of this statement I will read a few extracts from the records of an old and distinguished lodge, now known as the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, which occupies the unique position of being the first lodge regularly constituted by the Grand Lodge of England after its formation in the year 1717. (Bro. Sadler here read pp. 112, 113 of "The Life of Thomas Dunckerley," containing the extracts referred to.) Now a few words on the recognised lectures or sections of the Craft. No doubt some of you have heard, as I have occasionally, some unenthusiastic brother remark. "I don't care for those Sections, I don't see much in them," or words to that effect. For my own part I think there is a great deal in the Sections and I am only sorry that the practice of working them in the regular lodges, as was formerly the case, is now virtually discontinued. It seems to me almost impossible for anyone to properly understand and appreciate our ceremonies without at least some knowledge of the Sections, and the better we are acquainted with them the more beauties shall we find in Freemasonry. With regard to age, I should say there is very little, if any, difference between that of the Sections and that of the ceremonies, although neither of them were always worked quite in the same way as

they are now. There is, however, reliable evidence that the method of imparting Masonic knowledge by means of question and answer has been in practice from a very early period in the history of Speculative Masonry, and it is not at all unlikely to have been one of the ancient customs of the Operative Fraternity. Now, Worshipful Master, having finished these preliminary observations, I will proceed with my address, I am perfectly well aware that I have before me a critical and a discriminating audience, and I am glad that it is so. I shall not, therefore, ask the brethren to give me their patient and careful attention, because I know they will readily do that without any solicitation on my part, but I will ask them this favour-should I, in the course of my address, make any remark or statement which may not be quite clear to them, or would seem to require explanation, I should be glad if they made a note of it, either mental or otherwise, and if I can answer the question offland I will do so when my address is finished, but should I be unable to do that, I should be obliged if they would put their question in writing, and I will give it my best consideration, and come here on some future occasion and endeavour to elucidate the matter. You are doubtless aware brethren, that within our ranks, as well as outside of them, there are sceptics who are inclined to dispute our having the slightest connection, either with the masons who were employed at the erection of the Temples at Jerusalem or with their successors in the building art much nearer our own time, and, looking at the subject from one standpoint only, without knowledge either of the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity of Operative Masons, or of the origin and history of Speculative Masons, or of the origin and history of Speculative Masons, it would appear that there were some grounds for these objections. I need hardly say that the standpoint I refer to is that of ignorance. For my part, however, I have not the shadow of a doubt upon the question; I am perfectly satisfied that this grand Brotherhood of ours is directly descended from those enlightened bands of skilful architects and masons whose splendid works (those grand and stately buildings erected to the service and glory of God) excite our warmest admiration not only for the skill and preserve displayed in their constructions. admiration, not only for the skill and perseverance displayed in their construction, but for their exquisite beauty of workmanship. I have not the remotest intention, brethren, of taxing your good nature to the extent of asking you to believe that the Three Degrees were worked in the days of Ancient Jerusalem, or even at a much later period, precisely as they are now, but we are taught in the bible and also in our lectures, that King Solomon divided the various artificers (at the building of the Temple) into three classes, a circumstance particularly marked by Masons, as it is from the plans of that monarch to carry on that magnificent structure that we deduce the origin of our present system of government." I am strongly of opinion that this triple division also gave rise to our Three Degrees in Speculative Masonry for there were undoubtedly three grades or classes in the Speculative Masonry, for there were undoubtedly three grades or classes in the Operative Fraternity, namely, Apprentices, Fellows or Craftsmen, and Masters or Overseers, although I am inclined to think that the ceremony observed by the Operatives in conferring or confirming these distinctions was of a very brief and simple character. The term Fellow, I should imagine, was at first only applied to the ordinary workman, who had duly served his apprenticeship, while the Masters were, of course, those who directed them and superintended the work. I will now endeavour to point out what I consider to be numistakable links connecting our present system of Speculative, or Symbolic Masonry, with the Operative Masonry of past ages. First, as to the name by which our assemblages are known—lodges. In a non-Masonic sense, the term lodge has been from time imlodges. In a non-Masonic sense, the term lodge has been from time immemorial, applied to a small building either appended to, or adjacent to a larger one. For instance, many of our old country mansions and castles still have one or more smaller houses in their vicinity known as the "lodge." I am not now alluding to the small building, generally of one storey, to be found at the principal gates of a park and usually designated "the lodge," although I am of opinion that in such cases the name is really derived from the Masons' lodge, but I happen to be acquainted with certain other small houses having no connection whatever with a park (although situated in the neighbourhood of o'd churches and other buildings), each of which still bears the name of "lodge." You are not, however, to infer that I consider the present structure is the one actually occupied by ever, to infer that I consider the present structure is the one actually occupied by the Masons during the erection of the original larger edifice, but only that in all probability it stands on the same site. Names of places, you know, survive hundreds of years after the events which gave rise to them are forgotten. The celebrated lexicographer, Dr. John Ogilvie, in the "Comprehensive English Dictionary," gives, amongst others, the following definitions of the word "lodge:"

1. A small house or habitation in a park or forest; 2. A temporary habitation, a hut; 3. A small house or tenement appended to a larger one, as the porter's lodge; 4. A meeting of Freemasons, or the place where they meet. Now, is it not quite feasible that while engaged in the erection of those splendid cathedrals, abbeys, castles, and other noble edifices, that the Masons should have found it necessary to erect somewhere adjacent to their work a building, or buildings, in which they could assemble without fear of interruption, to give and receive instruction in their several duties, to perform their ceremonies (for I feel sure they had ceremonies, however brief they may have been), and probably, also, to execute those beautiful examples of the sculptor's art, for which many of these old fabrics are remarkable? The same building would also serve as a lodging or dwelling place for some of the workmen for we must hear in mind that many of dwelling-place for some of the workmen, for we must bear in mind that many of these old structures were erected at a considerable distance from any town or village. We are told in our Second Lecture that the two great pillurs at the porchway or entrance of King Solomon's Temple were formed hollow, the better to serve as archives to Masonry, for therein were deposited the Constitutional Rolls. Now I do not know what may have been the first ideas of other brethren with regard to the nature of Constitutional Rolls, but I very well remember that when I first became acquainted with the expression I was rather at a loss to know what particular kind of roll a Constitutional Roll might be, and the dictionary didn't help me. In order, therefore, that you may clearly understand what this article is like which is a constitutional Roll might be a constitutional Rolls, but I very went to the constitutional Rolls in the constitution and the constitution are constitution and the constitut what this article is like, which is so often mentioned, but now very seldom seen what this article is like, which is so often mentioned, but now very seldom seen in our lodges, I have brought two of them with me for your inspection and also in support of my own statements, but as one of them was written about 250 years ago, I do not suppose you will all be able to understand it without a little practice, so, to save time, I will give you a brief description of its contents, and when I have done you can examine it for yourselves. I may, however, remark that manuscripts of this character were not only the forerunners and immediate predecessors of our Book of Constitutions, but the ancestors, if I may so term them, of our charges and lectures. They are known ancestors, if I may so term them, of our charges and lectures. as the "Manuscript Charges or Constitutions of the British Freemasons," and were used in the Operative Masonic lodges, and probably also in early Speculative lodges at the reception of candidates and possibly on certain other occasions. To my thinking they form the strongest and most important links in the chain of evidence connecting. Operating with Speculative and the chain of evidence connecting. evidence connecting Operative with Speculative Masonry, although it was not until a comparatively recent period that their real historic value and importance was generally acknowledged, probably because they were practically unknown to the Craft of the present generation, nothing having been done to bring them under its notice. Less than 30 years ago, only about a dozen of them were known to be in existence, now there are at least 70 classified and located (five of which are the property of the Grand Lodge of England), and fresh versions of them are continually being brought to light from the most out of the way places and in the most unexpected manner. There is naturally a strong family resemblance in all of them, but some vary in matters of details according to the locality of them, but some vary in matters of detail, according to their age or the locality in which they were written. In order to distinguish them, for the purpose of reference, our learned by the reference, our learned brethren of antiquarian proclivities have adopted the practice of naming them, generally after the person who has been so fortunate as

to discover them or bring them under the notice of the Fraternity.

one was purchased by myself for the Grand Lodge some few years ago, and is known as "The Grand Lodge Manuscript, No. 2," there being an older one in our collection which | bears the title of "The Grand Lodge Manuscript No. 1." The other is of a much more recent period and bears the date 1723, the same year as the publication of our first printed Book of Constitutions. From an artistic point of view it is considered the finest in the whole series. It was presented to the Grand Lodge only a few months ago by Bro Lames S. Hadden artistic pointed to the Grand Lodge only a few months ago by Bro. James S. Haddon, P.P.G.W. of Somerset, and is known as "The Haddon Manuscript." Many hours might be spent in considering and discussing the various peculiarities of these interesting old documents but as that would not be in accordance with my prointeresting old documents but as that would not be in accordance with my prointeresting old documents but as that would not be in accordance with my proramme to-night I will merely read a few paragraphs of this one which, I make
ho doubt, will serve to remind you of some of our practices of the present day.
Those brethren who wish for further information about them can get all they
require in a book entitled "Hughan's Old Charges," a second edition of which
has been recently published by Bro. George Kenning, of Great Queen-street.
They nearly all begin with a short prayer (I need not remind you that our ceremonies also begin in a similar manner.) The next paragraph is a kind of preface
or introduction. "Good Bretheren and Fellowes our purpose is to tell you how
and in what manner this Craft of Masonry was begune, and afterwards how it was
founded by worthy Kings and Princes, and many other wayes hurtfull to none:
And alsoe to them that be here we will declare what doth belonge to every Free
Mason to keepe, For in good faith if you take heed thereunto it is well worthy to
be kept, beinge one of the seaven liberall sciences, which are these that followe."

The seven liberal arts and sciences are next mentioned in precisely the same
order as they are given in our Second Lecture, with a brief explanation of each, in

order as they are given in our Second Lecture, with a brief explanation of each, in substance similar to the illustrations of them taught in our lodges in the present substance similar to the injustrations of them taught in our lodges in the present day. These are followed by a dissertation on the value and advantages of geometry, and after that comes a rather long history of Masonry and kindred arts, which I shall not trouble you with to-night; but I may remark, in passing, that portions of it verge more than "slightly on the poetical," owing probably to the original writer having been blessed with a powerful imagination. I say "original writer," because most of these manuscripts bear evidence in one way or another that the end of having been copied from older documents of a similar character. of this curious history are a few lines of Latin, which, being freely translated, read thus: "Then one of the Seniors holds the book to him who a solemn oath repeats, and he places his hand on the book while the articles and precepts to him are read." The precepts or charges are 33 in number, but I will only call your atten-

No. 3 is to the following purport: "You shall be true unto your fellowes and bretheren of the science of Masonry, and doe to them as you would be done unto."

14. "You shall not take any apprentice to serve you in the said Science of Masonry under the terme of seaven yeares, nor any but such as are descended of good and honesh (honest) parentage, that noe Scandall may be imputed to the Science of Masonry."

"You shall not take upon you to make anyone (a) Mason without the privity and consent of five or six of yours Fellowes, and none but such a one as is Freeborne and whose parents live in good fame and name, & that hath his right & perfect limbs & personall of body to attend the said Science."

17. "You shall not slander any of youre Fellows behinde their back to impaire their temporall estate, or good name

10. "You shall duely reverence youre Fellowes that the bond of Charity and

mutuall love may continue constant and stable amongst you. 25. "You shall sett strangers on worke, having Imployment for them, at least a fortnight & truely pay them their wages, and if you want worke for them you shall relieve them with money to defray their Reasonable charge to the next

27. "Noe person of what degree soever be accepted a Free Mason unlesse he shall have a Lodge of five free masons att the least, whereof one to be Master or Warden of that Limitt, or Division, wherein such Lodge shall be kept and

another of the Trade of Freemasonry."

29. "That noe person hereafter which shall be accepted a Free Mason shall be admitted into any Lodge or assembly until he have brought a certificate of the tyme of his acception from the Lodge that accepted him unto the Master of that Limitt and Division where such Lodge was kept, which said Master shall intell the same in pigment in a Roll to be kept for that purpo e, and give an

account of all such acceptions at every generall assembly."

31. "That for the future the said Society, Company, and Fraternity of Free Masons shill be regulated and governed by one Master and assembly and Wardens as the said Company shall think fitt to chuse at every yearely generall

"32. That noe person shall be accepted a Free Mason except he be one and

twenty years old or more."

"33. That noe person hereafter be accepted a Free Mason or know the secrets of the said Society untill he shall first have taken the oath of Secresie hereafter followinge. These articles and charge which I have rehearsed to you, you shall well and truely observe and keep to youre power, Soe help your God, &

the holy contents of this book."

Then follows the "Charge belonging to an Apprentice," consisting of 10 clauses; some of them are rather peculiar, but as, like our Apprentice's Charge of the present day, they relate chiefly to the moral duties of an Apprentice, and contain nothing more important with reference to Masonry than what you have already heard, I will not take up your time by reading them. The manuscript concludes with the "oath for Secresie" referred to above. "I, A.B., Doe in the presence of Almighty God and my Fellowes and Bretheren here present, promise and declare that I will not at any tyme hereafter, by any act or circumstance whatsoever, directly or indirectly, publish, discover, or reveale, or make known any of the Secretts, Priviledges, or Counsells of the Fraternity or Fellowshipp of Free Masonry, which at any tyme hereafter shall be made known unto me, soe help me God & the holy contents of this book." I think you will all agree that what you have heard read is amply sufficient to establish the fact of our operative ancestors having been accustomed to assemble in lodges, and you will doubtless have also assemble in lodges, and you will doubtless have observed a striking resemblance to our present customs and regulations in several other respects, especially if you happen to be at all familiar with the First and Second Lectures. Even our system of registration of members and the granting of certificates is evidently derived from the Operatives. As a general rule these manuscripts give not the slightest hint of any kind of ceremony or secret mode of recognition, but there is one in the British Museum called the Harleian Manuscript. No 2054 which is an exception. It is about the same age as this Manuscript, No, 2054, which is an exception. It is about the same age as this one, and at the end of the document are words to the following purport, apparently the result of an afterthought, and intended for a reminder: "There is several words." wordes and signes of a Free Mason to be revailed to you which as you will answer before God at the Great and terrible day of judgment, you keep secret not to revaile the same in the heares of any person, or to any but the Masters and Fellowes of the said Society of Free Masons, so help me God, &c." Another manuscript of a more recent date, belonging to the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, formerly an Operative Lodge, says: "Then after the oath taken and the book kist, these following precepts and charges are to be read." It says also that "seven must be present at the making of a Mason (which number is termed a lodge), or must be present at the making of a Mason (which number is termed a lodge), or important link to which I particularly wish to draw your attention is the tracing board, or trestle board, as it was called in the olden time, when it was represented in our lodges after the manner of the one you see on the floor

with the ground plan of a building — probably meant for that of King Solomon's Temple — depicted on it. We are told that the tracing board is for the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon, the better to enable the brethren to carry on the intended structure with regularity and propriety, and doubtless this is a very proper description of its use in Operative Masonry, but in Speculative Masonry it has, as you know, like all the rest of our emblems a symbolic and moral signification. emblems a symbolic and moral signification. Down to the latter part of the last century—I cannot say how long before—it was customary in our lodges to have a design somewhat similar to the one before you, only much larger and more elaborate, marked out on the floor of the lodge-room, the principal ingredients used being chalk, charcoal, and stone blue. Old writers tells us "this had a elaborate, marked out on the floor of the lodge-room, the principal ingredients used being chalk, charcoal, and stone blue. Old writers tells us "this had a very pretty effect, especially in some of the lodges where they sprinkle the floor with powdered resin mixed with shining sand, and the room was brilliantly illuminated for the occasion." We can well imagine the extent of the brilliancy of the illumination at that period. No doubt the Treasurer would be called upon to pay for an extra pound or two of the best tallow dips, requiring a frequent and judicious use of the snuffers wielded by a steady hand. (Laughter.) This operation was called "drawing the lodge," or "forming the lodge," and was usually done by the Tyler, or some one employed by him, for in reading old minute books I have frequently seen entries of various sums paid to the Tyler for "drawing," or "forming the lodge." It was considered quite the proper thing in those days for the candidate, no matter how exalted his station in life, to take a mop and pail of the drawing on the floor. (Laughter.) I regret my inability to say definitely whether this was a practice in the Operative lodges, but I think it not at all unlikely; it seems to me just the sort of job that an Apprentice would be set to do after his admission and probably there was a reason for it and a meaning in it. I have no doubt that something of the kind was done, which led to its continuation in the Speculative lodges. Just imagine if you can, brethren, what would be the effect on some of our candidates of the present day if they were ordered to take on a job of that sort. (Loud laughter.) In the course of time this old custom fell into abeyance, probably on ount of carpets coming into general use, or through laxity on the part of the Tyling fraternity, who may have neglected the art of drawing. A writer in 1806 gives a different reason, and there may be some truth in it. He says: "People had taken notice and made game of them about the mop and pail, so some of the lodges use tape and little nails to form the same thing, and so keep the world more ignorant of the matter." I should say this latter practice is not likely to have been either extensive or popular, especially with the proprietors of the houses where the lodges met, who would naturally object to nails being driven all over their floors. A more common and popular practice. I believe was the use of A more common and popular practice, I believe, was the use of a plain black board of the kind used in schools, on which the various emblems of the Craft were depicted. This, no doubt, gave rise to the term "lodge board," a name still used instead of "tracing board" in the Stability Lodge of Instruction, which is, I believe, the oldest lodge of instruction in continuous working, and, in my opinion, that should be the proper name for it, as it really represents the lodge, and includes the real tracing board with the other emblems. I have in the Grand Lodge Library the Tyler's bill for the "making" of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, afterwards King George the Fourth, in the year 1787. One of the items is "Drawing a Lodge 3-," and another "Portridge of a Large Drawing Board 3-" On the floor are some of the materials of another substitute for the old custom of "Drawing the Lodge." If there were others amongst them, and I have no doubt there were, I regret to say, they are lost beyond hope of recovery. Some years ago I found these in an old chest with other discarded furniture belonging to one of the oldest and most important lodges in London, being the Private Lodge of the M.W.G.M. I consider them highly interesting, as forming a sort of connecting link betwen the lodge boards of the present day and the old custom of chalking on the floor. They may also be considered unique, for several of my most learned Masonic friends have seen them, and they all agree that they have never met with, nor heard of anything of the kind before. You will observe that the emblems of the First and Second Degrees are combined, not separated as at present: this is to be accounted for by the fact that for many years it was customary in most lodges to confer the two Degrees on a candidate at the same meeting. About the beginning of the present century, permanently painted boards came into use, gradually, no doubt. At first they appear to have years ago a particular design is said to have been approved by the Duke of Sussex, then Grand Master, and the small set I have here were probably amongst the first of that kind. They were designed by Bro. John Harris, a very celebrated Mason, who lost his sight in his old age, and spent the closing years of his life in the Asylum of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Now, brethren, if you are not already tired of listening to me. (No, no, go on.) Then I will claim your attention for a few moments longer, by asking you to imagine yourselves in a lodge of Operative Masons, say five or six hundrod years ago, held in the neighbourhood of some important building either in the course of erection or undergoing repair. The labours of the day being over, the brethren are assembled in clean aprons and gloves for the examination and reception of candidates, or for other necessary business, which, having been disposed of, probably the master mason would have something to say to his workmen with regard to their employment for the next day. Perhaps some difficult piece of work or intricate carving has to be performed, which could be better illustrated on a larger scale than on the ordinary plans. Paper and linen being exceedingly scarce, what could be more natural than that he should avail himself of the floor of the lodge or a large board, in order the better to convey his ideas and desires to his subordinates? It is well known that what we see generally makes a more rapid and lasting impression on the memory than we hear of or read about only. For instance, suppose you had never seen a lodge board, and I were to endeavour to describe one to you, it would be utterly impossible for me, no matter however clear my description might be, to give you anything like so good an idea of what it really is as you can get by a single glance at the object itself; nor would the various emblems be so forcibly impressed on your memory. Before the invention of letters, the common, and impressed on your memory. Before the invention of letters, the common, and indeed the only method of conveying intelligence, excepting, of course, verbal communication, was by the use of symbols and hieroglyphic figures. When a regular system of letters came into general use, this primitive mode of communication naturally declined, although the use of signs and symbols was still adhered to, and their value and importance, as mediums of instruction, strenuously upheld by some of the ancient teachers and philosophers for a considerable time afterwards, and now, after a long period of comparative neglect, we find the same old system extensively practised in our modern schools under the name of "object teaching." I firmly believe, however, that this venerable institution of ours is the only Society in existence that can fairly claim to have preserved and practised this valuable, though simple, method of imparting knowledge from a fardistant period down to the present day.

At the conclusion of the lecture, which was listened to with the closest attention by all present, a few questions were asked by Bros. HARRIS (Sec.), HALL and TOVE, which Bro. SADLER readily answered.

Bro. Thomson Lyon then gave some interesting information on the subject, of Masonry in Switzerland.

Honorary membership of the lodge was conferred on the Grand Treasurer, Bros. W. A. Scurrah, Henry Stiles, and Thomson Lyon, Bro. Henry Stiler being already in possession of that distinction. The hearty thanks of the lodge to the above-named brethren concluded a most instructive and enjoyable evening.

OPENING OF A NEW FREEMASONS' HALL AT EXETER.

Since the disastrous fire which broke out on Christmas Eve in Gandy-street, Exeter, and the virtual destruction of the Masonic lodge-room in the efforts to arrest the slames, the brethren at Exeter have been put to much inconvenience and have been obliged to imitate the earlier Masons in having a moveable lodge. The site, which is off the main streets, is central, and by a re-arrangement of the plan greater accommodation has been secured, both for the lodge-room and the other rooms necessary to a meeting place for Freemasonry in Exeter and the Masonic club in connection therewith.

To open the new hall a joint meeting of the three lodges-St. John the Baptist, No. 39, St. George, No. 112, and Semper Fidelis, No. 1524, was held on the 16th ult., when over 100 brethren were assembled under the gavel of the W.M. of 39, Bro. T. Pitts; Bro. Russell Coombe, 112, occupied the S.W.'s chair; and Bro. F. J. Shapcott, W.M. 1254, occupied the J.W.'s chair; Bro. H. Jerman, 112, M.E.Z., acting as I.P.M. The subordinate offices were filled by the Wardens of the three lodges so that the meeting was of a representative character. On the right of the W.M. was the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Davie, who is the acting ruler of the province until the installation of Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote,

as Prov. Grand Master, takes place.
On the lodge being opened, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master gave an address of an historical nature, reviewing the traditional history of the Craft from the building of the temple, the Pyramids, and on through medieval times to the erection of the stately cathedrals and ecclesiastical buildings on the Continent, and then through the traditional history of the York Masons to the written records of Mother Kilwinning Lodge in Scotland. Coming to modern Freemasonry Bro. Davie spoke of the invaluable additions to the store of Masonic knowledge by Bros. Hughan, Gould, Woodford, and other modern writers, and to the unearthing in recent years of so many of the old Masonic charges.

The address, masterly in composition, full of detail, and breathing throughout a true and broad Masonic spirit, was heartily applauded and evidently highly appreciated.

Bro. JOHN STOCKER, at the close, asked if it could not be printed, and as a

result it is probable that it will be reproduced.

Bro. Vinniccmbe presided at the organ, and a choir of 25 voices rendered a Masonic anthem with superb effect.

The architect of the new hall is Bro. James Jerman, P.M. 39. The Exeter

brethren may be congratulated on now having a meeting place worthy of the

After the lodge was closed the brethren dined at the New London Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. of 39; the Mayor, Bro. Pople, being present, and many W.Ms. from the surrounding neighbourhood.

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St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305.

St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, on the 13th ult., when a large number of members and visitors attended to honour Bro. A. C. Bonham, the W.M. elect. There were present Bros. L. Harcourt Coles, W.M.; A. C. Bonham, S.W.; W. Humphrev, J.W.; J. Chaplin, Treas.; J. J. Pope, P.M., Sec.; W. Brett, S.D.; J. G. Head, J.D.; J. L. Syme, D.C.; B. H. Head, J.G.; J. Hume, Stwd.; R. Couchman, Tyler; R. Wright, I.P.M.; F. J. Bonham, P.M.; H. Hill, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; F. Spurgin, P.M.; W. D. Schwarz, P.M.; H. Ansell, P.M.; R. Raymond, P.M.; H. T. Adams, C. J. Webb, W. H. Read, A. Wheeler, Syney R. J. Chapman, D. F. Tuffill, W. J. Bennett, J. J. Gomm, H. W. Wilkiams, T. Durrans, F. Durrans, A. G. Renninson, H. W. Ricketts, W. A. Smith, H. Paffett, E. C. Lane, F. Hucklebridge, H. Greenfield, W. A. Shaw, H. T. Schwarz, W. C. Hetrderson, and G. S. Becchirg, Visitors: Bios. C. W. Mayo, W.M. 1086; M. Jordon, 2456; J. N. Islson, W.M. 1791; R. Pierpoint, P.M. 1828; W. Wilkinson, P.M. 1230; J. Inkin, P.M. 2331; L. C. Best, 91; T. G. Pierpoint, S.W. 523; E. G. Packman, P.M. 1260; T. Moreton, P.M. 410; J. M. Klempner, 1632; W. T. Mort, 144; Carl T. Fleck, P.M. 172; G. B. Bishop, 172; G. F. Vine, D.C. 2271; S. Lucas, P.M. 2395; A. H. P. Snow, I.G. 219; H. C. Carter, 733; Ino. Bartlett, Org. 2030; A. Appleby, 1706; F. H. Cczens, Org. 907; and R. I. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, after which the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. C. Bonham, was then precrited and installed into the chair by Bro. L. Harcourt-Colesin an able and impressive manner. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. W. Humphery, S.W.; W. Brett, J.W.; J. Chaplin, Treas; J. J. Pope, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Head, S.D.; B. H. Head, J.D.; J. L. Syme, I.G.; C. E. Lane, D.C.; J. Hume and R. G. Smith, Stwds.; chartau, Org.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus,

him plenty of initiates he would do his best to surpass himself on every occasion. In giving the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. L. Harcourt-Coles," the W.M. stated that all the members were pleased with his great services, and in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel observed that it was a little return for the admirable and efficient way he had acted as W.M., and the manner he had performed the and and eincient way he had acted as W.M., and the manner he had performed the installation ceremony was creditable to any lodge.

The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, to Bro. Lewis Harcourt-Coles, P.M., for his valuable services as W.M. for the year 1895-6."

In replying, Bro. L. Harcourt Coles, I.P.M., said that the W.M. had spoken too well of him, but he had done his best as W.M. He should esteem the handsome jewel, not only for the little ke had done as Master, but for his long connection with the lodge,

having been a member for 21 years.

The W.M. gave "The Initiates." He stated that they were always pleased to have fresh blood, and he was proud to have commenced his year of office by having two initiates who were of excellent quality, and they would be an acquisition to the lodge.

He had known Bro. Shaw for many years, and he had done him (the W.M.) the honour to wait joining the Order until he was installed, so that he could initiate him.

Bro. W. A. Shaw replied in eloquent terms, remarking that it was a great privilege to be one of them, and to be initiated by his dearest friend, the W.M. It appeared to him that in Masonry all things cane to those who wait, and it would be his ernest desire to be a good Mason, and he hoped they would never be ashamed of him.

Bro. F. Hucklebridge also responded.

He appreciated the kind sentiments of the W.M., and was very much impressed with the beautiful ceremony he had gone through, and he should never forget the many times he had to rise at the braquating table.

"The Visitors" was next given, the W.M. stating that they were favoured with a great number, many of whom were Past Masters, and several of them he knew well. They were always glad to have plenty of visitors, and, if he might say so, the lodge was renowned for its hospitality to their guests.

In response, Bro. S. Lucas, P.M. 2305, said that the visitors had had a very hearty welcome, and it was always so in the St. Marylebone Lodge. That was his 24th annual visit, and in attending there was to be among very old and dear friends. The working of the W.M. and the 1.P.M. could not have been done better.

Bro. R. Pierpoint, P.M. 1825, stated that he was the father-in-law of the W.M., and he was proud to see him installed and to witness his excellent working, and he ventured to think that he would not be found wanting in any way.

Bros. C. T. Fleck, P.M. 172; J. Neilson, W.M. 1791; and E. G. Packman, P.M. 1260, also acknowledged the toast in appropriate terms, bearing testimony to the good working, and the way the visitors had been received and entertained.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters as that night. They were a body they a looked to for assistance, and he hoped the time would come when Past Masters would each propose a toast at installation meetings, and so relieve the W.M., as in his

Bro. Chaplin, Treas., responded.

Bro. Pope, P.M., Sec., thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and so long as he had the honour of being appointed Secretary he would carry out his duties to the best of

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The S.W. had been working very hard of late, and when his time came to go into the chair, he would be found efficient in every way.

He also referred to the other officers, and urged them to be punctual and regular in

attendance.

Suitable responses were made by Bros. W. Humphrey, S.W.; W. Brett, J.W.;

J. L. Syme, I.G.; and C. E. Lane, D.C.

The Tyler's toast ended a grand evening.

The musical entertainment was of the very best, in which the following took part:

Bros. J. Bartlett, Arthur Appleby, Pierpoint, and F. Russell.

Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556. INITIATION OF THE MAYOR OF CROYDON.

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INITIATION OF THE MAYOR OF CROYDON.

An emergency meeting was held, under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. Sydney G. Edridge, P.M. 538, on the 17th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, for the express purpose of initiating into Freemasonry Mr. Frederick Thom is Edridge, Mayor of Croydon for the scoond year. Very great importance was attached to the event, which had been looked forward to for a considerable time with much interest by the brethren of the Province of Surrey. To witness the ceremony, numerous brethren had been invited, and as a result, nearly 120 members of the Order were present. These included Bros. the Rev. H. H. Pereira, Dr. H. J. Strong, James Terry, Walter Hope-Kirk, James Kench, the Rev. H. W. Turner, the Rev. T. Bentham, J. H. Price, J. D. Langton, Frederick West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; Dr. S. Parsons-Smith, S. L. Rymer (Deputy Mayor of Croydon); A. T. Layton, E. Mawdesley (Fown Clerk); Stampa W. Lambert, Dr H. G. Thompson, J. Chumley, W. G. Fenn, R. G. Hall, Frank Palmer, Hooke, Dr. Nicholls, F. Cambridge, W. Smale, A. H. Cole, B. Jones, C. H. Howlett, J. J. Lamigeon, W. J. Millington, W. Howe, A. Y. Hyland, S.W.; Fox Hawes, F. J. Willby, Hammond, Magnus Ohren, F. Flood-Wasch, Volney Keen, R. Dutnell, F. T. Ridgath, Dr. J. Wayte, Dr. Reid, G. A. King, Kilvington, Harry Lee, F. Hellings, P. A. Ransom, J. Harrison, S.D.; E. Anderton, G. Rawlinson, S. Shorter, Dr. Gripper, L. W. Westwood, J. Bolton, H. Holmes, J. Stodell, Dr. Adams, A. C. Crowley, J. R. Mosse, A. Dinn, B. Williams, H. J. Thifft, W. D. Hayard, W. F. Hunter, C. Noehmer, A. Lambert, Sec.; F. Foss, W. W. Duffitt, J. Chapman, E. J. Allen, W. J. Russell, W. Gunner, J. Jones, Joslyn, F. S. Long, H. Mussey, W. Hooker, W. Webb, J. B. Shakespeare, W. J. Owen, W. J. Day, Alfred Pusey-Keith, I.G.; R. F. Grundy, Percy Paul, J.D.; Layton A. Richardson, P.M. 157; H. Lemon, A. S. Hatchett-Jones, C. March, A. Smith, C. L. Tarry, T. Craven, H. Burgess, F. B. Smith, J. J. Pittman, R. W. Price, W. R. Hatton, F. Batchelo

A banquet, over which no pains had been spared to make it complete, followed, and the usual toasts were subsequently submitted,

Miss Venning and Bro. Edgar Barnes performing vocal music between the toasts,

Bro. Henry Lee giving a beautiful violin performance, and Bro. J. Chapman reciting.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given,

Bro. S. G. Edridge, W.M., in proposing "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he believed it was a fact that there were lodges still in existence which had no Grand Officer of Forland among their members of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he believed it was a fact that there were lodges still in existence which had no Grand Officer of England among their members or visitors; but on that occasion the festive board of the Addiscombe Lodge was graced with several, there being with them the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, Bro. F. West, P.G.D.; Dr. Strong, P.A.G.D.C.; Walter Hopekirk, P.G.P.; James Kench, P.G.P.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.

Bro. Dr. Strong briefly responded.

Bro. S. G. Edridge, W.M., in proposing "The Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, &c.," expressed his regret that the Earl of Onslow was not able to be present, because, he ventured to think, his lordship would never meet a more representative gathering of Masons. However, his lordship's sympathies were with them, and he conveyed his best wishes to the initiate.

Bro. Frederick West, Deputy Prov. G.M. for Surrey, acknowledged the toast, and said he did not know any occasion when it had afforded him greater pleasure to do so. The first time he was asked to respond to it was in the Addiscombe Lodge, and he then had the right hand of fellowship extended to him in a way he should never forget. That

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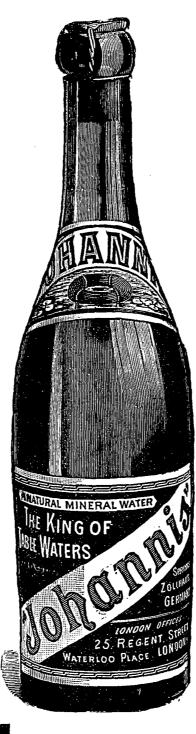
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night he had the privilege of being present when one had joined the ranks of Masonry who, he was sure, would add lustre to the great roll of Masons. The other Provincial Grand Officers equally appreciated the privilege, and for himself and his colleagues he congratulated the W.M. on the excellent way in which he initiated the M. or of Croydor. That day was somewhat of a red-letter day—certainly with regard to Freemasonry. All the brethren who were associated with the brough of Croydon knew perfectly well that the name of Edridge had been associated with everything Masonic for a long time. He did not know that a member of that family, who was now occupying the high office of first magistrate of the borough, could have done more to assist the work of Masonry in that part of the Province of Surrey than by joining the Masonic ranks at such a time.

Bro. G. A. King proposed "The Masonic Charities," impressing upon the brethen the duty of supporting the whole of those Institutions, but, drawing attention to the fact that Charity began at home, reminded them that the Institution for the Aged was located at Croydon. Then, the Surrey Masons considering that their first call was to ferward the claims of the children of indigent Surrey Masons, the Charity Committee of the Province did so, and they were successful at the last election in getting a Surrey bay of Could an experiment of the Great Architect that the weak should be supported by the strong.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., responded, and after detailing the benefits conferred by the Giris' and the Boys' Schools, and the liberal support given to all the Institutions by the Crait, stated that at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' Institution over £51,000 was subscribed, the largest sum subscribed to any Institution up to that time. But when the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution was held in 1892, over £69,000 was collected for that Institution. No other charity ever obtained such a sum in one year. What was going to be done at the centenary of the Boys' School in

at home. Croydon was the home of the Old People's Institution, and in that sense, and that tense only, he would ask the brethren to emulate the example of the W.M., who, when Master of La Tolerance Lodge, donated a sum sufficient to qualify him as a Viception of the Brenvolent Institution. But he was sure Surrey would never forget the Masoric Institutions.

Bro. Dr. S. Parsons-Smith proposed "The W.M." He had always had a deep interest in the Addiscombe Lodge from its first inception, and had had a more or less close or nection and friendship with the brethern who had filled the position of its W.M. year siter; year. Looking down the roll of those illustrious names, he found two standing out a lich were always received with the greatest affection and respect when ment ined in the Addiscombe Lodge—one was that of its first W.M., and the other the name of its 13th. Both those brethren had been removed by death. They were two typical Masters. The first was one of the keenest men, and Masonry was his hobby, and when he three whis ardour into the establishment of the lodge the lodge had a form and substance. The 13th was a man beloved and respected by all the brethren. Not alone did he pursu: Iss Masonic duties in a very straightforward and Masonic manner, but by his personal qualifications he endeared himself to every person and every Free mass m with whom he came in contact. He ventured to couple those two names because he thought the came in other and the substance of the head of the bis soul. He had asked to be present not only the Grand Officers but the Masters and Wardens of different lodges, because he wanted the opportunity to say to them he hoped and trusted the different Masters and Wardens would find some means of meeting together to discuss Masonic matters far more than had been the case. Lodges should be isolated only as far as their official duties were concerned; but in that they tell very far thort of the ideal of Masonry. He sincerely trusted that the present meeting would be one of many others at which they would be able to take counsel together. In conclusion, be thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the reception he had had; he left it intensely and while life and health were left to him he hoped Masonry would have a near and dear corner in his heart.

Bro. S. G. Edridge, W.M., next proposed "The Initiate." He said when they applied the level, as all good and true Masons invariably did, they applied it, of course, to all persons, and, therefore, although there might be a peculiar importance attached to it, yet they drank that health that night he thought, in a Masonic sense, of a new for ther admitted into Masonry. He had to give them the toast of the initiate. Was it by chance, was it by a happy coincidence, or was it by the hand of Providence ordering things for the best, that the honour had fallen to his lot of introducing into their Fraternity the head of his family? Whether the one or whether the other, the honour of it he could not speak too highly of, and the benefit of it to the Craft in general could not be over-estimated. Bro. Frederick Thomas Edridge had been, as they all knew,

rot be over-estimated. Bro. Frederick Thomas Edridge had been, as they all knew, be olderly devoted to the public service for some years past. (What he had done under the rose, none of them knew, and there were many who could appreciate it.) It was no new work that he had taken the important step in that night. Bro. Edridge was no novice in works of Charity and benevolence; it was only opening a new and beautiful field for him to labour in; it was only to bring in contact with him a number of brethren equally actuated by the same motive, and in their company let them have and trust as they actuated by the same motive; and in their company let them hope and trust, as they believed, that he would not only spend many social happy hours, but in their company would help and assist them by his influential example and support to carry out the true interests of Freemasonry. It might be, and very likely, he was afraid, it was, that the Prince of Wales would not be able to receive an address of welcome at the hands of the Masons of the Province of Surrey; that was a matter they would all regret; but the coming of the Prince of Wales on the 19th, instead of the 17th, of next month would be an occasion on which they would be able practically to show their interest in those who were unable to take part in other than the outside portion of the celebration. It was his intention, with the assistance and help of other brethren, to see that one of the

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best positions in Croydon to see their Grand Master was assigned to those poor brethren and sisters to whom Bro. Terry had referred. They would be entertained (he was sorry to be able to tell the brethren it was a purely private meeting) at a lawyer's office. By a happy coincidence, in order to prevent there being anything ominous about it, he had saked Bro. Hooker and also Bro. Webb to give their best positions where he had not room, and Bro. Bullock (there was a very good ring about the last, would bring their brethren and sisters through the crowded streets to see the show, and then convey them back to their hospitable roof, where he is bould as Bro. Terry to arrange something for them to ext and and dick; it would be a real-litter day for them as well as for others. It would be a great thing for them to set the great show and exten a glimpse of the Prince and Princess of Wales. What had that to do with the toat, the brethren would say. He quite appreciated the question. It had all the world of with the breaken by the initiate he identified himself with the interests of the brethren. He had hen taken by the initiate's permission to say, and he thought it right the brethren should kny, that what they did would be graced by the initiate's presence, by his wit, and by his sisters. He gave the toast of "The Initiate," and would sit down with the feeling that the hundreds of times he hid addressed audiences at Coylon there was no occasion he had been maded to times he hid addressed audiences at Coylon there was no occasion he had been more disappointed than the way he had done it that night.

Bro. F. T. Edridge, R.A., responded. He said he felt his task was a very clear one, and yet a very difficult one; a very clear one, because it was a duty to thank the W.M. and brethren most heartily for the very kind way in which they had received him although coming in somewhat late, as coming to do sonying a far as he possibly could to support the Craft which, unquestionably, was dury to thank the was one often such an eve when it began, if it went back to the days of the Confusion of Fongus—whather it was the fact that the various Masonic signs with which he had to some extent been that night entrusted were due to the fact that the members of the Craft wished to keep themselves clear of that high distinction, or whether it was true that the first members of the Craft were those employed at the erection of King Solonon's Femple; but he did not; it was a very ancient Brotherhood, which in the past had done excellent and good work. He was one of those matter-of-fact people not much in sympathy with ancient fame. If a thing became old, and he was asked to value it, he was personally one of those who could not swallow it; but if it had attached to it a value, a beauty, or usefulness, then he was one who appreciated it the more because it was old. He believed, not only from what he had heard that night, but from what he had heard on many occasions, that the Craft to which he had had the honour now to be introduced was one that which was not only old, but had been useful in the past, and was useful in the present day. He heard, with very great pleasure, that the very keystone of the Brotherhood was Charity. He was quite sure of one thing—that so long as the Craft remembered that, so long would it continue to flourish. He did not fear that when years forward every brother present would take a personal interest in those old people whom the people of Croydon had in their mids, to whom Bro. Terry had referred, and in respect of whom there was such a great feeling for the old people. In these days old people when they began to get old found very great difficulty in finding employment; therefore, it was all the more necessary that those people who had the means and the opportunity should, out of those means and opportunities, endeavour to assist those who were more or less past work; so long as the Craft did that it would continue to prosper. He further believed that in the Craft there were a very large number of people who were anxious for

unqualified success.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.

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The installation meeting of this popular South London lodge was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road Peckham, S.E., on Thursday, the 16th ultimo. Present: Bros. Thos. Gay, W.M.; A. H. Fraser, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. E. Pow, J.W.; Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Stevenson, S.D.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; R. Weddall Thomas, A.D.C.; Jas. D.ckason, I.G.; W. J. Alford and J. Pointon, Stwds.; Thos. Bowler, Tyler; R. E. Anderson, P.M.; Wal. Davies, P.M.; J. Lightfoot, P.M.; Hy. Sercombe, C. A. Adams, J. A. May, H. D. Tredray, A. J. Elliott, L. Maybaum, Hy. Hayward, G. F. Cutts, W. G. Ford, G. R. Langley (hon. member), J. E. Poole, A. Stroschneider, W. Bradshaw, W. H. Lee, H. H. Bolton, W. T. Tomkins, A. Guest, J. Frampton, and C. H. Marrison. The visitors were Bros. W. B. Seagrave, P.M. 1672; D. Channon, P.M. 1475; J. W. Very, P.M. 6:9; E. Dainton, 874; A. Hatt, 765; Jas. A. Thornhill, P.M. 1329; D. J. Robinson, P.M. 186; J. A. Braik, S.W. 2310; Fred. Flood, P.M. 1329; D. J. Robinson, P.M. 186; J. A. Braik, S.W. 2310; Fred. Flood, P.M. and Sec. 1920, Prov. A.G.D.C. Surrey; J. Ellinger, P.M. 2222; Chas. Wheatley, S.D. 1512; W. Hipgrave, 1632; and C. H. Stone, P.M., 507, S.D. 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, which showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position. Bro. W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C., next presented Bro. A. H. Fraser, S.W. and W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation at the hands of Bro. R. E. Anderson, P.M., which ceremony was performed in a commendable manner, as were also the three addresses. Bro. Fraser, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. W. Gly, I.P.M.; F. E. Pow, S.W.; J. H. Stevenson, J.W.; Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec. W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Allford, A.D.C.; F. H. Ford, S.D.; J. A. Dickason, J.D.; R. Weddall Thomas, I.G.; J. S. Pointon, J. A. May, and C. H. Marrison, Stewards; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. Three names wer during the month of June similar to last year, which proved most successful. A letter was read from Bro. L. Eagle, an inmate of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, thanking A letter the brethren for their great efforts in securing his son's election to the R.M. I. B., under the able presidency of Bro. Geo. R. Langley, who replied, stating the liability incurred in votes on that occasion was liquidated, and he would thank the brethren for all the assistant ance they could render him on behalf of Mis. Mary Pascall Clark, in which case he was much interested.

The business of the lodge ended it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a recherché banquet, supplied by Bro. Pow, the proprietor, most ably assisted by the

The cloth removed, the loyal and Masonic toasts were most loyally given and received, as was also that of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. calling upon Bro. F. Flood, P.M., Sec. 1929, Prov. A.G.D.C. Surrey, who, in replying to the command of the W.M., said he would state that the Grand Officers performed their duties faithfully and well, and the same spirit permeated the whole of the officers of the lodge. He was only a Prov. Grand Officer, but

had had the opportunity of witnessing their excellent work. He had been present at the installation meeting for the last 10 years and was highly pleased at the manner in which the ceremony had been performed.

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Bro. Thos. W. Gay, I.P.M., next rose and proposed the toast of "The W.M.," stating it was the first time he had the honour of proposing it, and to him it was one of the grandest opportunities in his life. The W.M. was an excellent Mason and worker, and he was confident under his able regime the lodge would flourish.

Bro. Fraser, W.M., thanked the brethren for such a cordial reception, and pledged that during his year of office he would do all in his power to perform the duties creditably and emulate the worthy Past Masters of the lodge, so well renowned in South London for its working, and to the utmost endeavour to maintain the prestige of the lodge.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. T. Gay," who had passed through his year of office successfully, and had proved himself worthy of being its Master. To mark the appreciation of the brethren, he had the pleasure of presenting the jewel unanimously voted, with the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to wear the same for many years in honour to himself and the lodge.

lodge.

In reply, Bio. Gay said he had arrived at the height of his ambition to wear the Past Master's jewel of his mother lodge, of which he had been a member 10 or 12 years. He most cordially thanked the brethren for their kind remarks, and hoped to wear it for

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The toast of "The Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who commented on the excellent manner Bro. Anderson, P.M., had performed that ceremony at such a short notice, and the lodge was greatly indebted to him.

Bro. Arderson, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and stated that in the beautiful addresses the Wardens were told they might be called upon to higher duties, as he at 24 hours' rotice had been asked to perform the installation ceremony, through the illness of the I.P.M. He had performed the ceremony to the best of his ability, and was gratified to know it gave satisfaction to all present.

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Bros. Seagrave, Thornhill, P.M.; Channon, P.M.; Ellinger, P.M.; Avery, Flocd, P.M.; Braik, Hipgrave. Hart, and Stone, P.M., responded.

The teast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," the W.M. stated, was one of the greatest importance, as they were all good men and true and the back-tone of the lodge, and such that all would do well to follow.

The teast was ably responded to by Bros. Gay, Lightfoot, and Anderson, who deeply regretted that the father of the lodge, Bro. Hook, was obliged to leave early.

Bro. Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas., stated that during the coming year he would endeavour, as hitherto, to enhance the pleasure and comfort of the brethren. He trusted they would all assist in maintaining the lodge in the sound financial position in which it stood, and even leave a larger balance still at the end of the year. He always did his best for that, his mother lodge, and wished the W.M. a most successful year of office.

Bro. J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec., thanked the W.M. for the honour of appointing him Secretary, which office he had filled for several years, and he hoped that he should men'it the approbation of the succeeding W.M. The Treasurer and he had worked most hotality together, and would continue to do so to the benefit of the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Officers," congratulating himself and the lodge upon having such willing and capable officers, at the same time regretting the abserce, through illness, of Bro. Ford, S.D., and he hoped he would soon recover.

This was responded to by Bros. Pow, S.W.; Stevenson, J.W.; and J. S. Pointon, Stwd.; each pledging his best to maintain the prestige of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy and successful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. H. D. Tredray, 1901, officiently assisted by Miss Amy Bonnett, Mr. Jack Lightfoot, Mr. Jo

Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

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A very successful meeting of this new and prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th ult., at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, when the following brethren were present: Bres. C. Sims, W.M.; C. Lamb, S.W.; J. Ccote. J.W.; H. Visger, Treas.; E. Hall, Sec.; J. W. Drysdale, D.C.; W. C. Tyler, I.G.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; H. Cole and W. T. Price-Taylor, Stwds.; J. S. Gregory, Tyler; A. Reichenheim, W. T. Feldon, K. Arnold, Rev. W. J. Salt, J. T. Wise, G. W. Perry, D. Bartlett, M. Lucy, J. A. Laing, H. Wayland, J. Lusty, F. W. Inandt. R. Batchelor, W. Clark, J. H. Minser, H. B. Brooman, K. Kortlandt, and H. T. Bridges. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Speller, P.P.G.D. Essex.; W. G. Simmons, W.M. 1155; M. Brown, P.M. 1997; H. C. Reeves, P.M. 1381; A. H. Bateman, P.M. 33, &c.; W. Fieldson, P.M. 548; H. Whitney, S.W. 861; E. C. Wise, S.D. 619; W. Robin, S.W. 890; H. Ponter, 700; J. G. Banker, 1632; W. L. Bayley, D.C. 890; J. H. Kinby, 1607; C. P. Leatherby, 1681; H. A. Turnhull, 749; E. H. Oxenham, 929; and A. Manners, 33.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes having been confirmed, Bros. David Bartlett and Geo. Wm. Perry were unanimously elected as joining members, after which Bros. W. T. Feldon, A. Reichenheim, Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A.; and A. Yockelson were raised to the Third Degree. Bros. M. Lucy, H. Wayland, J. T. Wise, and R. Batchelor were passed to the Second Degree, after which the W.M., in a few well-chosen words, invested Bro. the Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., as Chaplain. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Walter Clark, Hy. Bernard Brooman, H. Kortlandt, and J. H. Minson, which proving unanimcus in their favour, they were then duly initiated into Freemasonry, all the ecremonics being performed in an excellent manner by the W.M. Several candidates were then proposed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to dinner.

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Wilkes, and Edward Hall, who contributed the "Initiate's song," which was joined
in with much enthusiasm by the brethren present.

Royal Arch.

Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

Three candidates for exaltation and the election of Principals and officers is Three candidates for exaltation and the election of Principals and officers is a very fair night's work; this was successfully accomplished by Comp. C. J. Clapham, M.E.Z., and his officers and companions of the above chapter on Thursday, the 16th ult. The chapter, which is held at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, was opened, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. J. Messent and W. J. Squires, of 913, and Bro. G. Hull, 1571, and in each case proved unarimcus in their tavour, as it was also for Comp. W. H. Turton, 349, as a joining member. These exaltations were admirably performed by the M.E.Z., and his Second and Third Principals—Comps. G. F. Taylor, as H., and C. H. Nichols, as J.—and then the election of officers resulted in the return of Comps. Taylor, as First Principal; Nichols, as Second Principal; and Horton, as Third Principal; the minor efficers going up one step in rotation. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Clapham for his services as M.E.Z. during the past year, and then the chapter was closed.

The barquet was partaken of at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, and was excellently served under the supervision of Comp. Hall.

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the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having Leen honoured, the M.E.Z. gave that of "The Kight Hon. Farl Amberst, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Kent," and in so doing s'a'ed that their Cemp. Penfold had been in correspondence with the Prov. G. Scribe E., and as the resu't of that correspondence, he was in a position to tell them that his lordship, their G. Supe intendent, had ensented to hold the next Prov. Grand Chapter meeting at Plumetead.

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Comp. Morris, in responding to the toast, said it was a most laudable ambit in for a soldier to try and rise above his present position, and if he knew a soldier who did not,

he shou'd not think much of him. It was the same in Masonry. He considered it a great honour to take rank amongst the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent, as Kent was perhaps the most fl uri hing province of any of the provinces in the kingdom, and he thanked them for coupling his name with so important a trast.

Comp. Butter said he could go back some 17 years ago, when the Prov. Grand Chapter was held at Plumstead; it was a most enjoyable time they had. The meeting was held at a now defunct skating rink, and in a gal'ery were arrayed a bevy of ladies, who were placed there, he supposed, to see the lions feed. They were, however, not neglected, but there was one thing that happened there that showed their Grand Superintendent was a gallant man, for, on account of the ladies, he would not allow the companions present to smoke, and so they had to go without a cigar on that occasion. He trusted the forthcoming meeting would be as enjoyable and successful as the one held under the banner of the Pattison Chapter 17 years ago.

Comp. Penfold then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," whom he complimented in graceful terms for the able and conscientious manner in which he had discharged his duties in the chair he now occupied. He trusted at their next meeting to be present and place upon Comp. Clapham's bosom the jewel he had so well earned.

Comp. Clapham, in returning thanks, said he had tried hard and earnestly to do his duty to the chapter. He had neglected nothing and was proud to say that he had had a very happy and pleasant year of office, and had been well supported by his colleagues, the Second and Third Principals, and also by the officers and companions generally.

The other toasts were "The M.E.Z. elect," "The Second and Third Principals," "The Visitors," "The Exaltees," "The P.Z's. of the Chapter," and the Janitor's toast.

Mark Masonry.

Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 44.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, on Monday, the 13th ult., when Bro. C. J. Clapham, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of A. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. W. Orwin, I.P.M.; G. W. Mitchell, S.W.; Dr. E. Bryceson, J.W.; J. O. Cook, M.O.; G. R. Nichols, S.O.; S. Horton, J.O.; Rev. C. A. Solbé, B.A., Chap.; F. J. Down, P.M., Treas.; E. Morris, P.M., A.G.S., R. of M.; F. G. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Scc.; J. Clarke, S.D.; W. Sanders, J.D.; the Right Hon. Lord Pirbright, D.C.; and H. Mason, P.P.J.G.O., Stwd. Bro. F. G. Nichols, P.M., &c., was the Installing Officer, and did his work splendidly. There was a goodly array of Past Masters, members, and visitors present.

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Obituary.

BRO. DR. LONGDEN, P.M 296.

Since the last meeting of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, the members especially and the brethren of Sheffield have had to mourn the loss of the oldest Mason and senior Past Master of this district. Bro. Wm. Longden, who was Master of this lodge in 1844, died on March 14th, and was buried at the General Cemetery, his funeral being attended by the Masters of the Sheffield lodges, accompanied by many of the brethren. He had reached the age of 85, and up to the closing years of his life was one of the best known figures in the Craft, attending its meetings with the greatest regularity. Bro. Longden was a great benefactor to the Royal Brunswick Lodge, having, with the late Dr. Bartolomé and a few other zealous brethren, kept the lodge in existence, when, by reason of the smallness of its numbers and the poverty of its members, it had been determined to dissolve it, the expenses necessary for this purpose, and the annual charges for many years being defrayed by these brethren. It was a matter of sincere gratification to Bro Longden that these self-denying efforts were not in vain, and that the Royal Brunswick Lodge more than recovered its former portion, becoming indeed one of the most prosperous lodges of the Province of West Yorkshire. His last act of affection for this lodge was to transfer to it the five shares he held in the Masonic Hall Company. It is a matter of great satisfaction to the brethren of the Royal Brunswick Lodge that, in the year 1880, they presented Bro. Longden with his portrait, which now hangs in the lodge room, where for so many years he inculcated those great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, which he so faithfully carried out in his own conduct. Besides being Master of this lodge in 1844 and on subsequent occasions, he was Master of the Britannia Lodge in 1862. Z. of the Chapter of Loyalty and of the Chapter of Paradise, and a P.P.G.D.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, May 9, 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, MAY 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

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 16, Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole.
 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
 26, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 1310, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 1321, Emblematic, Criterion.
 1025, Tredegar, London Tavern.
 1024, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley.
 1096, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymend Priory.
 2008, Harlesden, National Schools.
 2244, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.
 2335, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.
 ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

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4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall. MARK LODGE.

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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.

Marouess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.

Mettopolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.

Perseverance, Ridter's Hotel, Ho'born, 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. 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.

Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.

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Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.

Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.

Doric Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8

TUESDAY, MAY 5.

Colonial Board, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

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 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
 171, Amity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, West India Dock-rd.
 1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
 1602, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
 2013, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.
 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
 2109, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
 2124, Train-Bands, Finsbury Barracks.

 ROYAL ARCH CHERTER.

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1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.

MARK LODGES.

r, St. Mark's, Mark Masons' Hall. 315, Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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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.

Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6.

GRAND CHAPTER at 6.

Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, 1491, Athenœum, Criterion. 1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1305, St. Marylebone, Cafe Royal.

THURSDAY, MAY 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

- CRAFT LONGES.

 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 17, Egyptian, Andertons' Hotel.
 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 1155, Excelsior, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel.
 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 1361, United Strength, Cafe Royal.
 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne.
 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
 1724, Kaisari-Hind, Cafe Royal.
 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.
 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
 1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
 ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

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6, Friendship, Criterion. 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

FRIDAY, MAY 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall,
 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.
 2399, Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
 2552, Stoke Newington, Stoke Newington Assembly Rooms.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

29, Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' Hall.

SATURDAY MAY 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

- CRAFT LOBGES.

 173, Phumix, Freemasons' Hall.
 176, Caveae, Albion Tavern.
 1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.
 1685, Guelph, Town Hall Leyton.
 1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 2020, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.
 2579, Lewisham, Parish Hall, Lewisham.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

The Prince of Wales will open the Royal Military Tournament on 28th May, at the Agricultural Hall.

THE GUILDHALL LOAN EXHIBITION.—Opining by Bro. the Lord Mayor.—The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Sheriffs, attended in State at Guildhall on Saturday afternoon, and opened the loan collection of water-colour drawings in the Art Gallery.

THE QUEEN REGENT, and young King of Spain, the Infantas Mercedes, Maria Teresa, sisters of the King, the Infantas Eulalia and Isabel, aunts of the King, and the Archduchess Elizabeth of Austria, sister to the Queen Regent, have recently added their signatures to Maj. Henry Wright's collection of autographs which, by command of the Royal Family, he had the honour of sending to Madrid by the Queen's Messenger, from the Foreign Office. When the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg were staying at Clarence House, Maj. Wright, had the honour of a command to show his collection to the young Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg, the only member of that family who had not already signed in it.

PROPOSED VISIT OF FREEMASONS TO THE MASONS' CAVE.—The members of the three Masonic Lodges in Arbreath are contemplating the revival of the ancient custom of visiting the Masons' Cave at the midsummer St. John's. Except for a visit ab ut twen y years ego, it is a great many years since the Masonic brethren in Arbroath gave up their ancient custom of visiting this spot, which derives its name from those visits. At the time the Masons were in the practice of visiting the cave, and holding lodge meetings within it, there was a door at the entrance, and traces of the built doorway still remain. The proposal to resume the old custom has emanated from Lodge St. Thomas

THE PREPARATORY MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at Gravesend on the 20th inst. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Folkestone on June 17th.

Subject to the consent of his Royal Highness, the members of the Loyal Cambrian Ledge propose to present the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., upon his arrival at Merthyr, en route from Aberystwith to Cardiff, with an address of welcome. As already indicated, the Merthyr Urban Council are making efforts to prevail upon the Prince to lay the foundation-stone of the new public offices.

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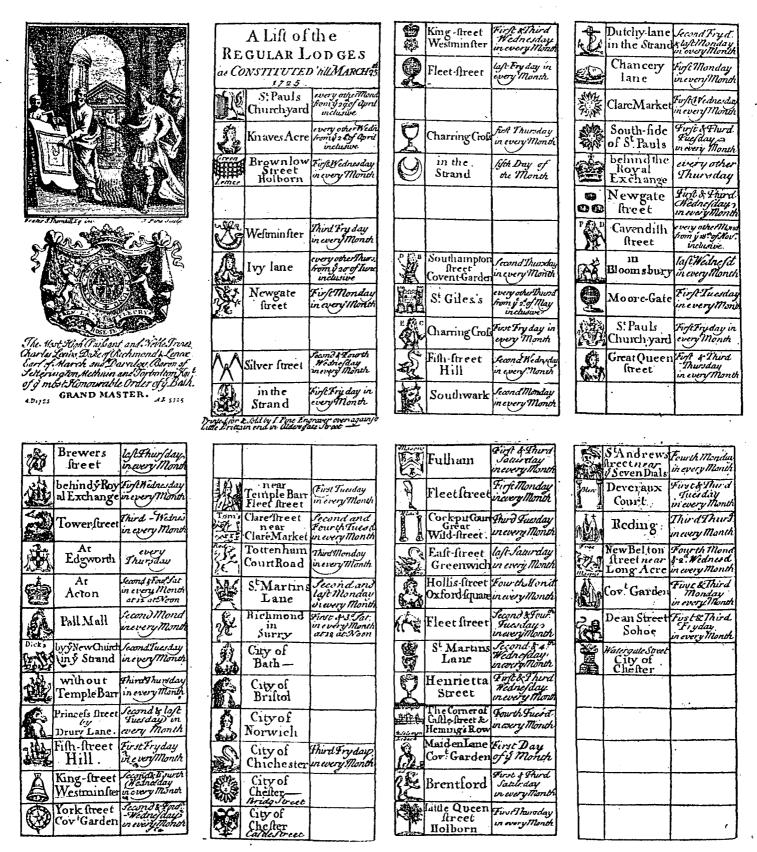
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